
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- MARCH 18-24

Monday

- 7:00 p.m.** Safety Committee Meeting (*Conference Room*)
6:00 p.m. Women's All-Day Sew (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)

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- 9:00 a.m.** Women's All-Day Sew (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
5:30 p.m. Women's Ministries Committee Meeting (*6025 Palmer Dr., Lima*)
7:00 p.m. VBS Committee Meeting (*Conference Room*)

Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m.** Mom's Gym Playtime (*Gym*)
5:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
6:00 p.m. Family Meal (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Menu: Pizza, 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. Middle School Small Groups (*Schoolhouse*)
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (*Library*)
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (*103*)
8:30 p.m. Youth Dodgeball (*Gym and Fellowship Hall*)

Thursday

- 7:15 a.m.** Youth Breakfast (*Shaner's House- 515 Greding St., Bluffton*)
9:30 a.m. Prayer Group (*Conference Room*)
11:00 a.m. Old Guys Dine Out (*Henry's Restaurant, 810 N. Locust St., Ottawa*)
5:00 p.m. Women's Mystery Dinner (*Meet at Church*)
6:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting (*Conference Room*)
6:15 p.m. College & Career Small Group (*location TBD*)
8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (*Gym*)

Friday

- 6:00 a.m.** Men's Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)

Saturday

- 6:00 a.m.** Adult Baptism Class (*Conference Room*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 29** Good Friday Service with Communion
Mar. 31 Easter Sunday with Breakfast
Apr. 5 Women's Painting and Devotional Night
Apr. 19-21 Women Retreat at Miracle Camp
May 12 Youth Chicken BBQ
June 2-7 Vacation Bible School

March 17, 2024



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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 (*CMC*)
Message- Gifts with the Purpose of Unity
Scripture- Ephesians 4:11-16
4:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (*Conference Room*)
6:45 p.m. High School Small Group (*Schoolhouse*)
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (*Conference Room*)

Welcome! We are so happy you are here to worship with us. 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 March 10:

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| Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship | (9:00 a.m.) | 184 |
| Worship Gathering | (10:15 a.m.) | 322 |

All-Day Sew is scheduled for Monday, March 18 (6:00-9:00 p.m.) and Tuesday, March 19 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.). All are invited to come help sew quilts. Bring your own sack lunch.

Old Guys Dine Out: Men are invited to a weekday lunch fellowship on Thursday, March 21 at Henry's Restaurant in Ottawa. Transportation will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. or you can meet at the restaurant at 11:00 a.m. Contact Pastor David with any questions.

Women's Mystery Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, March 21. Please meet in the church parking lot at 5:00 p.m. and enjoy a night out at a secret location with other ladies from the church. Please make your reservation by contacting Kathy Brauen or calling the church office.

Canned Food Drive: Bluffton Community Assistance is asking for help stocking the local food pantry with non-perishable items due to an increase in families seeking assistance. The church will be receiving donations until next Sunday, March 24. Check the church website for a list of needed items. Donations can be dropped off in the Foyer of the CMC.

Mowing Bids: The Trustees are seeking mowing bids for the church property, including the cemetery. Please contact the church office or Andy Marquart (andrew.marquart@gmail.com) to submit these written bids.

Baptism Classes: We will be having several dates for baptism classes in the coming months. The first class will be focused for adults, and it will be held on March 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference room. There will also be a baptism class for both youth and adults on April 6 which is tentatively scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Parents would be encouraged to join with their child to help foster the learning experience. If you have questions or would like to register for either of these dates, please contact the church office.

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 2024 Women's Retreat that will take place from April 19-21. Please contact Hanné Streicher if you have any questions about the registration.

Volunteer Tutors: The group assisting Lima's new residents from Haiti is recruiting tutors to assist the Lima Literacy Council (LLC) with English language classes. Requirements to be a tutor are a love of books and learning, and a minimum commitment of two hours a week. If interested, contact Rachel Barber.

Lost and Found: A table has been set up in the Mission Center with items that were left at the church. Please collect your items. After a few weeks, the items will be collected and donated to the Et Cetera Shop.

Easter Services: The congregation will be remembering Christ's death and resurrection through several services.

- Palm Sunday is March 24, and the service will include the traditional children's processional with palm branches and the Kids Cherub Choir helping to lead the worship.
- Good Friday is March 29 where we remember Christ's death on the cross with a service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Communion will also be observed in this service.
- Easter Sunday is March 31, and there will be a full breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m. which will be followed by a worship service at 10:15 a.m.

Consider a friend or family member you could invite to remember these special services with the church family. Also be sure to check out the Easter devotionals that are being released weekly on the church website.

Congratulations to Trevor and Molly (Moser) Meyer on the birth of their daughter Mabel Ann on March 8. Mabel joins her older brother Theodore.

Gospel: Plain and Simple: The evangelism course will take one week off this Wednesday, March 20. They will meet again the following week.

Golf Fellowship: Men and Women golfers from the area are invited to a golf fellowship that is being organized for the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, beginning in April. To begin receiving notifications about this event, contact Rich Streicher or the church office.

Miracle Camp Registrations: Registrations are now open for Summer Miracle Camp 2024 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.

Ladies Night Out: Women's Ministries is organizing a Night Out with Painting, Devos, and Delightful Snacks on Friday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. Arrive early to get your supplies and then receive guided instruction on how to paint your own beautiful Spring canvas. There will also be a devotional and refreshments. The cost is \$20.00 per person and we are asking for cash at the door. You can register for the event on the church signups or by calling the church office. Seating will be limited so register early.