## **OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- MARCH 6-12**

## **Monday**

**9:00 a.m.** Women's Bible Study (103)

- Study on the book *He Speaks to Me* by Pricilla Shirer. Led by Nancy Wright

**7:00 p.m.** Women's Bible Study (103)

## **Tuesday**

**6:30 p.m.** Greeter Training (Fellowship Hall)

# 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: Menu: Walking Taco, 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.** 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**

**9:00 a.m.** Mom2Mom Sale (Crossroads Ministry Center)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Mar. 25	Wild Game Night	
Mar. 31	Ladies Night	
Apr. 1	Youth Dodgeball Tournament	
Apr. 7	Good Friday Service- 6:00 p.m.	
Apr. 14-16	Women's Retreat (register online)	
<b>June 4-9</b>	Vacation Bible School (registrations open April 2)	

# March 5, 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*- Worthy of the Kingdom *Scripture*- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

**6:45 p.m.** High School Small Group (Schoolhouse)

**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 26: Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Worship Gathering 208 337

**Congregational 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.

**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. For more information, contact a staff member.

**Membership Classes** will be held on three consecutive Wednesday evenings, beginning March 22. The classes will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. If you would like to join this class, please sign up on the Church App or by contacting the church office or one of the pastors. If you are not yet a church member, please prayerfully consider joining.

**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 the 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 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Wild Game Night** is a dinner for the outdoor enthusiast. This year, the guest speaker for the event held on March 25, is Doug DeHarpart from the television show *Created Outdoors*. Each ticket costs \$15, and all ticket sales will be online. 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.

**Thank You:** I want to thank the church family for your prayers at the death of my brother, John Warkentin. He was known for his humor as he replied to the question of how he was, "I'm able to sit up and take nourishment!" He will be greatly missed. – Rhody Hartman

Ladies Night Out: Women's Ministries is hosting a Painting and Devotional Fellowship at the Church on Friday, March 31, starting at 6:30 p.m. This event is limited to the first 50 people who register. Please register through the church office or through the Signups on the Church App. All registrations must be received by Sunday, March 26. Please bring your cash payment of \$20.00 to the event to pay for the artwork that you will create and get to take home. Along with the time of instruction and painting, we will have a devotional and then fellowship and snacks.

**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.

**All-Day Sew** is scheduled for Monday, March 20 (6:00-9:00 p.m.) and Tuesday, March 21 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.). All are invited to come help sew quilts. Bring your own sack lunch.

**Alaska Mission Team:** The team has opened up to both men and women who are interested in serving at the Echo Ranch Haines Camp on June 23-July 1. For questions, contact a member of the church staff or Josh Hanna.