# **OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- MARCH 25-31**

# Monday

9:00 a.m.	MOM's Grou	p (Fellowship Hall)
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7:00 p.m. Engage Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

### **Tuesday**

Missions Committee Meeting (Conference Room) 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Mom's Gym Playtime (Gym) 9:00 a.m.

Worship Team Practice (Crossroads Ministry Center) 5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Family Meal (Crossroads Ministry Center)

Menu: Sliced-meat sandwiches, mac & cheese, salad, fruit

Gluten-free options available

Kids JAM Choir (Sanctuary) 6:30 p.m.

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)

Prayer Group (Conference Room) 9:30 a.m.

6:15 p.m. College & Career Small Group (location TBD)

8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (Gvm)

# **Friday**

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

Good Friday Service (Sanctuary) 6:30 p.m.

# Saturday

Men's Breakfast and Ebenezer Trapshoot (Fellowship Hall & Lawn) 8:00 a.m.

Weather permitting, the trapshoot will directly follow the breakfast.

# Sunday

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday (Crossroads Ministry Center)

Breakfast featuring pancakes, bacon, eggs, & fruit will precede the worship service where the Resurrection will be celebrated. There will be no Sunday School on Easter morning.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Apr. 5	Women's Painting and Devotional Night
Apr. 6	Youth and Adult Baptism Class
Apr. 19-21	Women Retreat at Miracle Camp
Apr. 21	Youth Sky Zone Event
May 12	Youth Chicken BBQ
<b>June 2-7</b>	Vacation Bible School

# March 24, 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- The Coming King Scripture- Luke 19:28-43

6:45 p.m. High School Small Group (Schoolhouse) Women's Bible Study (Conference Room) 7:00 p.m.

**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 17: Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship (9:00 a.m.) 200 Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 275

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

- 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 including pancakes, bacon, eggs and fruit which will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Resurrection Sunday Service will follow 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.

**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. This is the final Sunday to drop your donations off at the church. Check the church website for a list of needed items. Donations can be dropped off in the Foyer of the CMC until 6:45 p.m.

**Mowing Bids:** The Trustees seek mowing bids for the church property, including the cemetary. Please contact the church office or Andy Marquart (andrew.marquart@gmail.com) to submit these written bids by March 31.

**Baptism Classes:** We will be having a baptism class on April 6. This baptism class is for youth and adults and 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.

*Miracle Camp Registrations:* Registrations are now open for Summer Miracle Camp 2024 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. **The due date to receive scholarships from the church is April 15.** 

**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.

**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 April 7, the items will be collected and donated to the Et Cetera Shop.

**VBS Donations:** "Start the Party" Vacation Bible School will take place the first week of June, and the committee is asking for donations of old CDs, cassettes, or records that will be used as decorations. These items will not be returned, but this is a great opportunity to repurpose old media items to further God's Kingdom. Donations can be dropped off at the offices of either Hanné Streicher or Dylan Whitlow.

**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.

**Congratulations** to Mitchell & Andrea (Spallinger) Boehm who were united in marriage on March 16 in Forest.

**Baby Dedications:** There will be a baby dedication service on April 14 during the worship service. If you would like to participate, contact Hanné Streicher regarding your intentions. There will be a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on that day to discuss the dedication.

**Indian Lake Cleanup:** There will be a group departing from the church on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 a.m. to assist with the cleanup following the tornados that struck the area. Contact Shawn Vastano for more information about this opportunity.

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

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 begin painting at 6:00 p.m. when you will 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 cash payment will be received at the door. Please register for the event on the church signups or by calling the church office. Seating will be limited so register early.