OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 6

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Family Meal (Kitchen and Fellowship Hall)

- Menu: Pizza, carrots, fruit- gluten-free options available
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Kids JAM (Various classrooms)
- **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

- 9:00 a.m. Pray... Play... Pie (Fellowship Hall)
 - Senior citizens are invited for a time of devotions, games and refreshments. Bring your favorite game.
- 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.
- 7:00 p.m. GriefShare (Bluffton Town Hall, 154 N. Main St.)
 - GriefShare is a weekly support group designed to help people rebuild their lives after losing a loved one.
- 8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
 - Open to all men.

Sunday

- **9:00 a.m.** 59th Festival of Missions (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
 - The festival will start with programming during the Sunday School hour and Bob Hay sharing during the worship service.
- **5:00 p.m.** Missions Banquet (Crossroads Ministry Center)
 - Remember to reserve your tickets and be prepared for a night focusing on God's Kingdom and His Mission. Bob Hay will again share as the missions speaker.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 11 Children's Christmas Program (Schoolhouse)
 - Experience the Christmas story as the children of the church perform the program "Because God Said So, That's Why!"



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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: The Book of Jeremiah Series- Part IX Scripture: Jeremiah 36
- 6:45 p.m. High School Small Group (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 October 23:	
Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	209
Worship Service	381

Missions Banquet: Reserve your tickets for the Missions Banquet which will be held on Sunday, November 6, at 5 p.m. Financial donations will be accepted at the door for the meal on the day of the banquet. The Mission Committee is issuing "Reminder Tickets" to ascertain the number of individuals attending the banquet. See Amber August for your "Reminder Ticket" in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Bob Hay from SIM will be the guest speaker for the banquet.

Missions Conference All-Church Lunch: The church family is invited to a lunch on Sunday, November 13 following the worship service. The Missions Committee will provide the meat. Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share.

Christmas Program Practice: Practice for the Christmas program (grades preK-5) will continue on Wednesday, November 2 in the Berean room from 6:15-7:00 p.m. The Christmas program is scheduled for December 11.

Last Sunday, we dedicated four children during the worship service:

Please continue to welcome these little ones and pray for their families.

Church Directory: A new pictorial directory will be produced for 2023. Scheduling of appointments will begin next Sunday, October 30, but you can also schedule your appointment online by visiting 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.

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

Operation Christmas Child Dates: Dates for drop-off of shoeboxes at the church will be November 14-21. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

Snow Removal Bids: The Trustees are asking for any interested party to submit a bid for the snow removal for the church. Please contact the church office or Kerris Wright to submit these bids by November 13.

PRAY...PLAY...PIE: All Senior Citizens are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship from 9-11 a.m., on Thursday, November 3. Devotions and games will be followed by a delicious piece of pie. Bring a friend. For information call Pastor Dick (Church office: 419-358-8588).

Women's Ministries is excited to announce the Annual Christmas Tea is back in person this year. The Tea will be held on Friday, December 2 with a 6:30 start time. Tickets go on sale October 30th and will be \$5.00 per person. Save the date, dig out your special tea cup, and make plans to attend as we celebrate and prepare for the arrival of our Savior.

HVAC Giving: The trustees would like to inform the congregation that any individual wishing to make a donation to the purchase of the new HVAC unit should designate their giving to the Building Fund. For more information, please contact Kerris Wright or Dylan Whitlow.

Hospitalized: Charles Huffman (Blanchard Valley- Findlay) following heart surgery on Thursday, October 27.

Our sympathy to the family of Harley Steiner. Harley passed away on Wednesday, October 26. Visitation will be held today from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Chiles-Laman funeral home. Services will be held on Monday, October 31 at 11:00 a.m. at the church, with an additional time for visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Internment and a meal will follow the funeral.

2nd Chance Chapels Dinner Concert: A dinner concert featuring the Three Bridges gospel trio is being sponsored by 2^{nd} Chance Chapels on Saturday, November 5 at Bluffton University in the Marbeck Center at 6:00 p.m. To sponsor a table or to inquire about tickets for the dinner concert, please either call Kay Spallinger or email 2ndchancechapels@gmail.com.

Note from the Cemetery Sexton: Please remove decorations from the cemetery by the first week in November before winter clean-up. New decorations may be placed beginning April 1.

The Pearl Valley Cheese Sale for the Youth Missions Trip has begun! Cheese will be distributed on Sunday, November 20. Order forms are available at the church office or via the QR code. Email Pastor David with your order or drop your completed order form in green box in Foyer.

