
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 3

Monday

- 9:00 a.m. Mom's Group (*Fellowship Hall*)
7:00 p.m. Engage Committee Meeting (*Library*)

Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (*Library*)
7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting (*103*)

Wednesday

- 1:00 p.m. Mom's Gym Playtime (*Gym*)
6:00 p.m. Family Meal (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Menu: Shredded Chicken, chips, salad, and 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 (*Library*)
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (*103*)
7:00 p.m. Middle School Small Groups (*Schoolhouse*)
8:30 p.m. Youth Dodgeball (*Gym and Fellowship Hall*)

Thursday

- 7:15 a.m. Youth Breakfast (*Shaner's House- 515 Greeding St., Bluffton*)
6:15 p.m. College & Career Small Group (*CMC*)
- College students and young adults are welcome to this small group. This week, the group will serve by setting up for the Christmas Tea.
7:00 p.m. GriefShare (*Bluffton Town Hall, 154 N. Main St.*)

Friday

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Christmas Tea (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)

Saturday

- 1:00 p.m. Membership Class (*103*)

Sunday

- 11:30 a.m. Congregation Information Meeting (*Fellowship Hall*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 10 Congregational Meeting
Dec. 24 Christmas Service
- Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with a special service, concluding with a candle-lighting. There will be no Christmas Eve evening service or Sunday School for the morning service, instead a connection and snack time will precede the morning service.
Dec. 24 Communion Celebrated

November 26, 2023



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TODAY'S SERMON

EPHESIANS SERMON SERIES

*Sealed with the Promised
Holy Spirit*

Ephesians 1:13-14

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 (*CMC*)
Message- Sealed with the Promised Holy Spirit
Scripture- Ephesians 1:13-14
6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group (*Schoolhouse*)

Welcome! We are so happy you are here to worship with us this morning. If today is your first time joining us, please pick up a gift at the Welcome Center. For more information about the church and its ministries, text "new" to 419-792-3625, and a member of the church staff will contact you.

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 November 19:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	234
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	330

Giving for November 19:

		\$28,528.83
Building Fund		813.15
Christian Education Fund		4,945.04
General Fund		12,476.02
Missions Fund		9,961.62
Youth Fund		333.00

Opportunities

Family Assistance: Ebenezer has adopted two families for Christmas through the Bluffton Food Pantry. The list of items needed/desired and sign ups are located in the Foyer. Drop off donations to the church office by December 10, 4 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Beth Bish or Jady Meyer.

Coat and Blanket Drive: New and gently used blankets and winter coats (all sizes) are needed for our newly arriving Haitian families to the Allen County area. Please consider helping in this season of giving. Donations will be collected in the Foyer. Contact Bev Stockman or Saun Niswander for more information.

Women's Ministry is excited to announce the Annual Christmas Tea will be held this Friday, December 1, with a 6:30 p.m. start time. Tickets are on sale now and are \$5.00 per person. Purchase your tickets before they are sold out, dig out your special tea cup, and make plans to attend as we celebrate and prepare for the arrival of our Savior.

A Membership Class will be held this Saturday, December 2, in the conference room (103) from 1:00-4:00 p.m. If you would like to join this class, please sign up on the church app, website or by contacting the church office. Please prayerfully consider committing to the church family.

Children's Community Outreach Event: You are encouraged to invite a friend to an outreach event at Hero Day in the Lima Mall from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3. Please invite friends and neighbors from the community to this special event. Children Kindergarten-5th grade will jump for free and be able to play glow-golf.

Meal Train Sign Up: The church provides meals for individuals experiencing difficult times due to illness or other life situations. If you are interested in providing meals from time to time via a MealTrain, please email the church office (info@ebenezer mennonite.org) and put Meal Train in the subject line and you will be added to the list.

New Section

Leading up to the holidays, the staff wanted to include a bit of fun in the bulletin. Here are two new sections could make regular appearances in the Sunday worship bulletin in the future.

Quote: "Every time we say we believe in the Holy Spirit; we mean we believe that there is a living God able and willing to enter human personality and change it." -John Owen

Hunt & Find: How closely do you read the Sunday bulletin? Hidden in five places throughout this bulletin are crosses (†) rather than the letter "t". Can you find all five instances? Have fun looking.

Information

Faith Promise Commitments: Faith Promises will continue to be received until the end of this year. Cards are available at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Current totals for the Mission Faith Promise are \$211,900.00 of the \$300,000 faith promise goal.

Our sympathy to the family of Clarabeth Bixel. Clarabeth passed away on November 18 at Freda House at Willow Ridge in Bluffton.

The Pearl Valley Cheese Sale to support the Youth Missions Trip has concluded. Please pick up your order today in the kitchen window after the worship service.

Information Meeting: The Deacons will hold an information meeting after the worship service on December 3 to review the ballots, discuss the draft budgets, and answer questions. This meeting will take place prior to the Congregational Meeting that will be held on December 10.

Advent Devotionals: Copies of the book, *Who is Jesus?* published by Langham Ministries have been made available to the Ebenezer family at the Welcome Center during these weeks leading up to Christmas. Now is the perfect time to have conversations with people in your life about the person of Jesus Christ and the hope and faith we have in Him.

Ice Camp Registrations: Ice Camp registrations for Middle School (January 12-14) and High School (February 23-25) are available on the Church Center App and on the church website. The deadline for registration is January 7 for Middle School and February 18 for High School.