
~ DINNER THEATRE TICKETS ~

Ebenezer Drama Ensemble presents



Time is short! Be sure to invite your friends and get your tickets for this year's Dinner Theatre, August 1-4, at 6:00 p.m. They are available for \$10.00 in the Missions Center. Tickets can also be purchased this week Monday-Friday in the church office from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The dinner menu is Henry's pork chops, baked potatoes, green beans, slaw, rolls, and Anita Willow's homemade peach pie. Please be prepared to pay for your tickets when you pick them up, all sales are final and no refunds.

~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

Children Choosing Christ, an outreach ministry at area county fairs, invites you to help at the Allen County Fair. All helpers are asked to take a two-hour training which will be available here at Ebenezer tomorrow evening July 29 from 6:30 – 8:30 in Room 103. If you cannot make this meeting, other options are available. Call Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346.

The Power Team is coming to Ebenezer in February 2014! We are booking schools for them to go to while they are here. The cost is \$500 per school assembly. They provide the students with a motivational talk and then invite the students to the evening crusade. Some schools are unable to finance assemblies. If you, a business, or someone you know would like to sponsor an assembly, please call Gina Burkholder at 419-957-5304.

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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~ EBENEZER SUMMER SOFTBALL SCHEDULE ~

All games played at the Bluffton Village Park

Monday, July 29 – 6:00 vs Bluffton Trinity
Monday, August 5 – 7:15 vs English Lutheran
Wednesday, August 14 – 6:00 vs Rusty Onions
Monday, August 19 – Tournament
Wednesday, August 21 – Tournament Semifinals and Final

**BLUFFTON/PANDORA GILBOA
YOUTH FOR CHRIST CHICKEN BBQ**

Before the Bluffton/P-G Football Scrimmage!
Friday - August 23 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
at the Arthur-Lugibihl Center in Pandora
Cost is \$7

Half Chicken, Green Beans, Potatoes, and Roll
Pies - Cakes - Drinks will be available for sale
Dine in or Carry Out

To buy a ticket see David Glick, Hannah Slechter, or Ann Leader.
Tickets are also available in the church office or from any current
YFC board member.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Aug. 11 Baptism Service (6:00 p.m., Stratton Pond)
Oct. 6 Christian Education Appreciation Sunday (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Nov. 10-17 *50th Annual Missions Conference –
Footprints of the Past–Footsteps Toward the Future*

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July 28, 2013

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome! The prophet Isaiah reminds us that *those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint (40:31)* Let us claim that wonderful promise as we present ourselves humbly before God.

Please take a moment to fill out the green Ebenezer Communications Card in your Emissary. These cards are a vital communication link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to use these cards and place completed ones in the offering plate or the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Fellowship
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)
10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11)
10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering - Pastor Jim (CMC)
A Rejected Heart
12:00 p.m. Berean ABF Class Carry-in (FH)
6:31 p.m. Baptism Small Group (Pastor Jim's home)
7:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Ruth Bowsher. Ruth, mother of Ron, passed away on Tuesday, July 23. Visitation is this afternoon from 2-8 and one hour prior to the 10:30 a.m. service tomorrow at Thomas E. Bayliff Funeral Home in Spencerville.

In the Hospital: Evan Neiswander, St. Rita's Medical Center.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on July 21:

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| Family Camp at Marblehead, Ohio | (Weekend) | 189 |
| Sunday School | (9:00 a.m.) | 131 |
| Worship Gathering | (10:15 a.m.) | 257 |

Giving on July 21:

\$12,875.46

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| Benevolent | 25.00 |
| Building Fund | 345.00 |
| Christian Education Fund | 351.16 |
| General Fund | 7,846.65 |
| Missions Fund | 4,237.65 |
| New Building Fund | 70.00 |

White Christmas \$490.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the week: Rick & Pat Shaner serve with **Avant Ministries in Alaska**. They are helping with the senior high and some of the younger students at Echo Ranch this summer. Pat attended the Young Life Camp in June with about a dozen kids. This summer Pat is also working with the committee for the Beth Moore Retreat. She will help with the music and set up Bible Studies that will start right after the retreat or in the fall. Rick is busy with track once again, teaching them to hurdle! Continue to pray for them as they serve this summer and fall. Please send a note to encourage Rick & Pat at: 835 Monroe Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901 or e-mail at: rpshaner@yahoo.com.

