
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- JANUARY 23-28

Monday

- 9:00 a.m.** MOMs Meeting (*Fellowship Hall*)
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (*103*)
- Study on the book of Jonah. Led by Nancy Wright
7:00 p.m. Engage Committee Meeting (*Library*)
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (*103*)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m.** Family Meal (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Menu: Hot Dogs with Salad/Carrots, Fruit & Birthday Cake
- Gluten-free options available
6:30 p.m. Kids JAM Choir (*Sanctuary*)
6:30 p.m. Membership Class (*Library*)
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 Ministry Meeting (*103*)

Saturday

- 8:00 a.m.** Men's Breakfast (*Fellowship Hall*)
9:30 a.m. Baptism Class (*103*)
1:00 p.m. Membership Class (*103*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 29** Communion Celebrated
Jan. 29 Youth Toledo Walleye Hockey Game
Feb. 12 Soup, Salad and Social
Feb. 19 Youth Mad River Mountain Tubing Event
Feb. 24-26 High School Ice Camp

January 22, 2023



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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- The Word & Faith
Scripture- 1 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
11:15 a.m. Kids Hope USA Meeting (*Conference Room*)
11:15 a.m. Safety Ministry Meeting (*Berean Classroom*)
6:45 p.m. High School Small Group (*Schoolhouse*)
7:00 p.m. Teacher Training (*Sanctuary*)
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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 January 15:

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| Sunday School/Adult Bible Study | 211 |
| Worship Gathering | 354 |

Baptism Classes will be held next Saturday, January 28, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room (103). If you are interested in joining this class, you can sign up on the Church App, at the Welcome Center or by contacting the church office (info@ebenezermennonite.org). Baptism will be held on February 12 during the Worship Service.

Membership Classes will be held on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library and Saturday, January 28, from 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. If you would like to join either of these classes, please sign up at the Welcome Center or by contacting the church staff. If you are not yet a church member, please prayerfully consider joining.

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).

Soup, Salad and Social: Women's Ministries is sponsoring a Soup and Salad lunch on Sunday, February 12, after the worship service. Women's Ministries is providing the desserts and bread and are asking the congregation to bring either soup or salad.

Encouragement Cards: In honor of Valentine's Day, please bring in a card (Valentine's or Thinking of You) and/or a small keepsake (artwork, a succulent, pressed flower, or craft) to the Soup and Salad lunch. These will be distributed to our shut-ins and local care facilities in our community. Also please leave your address to encourage correspondence and forming relationships with members of our congregation and community.

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

2022 Giving Receipts: Giving receipts for 2022 will be in the mail this week. If you have any questions, please see Dylan or Tim in the office.

Kids JAM Choir: Students Pre-k through 5th grade are invited to join the choir. The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 6:55 in the Sanctuary. The group will participate in the church worship by helping with praise and worship on Sunday mornings approximately every 8-12 weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Hanné Streicher at hanne.streicher@ebenezermennonite.org or Jammie Halker.

Teacher Training: It is time for anyone who helps with children ages 2-yrs through 5th grade to have training. This includes Sunday School volunteers, Children's Church volunteers and Wednesday Night volunteers ages 18 and above. The last chance to attend this mandatory training is tonight at 7:00 p.m. (Sunday, January 22) in the Sanctuary Foyer. In this training we cover some of the changes in the children's policy and have Kathleen Needler from Children Choosing Christ speak on how to present the Gospel to children.

Nursery and Special Friends Training: If you are interested in or are currently working in the nursery or in the Special Friends room, there will be a training on Sunday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Foyer. If you attended either of the children's training sessions, you do not need to attend this training. Scheduling material and paperwork procedures will be covered. Please contact Hanné Streicher if you have any questions.

SIM Mission Trip Cookies: The SIM mission team will depart on February 19, and the team is asking for donations of bags of frozen cookie dough balls (monster, chocolate chip, and oatmeal). Please mark the bags for SIM, including the baking instructions, e.g. time and temperature, and place the frozen cookie dough in the upright freezer in the kitchen by February 18.

Meal Train Sign Up: The church will continue to provide 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@ebenezermennonite.org) and put Meal Train in the subject line and you will be added to the list.

Wednesday Meal Service Opportunity: Wednesday meals are a great opportunity for individuals and families to have fellowship over a meal before the evening bible studies & Kids JAM. There is need for individuals to help or possibly be an emergency substitute in one of the following areas:

4:30-5:30 p.m. Cooks who Care (substitutes needed)

5:30-6:30 p.m. Middle Management - Set up Crew (substitutes needed)

6:00-7:30 p.m. Serving with a Smile (needing servers for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays as well as substitutes)

Please contact Tiffany Gallant at tiffany.gallant@gponline.org for more information.