## **OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- JULY 17-23**

## Monday

**9:30 a.m.** MOM's Committee Meeting (Crossroads Ministry Center)

## **Tuesday**

**7:00 p.m.** Church Council Meeting (Conference Room)

# Wednesday

**11:00 a.m.** Middle School Small Groups (515 Greding St., Bluffton)

- Students going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to small groups at Rick & Pat Shaner's house. Lunch will be served. Contact Pastor David with any questions or for transportation.

**6:30 p.m.** Backyard Family Game Night (Ebenezer Lawn)

- You and your family are invited for backyard games and fun on the Ebenezer Lawn. Bring your favorite game, lawn chairs, and enjoy an evening with the Ebenezer family.

### **Thursday**

**6:00 p.m.** Deacons Meeting (Conference Room)

**6:15 p.m.** College & Career Small Group (489 Cherry St., Bluffton)

- College students and 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.** High School Leadership Meeting (165 N. Jackson, Bluffton)

- Students going into 10<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to the discipleship group at Pastor David and Mary's house. Contact Pastor David with any questions.

**8:30 p.m.** Men's Bible Study (*Library*)

# Sunday

**12:30 p.m.** Miracle Camp Van Leaves (Church Parking Lot)

UPCOMING EVENTS	
July 23-29	Elementary School Miracle Camp
July 24	Music Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m. in Conference Room)
July 30	Communion Celebrated
Aug. 12	Youth Mud Hens Game
Aug. 13	Swim and Snacks Pool Party (Bluffton Pool)
Sept. 6	Wednesday Night Ministries Kick-off (Ebenezer Lawn)
Nov. 5-8, 12	60 <sup>th</sup> Annual Missions Conference

# July 16, 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*- The Weight of Our Words *Scripture*- Proverbs 15 & 25

**11:15 a.m.** Bangladesh Short-Term Trip Informational Meeting (103)

11:15 a.m. Congregational Meal (Crossroads Ministry Center)

**4:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (103)

**5:00 p.m.** Ebenezer Softball Game (Village Park, Bluffton)

**Welcome!** We are so happy you are here to worship with us this morning. If today is your first time joining us, please pick up a gift at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.

# ATTENDANCE AND GIVING Attendance on July 9: Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Worship Gathering 310

## **Opportunities**

**Carry-In Lunch:** Everyone is invited to stay after the service today for the carry-in lunch. There is no cost for this meal, so please stay and enjoy fellowship and get to know some new people in the congregation. If you brought a salad, a side, or a dessert, please leave them in the kitchen prior to the service.

**Men's Bible Study:** Men of all ages are invited to join a Men's Bible Study that takes place on Thursday evenings. The study will focus on the Kingdom of God and will be held in the library starting at 8:30 p.m. Please contact Cory Meyer.

**Backyard Game Night:** Everyone is invited to the next Summer Event at Ebenezer that will take place at 6:00 p.m. on July 19 on the Ebenezer Lawn. Come out for backyard games, a campfire, and fellowship with the Ebenezer family. Contact Hanné Streicher or the church office with any questions.

**Short-Term Mission Opportunity:** There will be a meeting for those interested in receiving more information about a mission trip to Bangladesh. The focus of the trip will be supporting our partner missionaries, Ben and Abby, while ministering to missionary kids. The trip is tentatively scheduled for October 14-29. The meeting will be held after the worship service today in the Conference room.

**Mystery Dinner:** Women's Mystery Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, July 27. Meet in the church parking lot at 5 p.m. and enjoy a night out with other ladies and girls. This month the location is not a secret as we will be heading to the Creamery in Delphos. You may order a sandwich and/or ice cream (see the Creamery's menu which is posted on the bulletin board across from the church kitchen). Please make your reservation by contacting Kathy Brauen or by calling the church office at 419-358-8588.

# Information:

**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.



**Church Council:** There is a Church Council meeting on Tuesday, July 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. This meeting was not included in previous bulletins or communications, so if you are a representative to Church Council, please plan to attend this important meeting.

**Directories:** The church staff has sent in the pictorial directory edits and are hoping it will be finished in the next few weeks. A paper and electronic copy of the informational 2023 Directory, providing names and contact information for those connected to the church, will be ready for distribution next Sunday. Thank you for your patience as the staff worked to make updates and corrections so the information is correct.

White Christmas: The month of July is the time to remember and honor our Ebenezer-member missionaries with our White Christmas giving. This annual offering is to help make Christmas a little more special for our missionaries. If you have any questions about White Christmas or need an envelope for your offering, please contact Amber August or the church office (info@ebenezermennonite.org). (Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS and no tax-deductible receipts will be issued.) –The Missions Committee

Miracle Camp Departure Time: On Sunday, July 23, the church van will depart from church at 12:30 p.m. to head to Miracle camp. This allows families to have time to return home after the worship service to pick up your camper's items and have a meal. The van will then travel directly to Miracle Camp and NOT stop for lunch. If your child is attending camp and you have not yet registered them to ride in the van, please contact the church office.

**Congratulations** to Paul & Tammy (Whitlow) Gladwell who were united in marriage yesterday at Indian Lake.

**Thank you:** We at the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) at Stowe Mission are beyond grateful for your recent donation. The many diapers and baby items that you have graciously donated will be such a blessing to others in need. We appreciate your generosity as you shared the love of Christ with these women. – PRC at Stowe Mission

**Voice Recital:** Ellie Bergstrand's senior voice recital is Thursday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.