OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- APRIL 29-MAY 5 Monday 7:00 p.m. Safety Committee Meeting (Conference Room) **Tuesday** 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Conference Room) Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice (Gym) 6:00 p.m. Youth Volunteer Appreciation Night (Fellowship Hall) **Thursday** National Day of Prayer (Conference Room) All Day Prayer Group (Conference Room) 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Bluffton Community Meal (Senior Citizen's Center, Bluffton) 6:15 p.m. College & Career Small Group (Epp's House- 489 Cherry St. Bluffton) 8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (Gym) **Friday** 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) Sunday

7:00 p.m. VBS Training (Sanctuary Foyer)

- Any individual volunteering at VBS must attend one of two trainings. The other training will take place on May 8.

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)

UPCOMING EVENTS	
May 12	Youth Chicken BBQ
May 28	Youth Cedar Point Trip
May 29	Ice Cream Social
June 2-7	Vacation Bible School
June 29	Communion Celebrated
July 1-9	High School Mission Trip to Bakersfield, CA
July 19	Women's Ministries Painting Night
July 22-24	Middle School Mission Trip to Stowe- Columbus

April 28, 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- Walk in Love *Scripture*- Ephesians 5:1-6

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)

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 April 21: Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship (9:00 a.m.) 232 Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 335

The Board of Deacons are to perform an annual evaluation of the senior pastor in April. In order to do so, they solicit your input regarding Pastor Nick Ringger in his position of Senior Pastor over the past year. Please take some time to pray over and complete the evaluation form that can be found on the Welcome center. The evaluations can be submitted to a deacon or to the green box on the Welcome Center. After this Sunday, you can personally give your evaluation to a deacon.

Deacon Membership Discussion: The Deacons will be holding a time for questions and answers regarding an internal empahsis to organize and clarify the membership lists of the church. The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service on May 5.

Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (May 12): Order forms are available at the Welcome Center, on the Church App, and the website for the annual youth chicken BBQ. All proceeds go towards the 2024 high school mission trip. Each meal is a suggested donation of \$10. Orders are due Sunday, May 7. Please submit your paper orders in the offering boxes.

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 2, and the prayer group is organizing commitments to pray for the country's leaders for the duration of the day (24 hours), committing to 30 minute increments of time. The prayer group will provide a list of leaders and prayer requests. Please sign up for your time in the lobby of the Crossroads Minsitry Center. Contact Kathy Steiner if you have any questions.

Bluffton Teacher Appreciation: The Engage Committee is organizing a donation opportunity to bless the teachers of the Bluffton Schools. The committee is asking for donations of drinks to stock the teacher's lounges for Teacher Appreciation week. Soft drinks and other canned drinks can be delivered to the table in the Lobby beginning April 21 and ending May 5. Lists of requested drink items will be on the collection table or can be requested from Tiffany Gallant.

Miracle Camp Registrations: Registrations are now open for Summer Miracle Camp 2024 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. **The date to receive scholarships has passed but you can still register for camp.**

MOMs Playground Hop: Moms and their kids are invited to join the playground hop that takes place throughout the summer months. The group meets at different local playgrounds at 9:00 a.m. for some outdoor fun and conversation. Contact Hanné Streicher to join the group.

Save the date: "Start the Party" Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 2-6. Registration is currently open for children and volunteers. VBS is every night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for children from age 4 through 5th grade. Each night, there will be an opening with music and a Bible story, then the children will have crafts, a rec time, a snack and have tons of fun.

Volunteers for vacation Bible school are needed. Please sign up on the church website. Volunteers are asked to attend a training on either May 5 or May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

VBS Donations: "Start the Party" Vacation Bible School will take place the first week of June, and the committee is asking for donations. There are donation idea tickets on the table in the Lobby. Additionally, 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.

Thank You: We wanted to say thanks to all of you who have prayed, checked in and provided meals during my surgery and recovery. Knowing we had prayers and support during this time has helped going through this a lot easier. Thanks! -James, Denise, Ryleigh and Bentley Rex

Graduction Announcements: This notice is for any families with students who will be graduating from High School or College 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.

Ebenezer Trapshoots: Men and women are invited to join for trapshoots that will take place the last Saturday of each month from April to October. The shoots begin at 9:00 a.m. with a short safety demonstration. Contact Ron Epp for more information.