

December 26, 2021



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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 2-4, B10*)

10:15 a.m. Worship Service – Pastor David (*CMC*)

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-18

Message: Merry Christmas... Now What?

Welcome to Ebenezer! We are so happy you are here. If you have not yet done so, pick up a gift bag at the Welcome Center to get a nice treat.

Extra cheese for sale at the kitchen window following today's service. All proceeds go to the Youth Mission Fund.

Praise God: We have passed our faith promise goal for 2022 and are at a total of \$307,370! Faith promise cards are located at the Welcome Center in the Crossroads Ministry Center and will be accepted through the end of December.

Send photos for the new church website, social media, and anything else needing a picture. If you have pictures of church events you would like to share with the church, please contact Dylan Whitlow (dylan.whitlow@ebenezermennonite.org).

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Attendance on December 19:

Worship Gathering (8:30)	110
Worship Gathering (10:15)	286

Giving for December 19:

	\$14,839.87
Building Fund	1,150.00
Christian Education Fund	2,055.00
General Fund	8,279.87
Missions Fund	2,910.00
Van Fund	400.00
Youth Fund	45.00

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: DECEMBER 27-JANUARY 2

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8-4

(CMC-Crossroads Ministry Center, FH-Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Campus Life Room</i>)
Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	Coffee with Pastor Nick
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Ice Skating
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Friday	Church Office Closed for New Year's	
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Church (<i>Ages 2-4, B10</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Service (<i>CMC</i>)

All High School & Middle School students are invited to go ice skating at The Cube in Findlay this Wednesday, December 29. Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.

Middle School Ice Camp is January 14-16. To sign up, fill out a registration form and contact Pastor David.

High School Ice Camp is January 21-23. To sign up, fill out a registration form and contact Pastor David.

Paid in Full: The HVAC (heating, ventilation, & air conditioning) loan has been paid in full! Thank you for your giving, and thank God for providing us the opportunity to pay the loan off early.

Pastor Dick Potter will be officially back on the church staff as an assistant pastor in a part time role starting January 1 after unanimous approval by the Church Council, Deacon Board, and approval of the 2022 General Budget. Welcome Pastor Dick back to the staff next time you see him!

Membership classes will be coming in January. If you are not yet a member of the church, please prayerfully consider joining and stay tuned for more information.

Interested in reading through the Bible this year? Pastor Nick has chosen the New English Translation (NET) Bible to be read through. If you are interested in purchasing a copy (\$20) of that translation, sign up at the Welcome Center.

Pastor Nick will be teaching an Adult Bible Study for all ages on Sunday mornings. The topic is how to study the Bible. The class will start January 9 in the Sanctuary. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in joining the class, the cost of the book is \$20.

Coffee with a Pastor will be this Wednesday, December 29, with Pastor Nick from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You're invited to stop in, grab a cup of coffee, and just get to know Nick better!

Congratulations to the newly elected: **Deacons:** Jared Lehman, Jeremy Lemley, Levi Shadle; **Trustees:** Steve Reigle, Robert Spallinger; **Nominating Committee:** Vickie Cartwright, Marty Lemley; **Education Committee:** Jaden August, Janet Brauen, Ashley Fry, Jeremy Fry, Stacey Koontz, Marti Meza, Emily Warner; **Engage Committee:** Katie Kruse, Marty Lemley, Jady Meyer, Tammy Whitlow; **Missions Committee:** Gera Bixel, Crystal Hanna, Sarah Lehman; **Head Usher:** Randy Garmatter; **Ushers:** Mike Biery, Jerry Cartwright, Alan Garmatter, Dave Garmatter, Hunter Garmatter, Bob Geiger, John Good, Jeremy Lemley, Cory Meyer, Jared Meyer, Ron Meyer, Barry Schneck, Jim Spallinger, Robert Spallinger, Grant Warner.

Reminder: Wednesday night volunteers' appreciation and training is on Tuesday, January 4, and all Wednesday night activities resume on Wednesday, January 5.

Special thanks to our Sunday School teachers: **2-year old's:** Patty Geiger, Julie Herr, Patty Geiger; **3-year old's:** Angela Carmen, Rhonda Gordon, Diane Sharrock; **Pre-K/Kindergarten:** Marcia Schutz, Tom & Annie Spallinger, Kathy Steiner; **1st Grade:** Angela Steiner, Kay Spallinger; **2nd & 3rd Grade:** Ashley & Jeremy Fry, Christina & Jeremy Lemley, Molly & Cory Meyer; **4th & 5th Grade:** Martie Meza, Heidi & Josh Steiner. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the church office (info@ebenezymennonite.org).

Interested in serving in Paraguay? Josh (419-371-7022) and Crystal (419-302-1003) Hanna will be leading a trip July 19-30 to serve with missionaries Justin and Elya Kanter.