
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 4

Monday

- 9:00 a.m.** MOMs Group (*Fellowship Hall*)
7:00 p.m. Engage Committee Meeting (*103*)
7:00 p.m. Safety Committee Meeting (*Library*)

Tuesday

- 6:15 p.m.** Women's Ministry Meeting (*6025 Palmer Dr, Lima*)
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting (*103*)

Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m.** MOMS Playday (*Gym*)
- Cold weather keeping you and your kids inside? Come to the church for a morning of fun and connection.
1:00 p.m. 2nd Chance Chapels Meeting (*103*)
6:00 p.m. Family Meal (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Menu: Pancakes/Waffles, Sausage, Carrots & Fresh 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 (*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. GriefShare (*Bluffton Town Hall, 154 N. Main St.*)
- GriefShare is a weekly support group designed to help people rebuild their lives after losing a loved one.

Saturday

- 7:30 a.m.** 2nd Chance Chapels Breakfast (*Fellowship Hall*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 7** Greeter Training
Mar. 11 Mom2Mom Sale
Mar. 25 Wild Game Night
Apr. 7 Good Friday Service- 6:00 p.m.
Apr. 14-16 Women's Retreat (*register online*)
June 4-9 Vacation Bible School (*registrations open April 2*)

February 26, 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- Spiritual Strategic Plan
Scripture- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

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 February 19:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	220
Worship Gathering	393

Congregation Meeting: The meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 19, following the worship service. Members will be voting to approve the mission budget, an amendment to the trustee budget, and to elect an interim congregational president. The individuals nominated to stand for election of the interim president are Jeff McKanna and Chuck Niswander. Annual Reports containing the budgets are available at the Welcome Center.

Our sympathy to the family of Mike Biery. Mike passed away Sunday, February 12 and the funeral was on February 24.

Greeter Ministry: Be a friendly face and a welcoming presence at the church. If you are interested, there will be a meeting and training for Greeters on Tuesday, March 7, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. This training is also for all Ushers and Safety Ministry volunteers who were not able to attend the previous training. Thank you to all those who were in attendance for the first training in February. Sign up today on the Church website or at the Welcome Center. For more information, contact a staff member.

High School Ice Camp: Pray for the campers as they return from High School Ice Camp today. Pray for safety in travel and for God to solidify in their hearts the important spiritual truths that He taught them during this important weekend.

Diaper Drive: This is the last week for the collection of diapers and wipes for Stowe Mission in Columbus. Please place your donations on the table in the Foyer. The diapers will be delivered to Stowe Mission on March 8. Thank you for helping to support families in need and this important ministry.

Miracle Camp Registrations: Registrations are now open for Summer Miracle Camp 2023 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. If you would like to receive a partial scholarship to offset the cost of the camp, please communicate with a member of the staff prior to **March 1**.

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, this Thursday, March 2 and ends 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).

Mowing Bids: The Trustees are asking for any interested party to submit a bid for the mowing of the church property, including the cemetery. Please contact the church office or Kerris Wright to submit these bids by March 19.

Thank you: Thank you so much for the prayers during my recent hip surgery and now my recovery. The cards, visits, phone calls and the meals provided were much appreciated. God Bless You! - Deb Lehman

Thank you: We want to say thank you to everyone who brought meals during the time following Kevin's surgery. They were all greatly appreciated. We feel very blessed and thankful for the friends and family from the church for all the prayers and concerns and the meals! Thanks again!!! - Kevin and Karen Casemier

Wild Game Night is a dinner for the outdoor enthusiast. This year, the guest speaker for the event held on March 25, is Doug DeHarpert from the television show *Created Outdoors*. Each ticket costs \$15, and all ticket sales will be online starting on Sunday, February 26, at 12:00 p.m. Contact the church office with any questions.

Spring Cleaning Fundraiser: Support the Christian Education program by bringing your gently used toys or kids/baby clothes to the table located by Hanné's office before March 5. Items will either be used in our classrooms to replace broken toys or sold for donation at the Mom2Mom sale on March 11. Proceeds will go to the CE fund. If you have questions, please contact Hanne Streicher (hanne.streicher@ebenezermennonite.org).

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 2023 Women's Retreat that will take place from April 14-16. Please contact Hanné Streicher if you have any questions.

Meal Train and Prayer Team Sign Up: Prayer and serving the physical needs of those in 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. Emails sent to the church office (info@ebenezermennonite.org) for this request should have "Prayer Team" or "Meal Train" included in the subject line so you will be added to the correct list.