
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 2-JULY 9

Monday**OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY****Wednesday****7:00 p.m.** Women's Bible Study (103)

- Open to all ladies. This class, led by Lynda Rodabaugh, goes through various Bible studies

7:00 p.m. Middle School Summer Session (Schoolhouse)**Thursday****6:00 a.m.** High School Mission Trip Leaves for New York City

- Please pray for the students and volunteers going to New York this week. They will be helping at a kid's camp at Graffiti Church, doing park ministry at Tompkins Square Park, and helping deliver meals for the elderly in Manhattan. The group will return on Saturday, July 16.

7:00 p.m. College & Career Small Group (Ron & Sue Epp's House, 489 Cherry St.)

- College students and young adults are welcome to this small group. The pool opens at 4:00 p.m., food will be served at 6:15 p.m., and Bible study will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday**8:30 a.m.** Trap Shoot (Ebenezer Lawn)

- Open to all. A safety presentation will be given before shooting starts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7-16 High School New York City Mission Trip**July 10** Coed Softball League begins (Village Park)**July 20** Family Night Out: Water Game Night (Ebenezer Lawn)**July 22-24** Family Camp**July 24-30** Elementary School (Miracle Camp)**July 28** Ladies' Mystery Dinner**July 29** Family Movie Night: *Secret Life of Pets* (Ebenezer Lawn)**July 30** Men's Breakfast & Trap Shoot (Fellowship Hall & Ebenezer Lawn)**July 31** Congregational Meal**Aug. 12** Parents' Night Out**Sept. 7** Wednesday Night Ministries Fall Kickoff**Nov. 6-9, 13** Missions Conference – "Jesus, Hope of Nations"

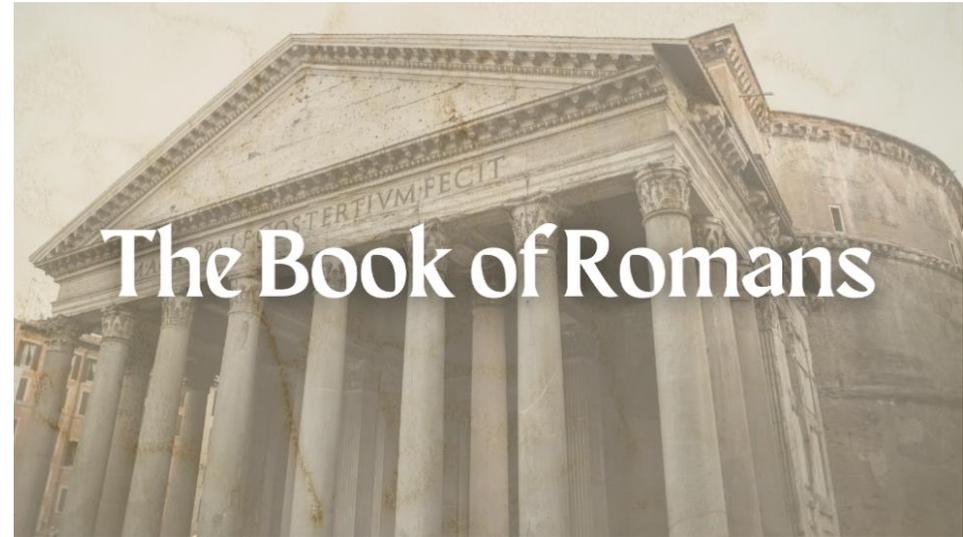
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9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Studies (Various Classrooms)**10:00 a.m.** Children's Church (Ages 2-6, B10 & B11)**10:15 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastor Nick Ringger (CMC)*Message: Give Me Liberty...**Scripture: Romans 14***6:30 p.m.** Vacation Bible School Volunteer Appreciation

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 to be completed at the Welcome Center. We would love to update any information we already have. If you are new, please complete a card so we may stay connected.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Attendance on June 26:

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| Sunday School/Adult Bible Study | 186 |
| Worship Service | 296 |

Giving for June 26:

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| | <u>\$10,870.25</u> |
| Benevolent Fund | 30.00 |
| Building Fund | 2,050.00 |
| Christian Education Fund | 1,130.25 |
| General Fund | 2,775.00 |
| Missions Fund | 4,450.00 |
| Youth Fund | 435.00 |

Thank You! How can I put into words the love and appreciation I have for my Ebenezer family and community for your support and graciousness over the past 25 years (and many more before). Our paths have crossed in many different ways, some joyful, some sad, some routine, but all directed by our loving God. I am deeply grateful and thankful for each pastor and staff member I've had the pleasure of working beside through the years and for the loving support of my husband and each family member. May God bless you all as we move into the future together, counting on the Lord's continued leading. - *Kathy Brauen*

The Engage Committee is looking for volunteers to help on Saturday, July 16, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the Ride to Remember. Ebenezer will be running a refreshment tent at the park in Gilboa. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, contact Tammy Whitlow (tamwhitlow@yahoo.com).

White Christmas in July: 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. Please use the small envelope inserted in the bulletin for your gift and place it in the offering box, or see the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Lobby. (Because Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS, no tax-deductible receipts will be issued.) – The Missions Committee.

Facilities Strategic Planning Committee has been appointed by the trustees to access the permanent improvement needs of the church facilities. The committee has met twice. When their assessment is completed, they will make a recommendation to the trustees. Committee members include: Kathy Brauen, Sam Brauen, Ron Epp, David Glick, Emily Koogler, Bart Moser, Nick Ringger, Jane Shaw, Ann Spallinger, Hanne Streicher, and co-chairmen Bob Holt and Jim Lemley. If you have questions, please feel free to contact one of the committee members.

The College & Career Ministry meets weekly on Thursday nights at Ron & Sue Epp's house (489 Cherry St.). The Epps will open their pool at 4:00 p.m., start eating at 6:15 p.m., and Bible study will start at 7:15 p.m. All college students and 20 somethings are invited.

Mission Trip Opportunity: A group will be serving in Mayfield, Kentucky, August 7-12, 2022, serving with Samaritan's Purse. This will be a construction project for the people of Mayfield who lost homes in storms last year. Construction experience is not needed. If you are interested in going on the trip, please contact Josh or Crystal Hanna.

Free Table: As Kathy Brauen prepares for retirement and cleans out her office, she is offering books, CDs, and other items to the congregation. If you are interested in any of the items, they are located in the Missions Center. Please take as many as you desire.

Service Opportunity: Be2Live is planning a ministry and work trip to Nacer USA supported New Heart Foundation girls' home in Santa Cruz, Bolivia leaving October 22 and returning October 29. Ministry opportunities may include working on or in the New Heart home, the local public school, or help build a home for a local family. Please contact Dan Steiner or Barb Steiner for details.

GriefShare is a weekly support group designed to help people rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. The group is led by members of Ebenezer who want to help those mourning. The next session of GriefShare is scheduled to start August 18 and end November 10. This group will meet at the Bluffton Town Hall (154 N. Main St.) on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Dick (dick.potter@ebenezermennonite.org).

New Church Phone App! Ebenezer now has an app for your phone! Go to the app store and download "Church Center App" and select Ebenezer Mennonite Church. Follow the app's instructions from there. If you have any questions on the features of the app, contact Dylan Whitlow (dylan.whitlow@ebenezermennonite.org or 419-358-8588).

Congregational Meal: Women's Ministries will be preparing a meal and providing all the fixings on July 31. We ask that instead of cooking that day, come fellowship and throw in a donation for your meal. We will be taking any of the proceeds after the cost of the meal and using it towards care packages for the church's college students.