#### **OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- MAY 1-7**

#### Monday

**7:00 p.m.** Engage Committee Meeting (*Library*)

## Wednesday

**9:00 a.m.** MOMS Playday (Gym or Playground)

**6:30 p.m.** Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)

- Women of all ages are invited to this informational meeting regarding a new Bible study that is taking place this summer. Contact Lynda Rodabaugh or Nancy Wright with any questions.

## **Thursday**

**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 the month of May. 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 & 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.

**8:30 p.m.** Men's Basketball (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)

## **Saturday**

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

# **Sunday**

**7:00 p.m.** Vacation Bible Volunteer Training (Fellowship Hall)

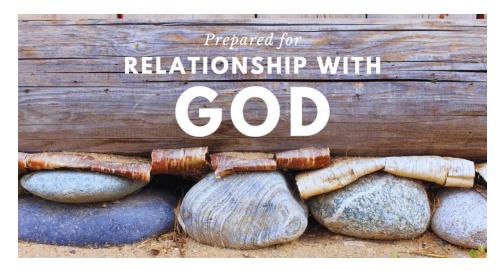
- Training designed for all VBS volunteers. This mandatory training will also be offered on May 17.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
May 5-13	Ecuador Mission Trip
May 14	Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (register tickets online)
May 31	Youth Cedar Point Trip (register online)
<b>June 4-9</b>	Stellar Vacation Bible School (register online)
June 12-14	Middle School Stowe Mission Trip
June 24- July 1	Echo Ranch Mission Trip
July 7-14	High School Guatemala Mission Trip

# **April 30, 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 & Communion-Pastor Nick Ringger (CMC)

*Message*- Prepared for Relationship with God *Scripture*- Ezra 3

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

**Welcome!** We are so happy you are here to worship with us this Sunday morning. 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 April 23: Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Worship Gathering 220 350

Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (May 14): Order forms are still available at the Welcome Center, on the Church App, and the website for the annual youth chicken BBQ. All proceeds will go toward the 2023 high school mission trip. Each meal is a suggested donation of \$10. Order forms are due next Sunday, May 7. If you have any questions, please see a member of the staff or you can call the church and complete your order via phone.

**Youth Summer Event Calendars:** New calendars for the Middle School and High School Youth events are available at the Information Center and the Welcome Center. These calendars detail the events that will take place during the summer months along with the locations and times. If you have questions, please see Pastor David or a member of the staff.

**Women's Summer Bible Study:** A new Women's Bible Study is beginning this Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference room. The study will utilize the video series *Revive Our Hearts- Seeking Him* and will focus on heart transformation through an in-depth study of God's Word. Contact Lynda Rodabaugh or Nancy Wright with any questions.

**Youth Cedar Point Trip:** All high school & middle school students are invited to register for the Cedar Point trip on Wednesday, May 31. Register today on the church website or through the Church App as spaces are limited. The cost is \$65, with a \$30 deposit due at registration. The cost covers a ticket into the park, transportation, and an all-day free drink wristband.

**All-Church Email List:** Every Wednesday, an email is sent to everyone on the church email list with announcements about events happening in the church, information about registrations, and the weekly prayer bulletin. If you have not yet joined the all-church email list, contact the church office (info@ebenezermennonite.org) to be added.

**Bluffton Community Meal:** Ebenezer will be the sponsoring church for the Community Meal that will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4 in the Senior Citizen Center in Bluffton. If you would like to volunteer at this event or seek further information, please contact Saun Niswander (saun.niswander@gmail.com).

**Ecuador Mission Trip Meeting:** There will be a meeting in the Conference Room for the participants of the Ecuador Mission Trip following the service today. Please see Josh or Crystal Hanna with any questions.

**Save the date:** "Stellar" Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 4-9. Registration is currently open for children and volunteers. VBS is every night from 6:00-8:30 p.m. for children from age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Each night, there will be an opening with music and a skit, then the children will go to a Bible class, crafts, rec time, and have tons of fun.

**Volunteers for vacation Bible school** are still needed. Please sign up on the church website. Volunteers are asked to attend a training on either May 7 or May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**Vacation Bible School Donations:** If you are interested in donating supplies for VBS, stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Lobby and pick an item to donate or information about the Amazon Wish List. All items are due by Sunday, May 21.

**Graduation Announcements:** This notice is for any families with students who will be graduating from high school 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.

**Lost and Found:** A table has been set up in Foyer with items that were left at the church. Please collect your items. After this Sunday, the items will be collected and donated to the Et Cetera Shop.

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