White Christmas in July: Today is the final Sunday to give your offerings for our Ebenezer member missionaries. Please use the special White Christmas envelopes and place them in the offering plate. Extra envelopes are available in the Missions Center and Crossroads Ministry Center. (Since Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS no tax-deductible receipts will be issued.) Thanks for your gifts. - *The Missions Committee*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Kevin & Gina Burkholder – *Missions Center*
Mike & Deb Hilty – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 29-AUGUST 4

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| Monday | 6:00 p.m. | EMC Softball Game (<i>Bluffton Village Park</i>) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Children Choosing Christ Training (<i>103</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>) |
| | 7:05 p.m. | Small Group (<i>at Pastor Jim's home</i>) |
| Tuesday | 6:30 a.m. | Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>) |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | Game Time (<i>FH</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>) Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>) |
| | 7:05 p.m. | Small Group (<i>at Bluffton McDonald's</i>) |
| Thursday | 6:00 p.m. | Dinner Theatre - Family Camp (<i>CMC</i>) |
| Friday | 6:00 p.m. | Dinner Theatre - Family Camp (<i>CMC</i>) |
| Saturday | 6:00 p.m. | Dinner Theatre - Family Camp (<i>CMC</i>) |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Stephen Ministries (<i>112</i>) Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various classrooms</i>) |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Grade School 2 (Leave for Miracle Camp) The Good News Hour (<i>2&3 year olds-B10,</i> <i>4 year olds-K-B11</i>) |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Trustee Meeting (<i>103</i>) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Dinner Theatre - Family Camp (<i>CMC</i>) |

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 ~

Nursery News: Janet Brauen, Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber, Aaron & Emily Koogler, Cheryl Sherwin

Good News Hour: Courtney Barnett, Cheryl Potter, Madison & Ariel Schantz, Erica Sheehan, Joan Steiner

~ NOTE FROM WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ~

Thank you to all of you who have participated in saving and collecting used postage stamps for Women's Ministry. Due to new guidelines, we will no longer be collecting stamps. Your faithfulness has been appreciated.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Bluffton/Pandora Campus Life Summer Events

(BCLR Bluffton/Pandora Campus Life Room - 111 W. College Ave. Bluffton)
ALL events open to students who have completed Grade 6 through 2013 Graduates!

Today - Fun at Ottawa Metro Park

Meet at BCLR at 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Swimming, Volleyball, Cook-out, Fun in the Sun!

Sunday, August 18 - Laser Tag & Shopping in Ft. Wayne

Meet at BCLR at 1:00 p.m. (Must Sign up!)

Cost: \$18 (Includes Laser Tag and transportation)

Pool Parties: Wednesday nights through August 21, from 8:30-

10:00. Cost: \$3 (Bring extra money for pizza and drinks)

Located at the Bluffton Swimming Pool (Weather Permitting)

Questions, please call David Glick 567-204-9777

or Hannah Slechter 419-236-5281.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Harley & Donna Steiner. Tuesday, July 30, will mark their 65th wedding anniversary!

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, August 6, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Kevin & Debbie Mohr will present *Memories of Madagascar* from their missionary experience in Madagascar. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

The recently established Cemetery Restoration Fund will be used to restore markers that were removed from the cemetery due to deteriorating conditions, back to their original locations. The Trustees have determined when sufficient donations have accumulated the initial phase of restoring the markers will begin in a timely manner. *Note: All expenses incurred with cemetery maintenance are split with First Mennonite Church in Bluffton. This project will be handled in the same manner, split 50/50.*