## **OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- JULY 31- AUGUST 6**

Monday

7:00 p.m. Engage Committee 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.** Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)
  - Women of all ages are invited to this 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 August. 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 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.

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

- Men of all ages are invited to a Bible study that will focus on the Kingdom of God. Put the kids to bed and come out for a night of Bible study and fellowship facilitated by Cory Meyer.

## Sunday

**7:00 p.m.** Teacher Training (Sanctuary)

- Choose this Sunday or Wednesday, August 9 for this mandatory training for all children's workers.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug. 9	Ebenezer Trap Shoot (Ebenezer Lawn)				
Aug. 9	Teacher Training (Sanctuary)				
Aug. 10	High School Leadership Team (Pastor David's House)				
Aug. 12	Youth Mud Hens Game				
Aug. 13	VBS Reunion Outreach (Bluffton Pool)				
Sept. 6	Wednesday Night Ministries Kick-off (Ebenezer Lawn)				
Oct. 29	Communion Celebrated				
Nov. 5-8, 12	60 <sup>th</sup> Annual Missions Conference				



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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)				
<b>10:15 a.m.</b> Worship Service and Communion- Pastor Nick Ringger ( <i>CMC</i> ) <i>Message</i> - Wisdom By Comparisons <i>Scripture</i> - Proverbs and Hebrews 8					
11:30 a.m.	Guatemala Short-Term Trip Debrief (Fellowship Hall)				
4:00 p.m.	Ebenezer Softball Game (Village Park, Bluffton)				
6:30 p.m.	Middle School/High School Pool Party (Bluffton Pool)				

**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.

**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

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Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	196
Worship Gathering	284

# **Opportunities**

**Communion:** The congregation will participate in the remembrance of Jesus Christ's atoning sacrifice by celebrating Communion following the worship service today. All believers are encouraged to join us in this ordinance of the church.

**VBS Reunion Outreach:** Everyone at the church is invited to attend a Pool Party at Bluffton Pool on August 13 at 6:00 p.m. All children and families who attended VBS have been invited to attend this event. Come out and enjoy an evening of swimming, fun, and getting to know new families. If you are able, please bring a snack to share to help support this outreach event. Contact Hanné Streicher (hanne.streicher@ebenezermennonite.org) or the church office (info@ebenezermennonite.org) with any questions.

**Youth Mud Hens Game:** All Middle School and High School students are invited to join us for a Toledo Mud Hens baseball game on Saturday, August 12. The day costs \$50, which covers transportation to and from the park, your ticket into the game, and an all-you-can-eat picnic at the game. Please contact Pastor David (david.glick@ebenezermennonite.org) or the church office with any questions.

**A/V Service Opportunity:** We are looking for new volunteers who would like to be trained on the soundboard, the presentation software, and the livestream. These individuals would then be put on a roster for Sunday morning worship services and Wednesday evening practices. If you are interested, please contact the church office (info@ebenezermennonite.org).

**Ebenezer Trapshoof:** You are invited to join on Wednesday, August 9, at 7:00 p.m. for a trapshoot on the Ebenezer Lawn. There will be a safety demonstration and training time prior to the trapshoot.

# Information:

**Congregational Meeting:** A meeting has been scheduled for next Sunday, August 6, following the worship service. Members will be voting on a recommendation from the Trustees to approve an increase of the allowable maximum spending amount for the shelter house project. Please direct all questions to Kerris Wright (wrights1@centurylink.net) or the office staff.

White Christmas: The month of July is the time to remember and honor our Ebenezer-member missionaries with our White Christmas giving. This is the last Sunday to collect this annual offering that helps to 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

**Congratulations** to Richard & Miranda (Schutz) Evans who were united in marriage on July 22 in Columbus Grove.

**Congratulations** to Brady & Riley (Garmatter) Mitosinka who were united in marriage on July 22 in Bluffton.

**Congratulations** to Hunter & Grace (Diller) Garmatter who were united in marriage yesterday here at Ebenezer.

**Our sympathy** to the family of David Vastano, father of Shawn Vastano, who passed away on July 19.

**Teacher/Volunteer Training:** A required training will be held this August for all individuals planning to volunteer with any children's ministry. The training will be offered on Sunday, August 6, and Wednesday, August 9, both nights at 7:00 p.m. This training will go over new additions, policies, and any other changes, as well as review current policies. Please contact Hanné Streicher with any questions.

**Directories:** The church staff has sent in the pictorial directory edits and is hoping it will be finished in the next few weeks. Paper and digital copies of the informational 2023 Directory, providing names and contact information for those connected to the church, are available at the Welcome Center. To access the digital copy of the directory, scan the QR code at the Welcome Center and download either the print copy of the original document or the version formatted to be access on mobile devices. Please contact the church office or a member of the staff if you have any questions.