
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- FEBRUARY 13-19

Monday

- 9:00 a.m.** Women's Bible Study (103)
- Study on the book of Jonah. Led by Nancy Wright
- 6:30 p.m.** Greeter Training (Gym)
- 7:00 p.m.** Women's Bible Study (103)

Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m.** Music Ministry Meeting (103)

Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m.** MOMS Playday (Gym)
- Cold weather keeping you and your kids inside? Come to the church for a morning of fun and connection.
- 6:00 p.m.** Family Meal (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- Menu: Pizza, Salad/Carrots & Fruit
- Gluten-free options available
- 6:30 p.m.** Kids JAM Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m.** Wednesday Night Kids JAM (Various classrooms)
- 7:00 p.m.** Men's Bible Study (Room 115- Sewing Room)
- 7:00 p.m.** Women's Bible Study (103)
- 7:00 p.m.** Middle School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)
- 8:30 p.m.** Youth Dodgeball (Crossroads Ministry Center)

Thursday

- 6:15 p.m.** College & Career Small Group (489 Cherry St., Bluffton)
- College students & young adults are welcome to this small group. Food is served at 6:15 p.m. and the Bible study begins at 7:15 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m.** Safety Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

Friday

- 3:30 p.m.** Departure for High School Ice Camp (CMC)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 7** Greeter Training
- Mar. 25** Wild Game Night
- Apr. 14-16** Women's Retreat (register online)
- June 4-9** Vacation Bible School

February 19, 2023



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Living as Children of the Day

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY

- 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School/Adult Bible Studies (Various Classrooms)
- 10:00 a.m.** Children's Church (Ages 2-6, B10 & B11)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastor Nick Ringger (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Message- Living as Children of the Day
Scripture- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- 11:15 p.m.** Congregational Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 p.m.** High School/Middle School Event (Schoolhouse)
- 4:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (Conference Room)

Welcome! We are so happy you are here. If today is your first time joining us, please pick up a gift at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.

Contact Cards are available at the Welcome Center or by scanning the QR code to the right. Please update any new information or share any praises and prayer requests. If you are new, please complete a card so we may stay connected.



ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Attendance on February 12:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	223
Worship Gathering	388

Congregational Prayer Meeting: In light of the recent, tragic circumstances, the deacons and the pastoral staff have decided to postpone the Congregational Meeting set for this Sunday. The meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 19. There will be a prayer time in the fellowship hall for those wishing to join after the service today.

Our sympathy to the family of Mike Biery. Mike passed away Sunday, February 12. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 23, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, February 24, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Services will be held on Friday at 11:00 a.m., also in the CMC. Interment will be at the Benton Ridge Cemetery with a meal at the church following the interment.

Safety Ministry Training: A training was conducted this past Sunday where 12 members of the Safety Ministry completed their training for adults, children, and infant CPR. The members were also trained to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) devices located in both the Crossroads Ministry Center and the Sanctuary.

Greeter Ministry: Be a friendly face and a welcoming presence at the church. If you are interested, there will be a meeting and training for Greeters including Ushers and Safety Ministry personnel tomorrow, Monday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym. There will be a second date for this meeting and training on March 7 at 6:30pm. Sign up today on the Church website or at the Welcome Center. For more information, contact a staff member.

Ice Camp Registrations: Ice Camp registrations for High School (February 24-26) are still available on the Church Center App or on the church website. If you have questions, please see a member of the staff.

Pictorial Directory: The office is receiving photographs of any individuals and families who were not able to previously schedule their portraits. Please submit a high-resolution image via email (info@ebenezermennonite.org) to the church office by February 22 to be included in the directory.

Last Sunday we welcomed 12 new members to the church: Heather Akroyd, Jim Akroyd (who was also baptized), Kyle Bewsey, Justin Byers, Karen Byers, Luke Jones, Natasha Nuzum, Tyrel Nuzum, Andrew Spallinger, Emily Spallinger, Jen Vastano, and Shawn Vastano. Please welcome them to our church family. If you are interested in becoming a member, we will offer the next classes beginning March 22 on Wednesday evenings. Please contact a pastor or staff member if you are interested.

SIM Team: Please pray for the ministry of the Ebenezer team serving at the SIM Headquarters in North Carolina. Tina Alt, Randy Althaus, Dennis Bassett, Vickie Cartwright, Bob Geiger, John Goode, Tony Gratz, Josh Hanna, Susan Hawk, Diane Sharrock, Steve Shaw, & Clyde Wireman are serving on this team from February 19-25.

Diaper Drive: There will be a collection of diapers and wipes for Stowe Mission in Columbus from February 18-25 in the Foyer of the Crossroads Ministry Center, prior to the delivery on March 8. Help support families in need and this important ministry. For questions, please see Pastor David.

Miracle Camp Registrations: Registrations are now open for Summer Miracle Camp 2023 for students 1st-12th grade. There is a two-step process to this registration, (1) registering at www.miraclecamp.com and then (2) finalizing the registration on the Church Center App or on the church website. If you have questions, please see a member of the staff. If you would like to receive a partial scholarship to offset the cost of the camp, please communicate with a member of the staff prior to March 1.

GriefShare is a weekly support group designed to help people rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. The group is led by members of Ebenezer who want to help those mourning. The next session of GriefShare is scheduled to start March 2 and end June 8. This group will meet at the Bluffton Town Hall (154 N. Main St.) on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Dick (dick.potter@ebenezermennonite.org).

Mowing Bids: The Trustees are asking for any interested party to submit a bid for the mowing of the church property, including the cemetery. Please contact the church office or Kerris Wright to submit these bids by March 19.

Spring Cleaning Fundraiser: Support the Christian Education program by bringing your gently used toys or kids/baby clothes from February 19-March 5 to the table located by Hanne's office. Items will either be used in our classrooms to replace broken toys or sold for donation at the Mom2Mom sale on March 11. Proceeds will go to the CE fund. If you have questions, please contact Hanne Streicher (hanne.streicher@ebenezermennonite.org).

Women's Retreat: Miracle Camp is not just for kids! Enjoy a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship at Miracle Camp by registering for the 2023 Women's Retreat that will take place from April 14-16. Please contact Hanne Streicher if you have any questions.