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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- MAY 8-14

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### Monday

- 9:00 a.m.** MOMs Group (*Fellowship Hall*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Christian Education Committee Meeting (*103*)

### Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m.** MOMS Playday (*Gym or Playground*)  
**6:00 p.m.** Deacons Meeting (*Library*)  
**6:30 p.m.** Women's Bible Study (*Conference Room*)
- Women of all ages are invited to this new Bible study that is taking place this summer. Contact Lynda Rodabaugh or Nancy Wright with any questions.

### 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.** GriefShare (*Conference Room*)
- GriefShare is a weekly support group designed to help people rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. Note that this Thursday the meeting will be held in the Conference Room at the church rather than at the Bluffton Town Hall.
- 8:30 p.m.** Men's Basketball (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)

### Sunday

- 9:00 a.m.** Muffins, Mochas, Mini Sweets, and Moms (*CMC*)
- Stop in at the table in the back of the church prior to the worship service for coffees and baked goods. Also, don't forget pick up the chicken dinners for which you registered in the previous weeks.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- May 14** Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (*register tickets online*)  
**May 31** Youth Cedar Point Trip (*register online*)  
**June 4-9** Stellar Vacation Bible School (*register online*)  
**June 12-14** Middle School Stowe Mission Trip  
**June 24- July 1** Echo Ranch Mission Trip  
**July 7-14** High School Guatemala Mission Trip  
**July 30** Communion Celebrated

May 7, 2023



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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY

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- 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- Opposition*  
*Scripture- Ezra 4*  
**5:30 p.m.** Guatemala Mission Team Meeting (*Schoolhouse*)  
**7:00 p.m.** VBS Training (*Fellowship Hall*)
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**Welcome!** We are so happy you are here to worship with us this Sunday morning. 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.



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## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

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### Attendance on April 30:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	252
Worship Gathering	394

**Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (May 14):** This is the last day to turn in order forms for the Mother's Day Chicken BBQ. The forms are still available at the Welcome Center, on the Church App, and the website for the annual youth chicken BBQ. All proceeds will go toward the 2023 high school mission trip. Each meal is a suggested donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please see a member of the staff or you can call the church and complete your order via phone.

**Mother's Day:** Women's Ministries is celebrating Mother's Day next Sunday with Muffins, Mochas, & Mini Sweets. Everyone is invited to stop at the tables in the back of the CMC prior to the worship service to grab a special coffee and something sweet. All ladies are also invited to stop by and grab a special treat to remind you of Proverbs 31:28–29: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'"

**Women's Bible Study:** This Women's study is held Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference room. The study utilizes the video series *Revive Our Hearts - Seeking Him* and will focus on heart transformation through an in-depth study of God's Word. Contact Lynda Rodabaugh or Nancy Wright with questions.

**Youth Cedar Point Trip:** All high school & middle school students are invited to register for the Cedar Point trip on Wednesday, May 31. Register today on the church website or through the Church App as spaces are limited. The cost is \$65, with a \$30 deposit due at registration. The cost covers a ticket into the park, transportation, and an all-day free drink wristband.

**Meal Train and Prayer Team Sign Up:** Prayer and serving the physical needs of the congregation are two important ministries of the church. Please let the church office know if you would like to be signed up to receive the prayer chain emails or to be included in the list to receive sign-ups for meal delivery to individuals in our church who are experiencing difficult times. Please send emails to the church office (info@ebenezermennonite.org) to be added to these lists.

**Ecuador Mission Trip:** Please pray for the individuals serving on the Adult Mission Trip to Ecuador.

**Save the date:** "Stellar" Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 4-9. Registration is currently open for children and volunteers. VBS is every night from 6:00-8:30 p.m. for children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Each night, there will be an opening with music and a skit, then the children will go to a Bible class, crafts, rec time, and have tons of fun.

**Volunteers for vacation Bible school** are still needed. Please sign up on the church website. Volunteers are asked to attend a training on either this Sunday, May 7, or May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**Vacation Bible School Donations:** If you are interested in donating supplies for VBS, stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Lobby and pick an item to donate or receive information about the Amazon Wish List. All items are due by Sunday, May 21.

**Graduate Gifts:** Our graduating high school seniors will be receiving a Bible from the church during the worship service on Sunday, May 21. If you would be interested in sharing a favorite Bible verse or note with any or all of our grads, please write them down on index cards which can be found on the table in the foyer of the Crossroads Ministry Center.

**Graduation Announcements:** This notice is for any families with students who will be graduating from high school this year. The church would like to provide information regarding the date, time and location of the graduation party. Please contact the church office with this information or if you have any questions.

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## YOU ARE INVITED TO A GRADUATE OPEN HOUSE FOR...

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*Amber Gladwell*

**Sunday, May 21** (12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.) – Ebenezer Mennonite Church  
(Crossroads Ministry Center)

*Gavin Kruse*

**Sunday, May 21** (5:00-8:00 p.m.) – Ebenezer Mennonite Church  
(Crossroads Ministry Center)

*Erik Nygaard*

**Saturday, May 27** (2:00-4:00 p.m.) – Bluffton YMCA  
(215 Snider Rd, Bluffton, OH 45817)

*Riley Eachus*

**Friday, June 9** (6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)  
(405 Ethan Circle, Bluffton, OH)

*Ellie Bergstrand*

**Saturday, June 10** (2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.) Ebenezer Mennonite Church  
(Ebenezer Schoolhouse)