
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- DECEMBER 19-25

Wednesday

- 6:15 p.m.** College & Career Small Group (*Ron & Sue Epp's House, 489 Cherry St.*)
- College students & young adults are welcome to this small group. Join the Christmas party this week. The group will continue its study of the book of Ecclesiastes on January 5.

Saturday

- 6:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m.** Christmas Services (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- 9:30 a.m.** Christmas Fellowship (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Join with the church family for coffee, donuts and fellowship between the two Christmas Day services.
- 10:15 a.m.** Christmas Services (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Celebrate the birth of the "Unexpected Savior". Childcare for ages birth to kindergarten available for 10;15 a.m. service. Nursery available for both services.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 13-15** Middle School Ice Camp
- Jan. 29** Youth Toledo Walleye Hockey Game
- Feb. 19** Youth Mad River Mountain Tubing Event
- Feb. 24-26** High School Ice Camp

** Information about these events can be found on the Signups section of the Church Center App

Thank you: We want to thank the Ebenezer Church Family for your gracious gifts, cards and best wishes for a great retirement. We have been so blessed to be a part of the Ebenezer Family all these past years. You "adopted" us as members of your church and commissioned us to the mission field the summer of 1984. You supported us during our time as missionaries in the Philippines with SEND International for 20 years. We have been blessed to be a part of the Ebenezer staff team for the past 18 years. Again thank you for supporting, nurturing, challenging and giving us the opportunity to serve the Lord along with you. May the Lord continue to richly bless you, make you fruitful, and multiply your ministry in the years ahead. Blessings, Pastor Dick & Cheryl Potter

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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- Expectations of the Messiah
Scripture- Isaiah 9 & Matthew 2
- 4:00 p.m.** Trustees Meeting (*Conference Room*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Middle School/High School Caroling and Christmas Party
(*Schoolhouse*)

Welcome to Ebenezer! We are so happy you are here. 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 December 11:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	222
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	416



Faith Promise Commitments: Faith Promises will continue to be received until the end of this year. Cards are available at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Current totals for the Mission Faith Promise are \$272,435 of the \$325,000 faith promise goal.

Case for Christmas Books: Copies of Lee Stroebel's book, *The Case for Christmas*, have been made available to the Ebenezer family at the Welcome Center during this time leading up to Christmas. Now is the perfect time to have conversations with people in your life about hope and faith and sharing this book can be a great resource.

Wednesday Night Reminder: Due to Christmas break Kids JAM Wednesday Night will not meet again until January 4. Starting in the new year, all kids will be checked in at the Sanctuary where programming will begin at 7:00 p.m. Check in will no longer be open before the meal as it will begin at 6:45 before the program starts. All children need to be checked in by an adult, no exceptions. For more information grab a flier at the kids check in station in the Mission Center or contact Hanné Streicher at hanne.streicher@ebenezermennonite.org.

GriefShare has concluded for this year. Pastor Dick and the staff at Ebenezer wish to thank all those who served in this ministry. A new session of the support group will begin in the new year. For more information, contact Pastor Dick (dick.potter@ebenezermennonite.org).

Planning Center Giving: The church is transitioning from EasyTithe to Planning Center for our online giving platform in January. You will be able to use the app or login on the website to both make your donations and track your giving throughout the year, even if you make your donations in person at the church. If you have questions, please contact Dylan or Tim in the church office.

Holiday Sunday School: There will not be Sunday School on Christmas Day, but there will be regular Sunday School on New Years Day, January 1.

Teacher Training: It is time for anyone who helps with children ages 2-ys through 5th grade to have training. This includes Sunday School volunteers, Children's Church volunteers and Wednesday Night volunteers ages 18 and above. The training will take place in the Sanctuary Foyer at 7:00 p.m. Please choose between Thursday, January 12, or Sunday, January 22, for this mandatory training. In this training we cover some of the changes in the children's policy and have Kathleen Needler from Children Choosing Christ speak on how to present the Gospel to children. Nursery and Special Friends volunteers will have a separate training in February. Dates and times for this training have yet to be determined.

The Pearl Valley Cheese Sale: If you have purchased cheese, it is still available in the kitchen. Additional cheese is also available for purchase.

Congratulations to Nathan Diller and Kristen Brumbaugh on their marriage yesterday in Goshen, IN. The couple will reside in Indianapolis.

Church Directory: For those who were not able to schedule an appointment or were not able to attend because of illness, new photography dates are being set up for the new year. If you have questions about scheduling, please contact the church office.

Ice Camp Registrations: Ice Camp registrations for Middle School (January 13-15) and High School (February 24-26) are available on the Church Center App and on the church website.

Lost and Found: There are many items (coats, kitchenware, etc.) by the door to the kitchen. Please come to claim your items.

Congratulations to the newly elected: **Deacons:** Job Halker, Bart Moser; **Trustees:** Ron Meyer, Trevor Meyer, Barry Schneck; **Nominating Committee:** Vickie Cartwright, Marty Lemley; **Education Committee:** Christina Lemley; **Engage Committee:** Tiffany Gallant, Andy Marquart, Marcia Schutz, Rich Streicher, Grant Warner; **Missions Committee:** Tim Gallant, Jared Meyer, Tom Spallinger; **Head Usher:** Randy Garmatter; **Ushers:** Jeremy Fry, Alan Garmatter, Dave Garmatter, Hunter Garmatter, John Good, Derrick Lee, Jeremy Lemley, Andy Marquart, Cory Meyer, Jared Meyer, Ron Meyer, Barry Schneck, Jim Spallinger, Robert Spallinger, Ron Steiner, Grant Warner, Scott Weissling.