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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 4

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### Monday

- 9:00 a.m.** MOMs Meeting (*Fellowship Hall and Various Classrooms*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Engage Committee Meeting (*Conference Room*)

### Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m.** VBS Committee Meeting (*Conference Room*)

### Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m.** Family Meal (*Kitchen and Crossroads Ministry Center*)  
- Menu: hot dogs, baked beans, chips, carrots, & fruit  
o gluten-free options available
- 6:15 p.m.** Children's Christmas Practice (*Berean Classroom*)  
- Children grades kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will practice for the Christmas Program.
- 7:00 p.m.** Men's Study (*Sanctuary Foyer*)  
- Open to all men, this class will discuss tactical ways to share your faith in a culture hostile to Christianity; led by Chuck Niswander.
- 7:00 p.m.** Women's Study (*103*)  
- Open to all ladies. Lynda Rodabaugh will lead the group through a study of "Adorned: Women Mentoring Women the Titus 2 Way".
- 7:00 p.m.** Middle School Small Groups (*Schoolhouse*)
- 8:30 p.m.** Youth Dodgeball (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)

### Thursday

- 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. Food is served at 6:15 p.m. and the Bible study begins at 7:15 p.m.
- 8:30 p.m.** Men's Basketball (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)  
- Open to all men.

### Friday

- 6:30 p.m.** Women's Tea (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)  
- Join with women of all ages from the congregation for an evening of tea and fellowship. Bring your favorite teacup and enjoy an evening with women from the church.

### Sunday

- 11:15 a.m.** Dessert Reception for Pastor Dick (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)  
- Enjoy cookies, coffee and punch as we express our gratitude for the Potter's many years of service.

November 27, 2022



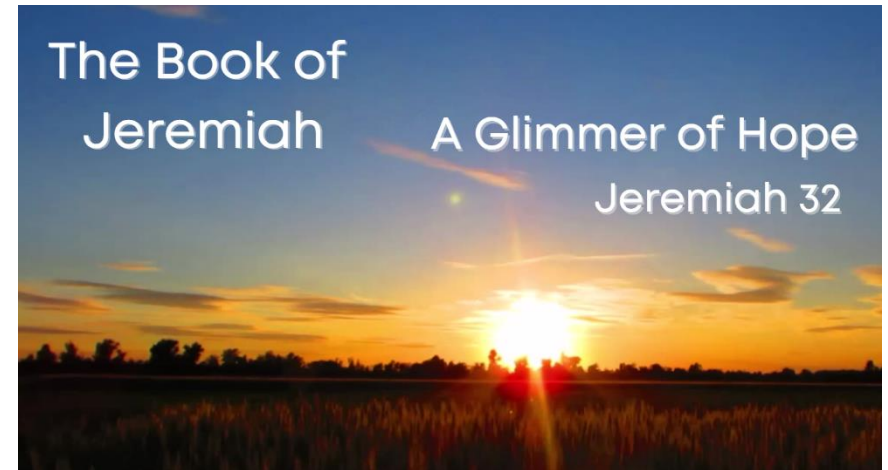
# Ebenezer Mennonite Church

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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY

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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 (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)  
*Message-* A Glimmer of Hope  
*Scripture-* Jeremiah 32
- 6:45 p.m.** High School Small Groups (*Schoolhouse*)
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**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.



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## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

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### Attendance on November 20:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	187
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	336

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**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

**The annual congregational meeting** will be held on Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. We will discuss the 2023 General Fund, Building Fund, and Christian Education Fund proposed budgets, and elections will be held. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

**Appreciation for Pastor Dick and Cheryl:** Pastor Dick is officially retiring at the end of the year. There will be a dessert and coffee reception in the CMC next Sunday, December 4, following the worship service for the congregation to express their appreciation. To show gratitude for Pastor Dick's many years of service, there will be ushers in the back of the church with baskets the next two Sundays, December 4 and 11, to collect a love offering to be given to Pastor Dick and Cheryl.

**Christmas Program Practice:** Practice for the Christmas program (grades K-5) will continue on Wednesday, November 30, in the Berean classroom from 6:15-7:00 p.m. The Christmas program has a scheduled dress rehearsal on December 9 prior to the event on Sunday, December 11.

**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 these weeks 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.

**Women's Ministries** will hold their Annual Christmas Tea on Friday, December 2, with a 6:30 p.m. start time. All tickets have been sold for this event, so if you have already purchased your ticket, be sure to mark your calendar and unpack your favorite teacup to bring to the church.

**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).

**Communion** will be celebrated next Sunday, December 4, during the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Pastor Nick will conclude the study of the Book of Jeremiah with an exploration of the new covenant and the promise of God fulfilled in the coming of Jesus Christ as Messiah and Savior.

**Church Directory:** A new pictorial directory will be produced for 2023. If you have questions about scheduling, please contact the church office. You can also schedule your appointment online by visiting [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) and entering the church code OH2624 and the password "photos". You will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and pictorial directory for participating. The photography dates are December 14-17.

**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 that will be going on the mission trip to Guatemala. If you have purchased cheese, it is available in the kitchen window. Additional cheese is also available for purchase.

**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.

**Service Opportunities:** The church wants to recognize the many people who serve throughout the weeks of the church to staff the various ministries and serve the church body. The church could not function without your service. The website has been updated with a new page detailing additional service opportunities. You can access this page by clicking the "Volunteer" tab under the "Get Connected" tab.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Dec. 11** Children's Christmas Program- 10:15 a.m. (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Experience the Christmas story as the children of the church perform the program "Because God Said So, That's Why!"
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service- 6:00 p.m. (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Dec. 25** Christmas Services (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Celebrate the birth of the "Unexpected Savior". Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Childcare for ages birth to kindergarten available for 10:15 a.m. service. Nursery available for both services