OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- NOVEMBER 20-26

Tuesday

5:00 p.m. Youth Bowling at Westgate Lanes (*Meet at Schoolhouse*)

Wednesday

No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday & Friday

Thanksgiving Holiday- Church Office Closed

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 2 Membership Class

Dec. 10 Congregational Meeting

Dec. 24 Christmas Service

 Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with a special service, concluding with a candle-lighting. There will be no Christmas Eve evening service or Sunday School for the morning service, instead a connection and snack time will precede the morning service.

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TODAY'S SERMON EPHESIANS SERMON SERIES Blessings in Christ Jesus Ephesians 1:7-10

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- Blessings in Christ Jesus *Scripture*- Ephesians 1:7-10

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

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

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. 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 November 12:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship (9:00 a.m.) 197 Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 285

Opportunities

Faith Promise Commitments: Faith Promises will continue to be received until the end of this year. Prayerfully consider how the Lord is impressing on you to give to the expansion of His Kingdom around the world. Cards are available at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Current totals for the Mission Faith Promise are \$179,620 of the \$300,000 faith promise goal.

Family Assistance: Ebenezer has adopted two families for Christmas through the Bluffton Food Pantry. If you would like to help with donations for these local families, the list of items needed/desired and sign ups are located in the Foyer. Drop off donations to the church office by December 10, 4 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Beith Bish or Jadyn Meyer. Let's help provide Christmas to these local families!

Bowling at Westgate: All Middle School and High School Students are invited to a bowling night at Westgate Lanes in Lima on Tuesday, November 21, The cost will be \$10 per individual bowling. Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. Contact Pastor David to sign up or with questions.

Ebenezer Blaze of Lights Float: Ebenezer will participate in the Blaze of Lights parade on Saturday, November 25, by preparing a float presenting the Nativity Story. We need people to assist the Engage Committee in decorating this float or participating in the parade. Please contact Tiffany Gallant (tntgallant@hotmail.com) or Katie Kruse (kmkruse77@gmail.com).

Women's Ministry is excited to announce the Annual Christmas Tea will be held on Friday, December 1, with a 6:30 p.m. start time. Tickets are on sale now and are \$5.00 per person. Purchase your tickets before they are sold out, dig out your special tea cup, and make plans to attend as we celebrate and prepare for the arrival of our Savior.

Opportunities

A Membership Class will be held on Saturday, December 2, in the conference room (103) from 1:00-4:00 p.m. If you would like to join this class, please sign up on the church app, website or by contacting the church office. If you are not yet a member of the church, please prayerfully consider committing to the church and using your giftings and abilities to further the Kingdom of God in our church and the local community.

Service Opportunity: The service trip to Kentucky to volunteer for a rebuild project with Samaritan's Purse has now closed. The trip is scheduled for January 14-19. If you are still interested in joining this trip, please contact Crystal Hanna for more information.

<u>Information</u>

The Pearl Valley Cheese Sale to support the Youth Missions Trip has concluded. Thank you to all those who ordered cheese to bless those youth who will be going on the mission trip to Bakersfield, California. If you have purchased cheese, please pick up your order today in the kitchen window after the worship service. Additional cheese is also available for purchase.

Congratulations to Luke & Kariann Ringger on the birth of their daughter Elowyn Maple on October 24. Elowyn joins Jep, Alathea, and Ollie.

Thank you: Ebenezer Mennonite Church, thank you for taking time out on Homecoming night to help clean up the football stands for the Music Boosters! It was much appreciated. – Christy Garmatter and the Music Boosters

Thank you to all those who served and participated in the 60th Festival of Missions at the Church. The event was well attended, and the missionaries commented how cared for and encouraged in the ministry they felt during their times of sharing and during the meals and meetings at the church.

Operation Christmas Child: The collection of shoeboxes at the church will conclude tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. when the boxes will be sent to a central location for further processing. Thank you to everyone who packed a shoebox, or multiple boxes, and thank you to those who assisted in the collection. These boxes will be great blessings to many children around the world who will receive the joy of receiving a gift along with the priceless joy of hearing the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ice Camp Registrations: Ice Camp registrations for Middle School (January 12-14) and High School (February 23-25) are available on the Church Center App and on the church website. The deadline for registration is January 7 for Middle School and February 18 for High School.