
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- DECEMBER 4-10

Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m.** Mom's Gym Playtime (*Gym*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Family Meal (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Menu: Pancakes, sausage, 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 Greding St., Bluffton*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Bluffton Community Meal (*Senior Citizens Center*)
- You are invited to an evening of food and community connections as Ebenezer sponsors the community meal for December. Individuals of all ages are invited to attend this monthly gathering.
- 6:15 p.m.** College & Career Small Group (*489 Cherry St. Bluffton*)
- 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

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

Sunday

- 11:30 a.m.** Congregational Meeting (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 17** High School Christmas Caroling- 5:00 p.m.
- 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. 27** Youth Ice Skating- 12:45 p.m.
- All Middle School and High School students are invited to join this event. Individual cost for skating is \$5.
- Dec. 31** Communion Celebrated
- Jan. 12-14** Middle School Ice Camp

December 3, 2023



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SUNDAY'S SERMON

EPHESIANS SERMON SERIES

*We are His...
...He is Ours*

Ephesians 1:15-23

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-* We are His... He is Ours
- Scripture-* Ephesians 1:15-23
- 11:30 a.m.** Congregation Information Meeting (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Hero Day Event (*Lima Mall*)
- 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.

Informational Packets are available at the Welcome Center for the upcoming Congregational Meeting. If you are a member, please pick up one of these packets and familiarize yourself with the materials prior the Information Meeting after the worship service.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Attendance on November 26:

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| Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship | (9:00 a.m.) | 228 |
| Worship Gathering | (10:15 a.m.) | 336 |

Opportunities

Family Assistance: Ebenezer has adopted two families for Christmas through the Bluffton Food Pantry. If you had previously taken a card for one of the items, please drop off the 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.

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. this afternoon, 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 Meal Train, please email the church office (info@ebenezymennonite.org) and put Meal Train in the subject line and you will be added to the list.

Prayer for Ministry Team: Pray for the 15 individuals who will be serving on the Samaritan's Purse- Operation Christmas Child trip to Charlotte, NC. The team will travel today, December 3 and return December 8

Chair Setup Teams: Volunteers are needed for the 2024 chair setup teams. The chair schedule will be continued in 2024 following the same pattern as 2023. We need volunteers to set up and put chairs away for Sunday service. If you are interested, please text or email Trevor Meyer for more details. (trevormeyer28@gmail.com)

New Section

Leading up to the holidays, the staff wanted to include a bit of fun in the bulletin. Here is a new section that could make a regular appearance in the Sunday worship bulletin in the future.

Bible Trivia: See if you can answer the following questions.

1. When Naaman was healed of his leprosy he praised
 - a. God
 - b. his Syrian gods
 - c. Elisha
 - d. a and b
2. To whom did Paul say, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"?
 - a. Timothy
 - b. The Christians in Philippi
 - c. Titus
 - d. the Christians in Rome

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 \$217,400.00 of the \$300,000 faith promise goal.

Congratulations to Mathias & Julie (Althaus) Klausung on the birth of their son Judah Miles on November 16. Judah joins his brother Micah.

Congratulations to Cody & Chelsea (Burkholder) Basinger on the birth of first child, a daughter, Emory Edith, on November 21.

Congratulations to Mark & Rhonda (Brenneman) Brauen on the birth of daughter Birdie Mae on November 24. Birdie joins siblings Stella, Frankie, Poppy, and Mack.

Our sympathy to the family of Ruth Hammer, mother of Tobi Meyer. Ruth passed away on November 25 at the Meadows of Ottawa.

The Pearl Valley Cheese Sale to support the Youth Missions Trip has concluded. You can purchase additional cheese in the kitchen window.

Information Meeting: The Deacons will hold an information meeting after this morning's worship service to review the ballots, discuss the proposed budgets, and answer questions about the upcoming 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 registrations is January 7 for Middle School and February 18 for High School.