
~ EBENEZER SUMMER SOFTBALL SCHEDULE ~

All games played at the Bluffton Village Park

Wednesday, August 14 – 6:00 vs Rusty Onions

Monday, August 19 – Tournament

Wednesday, August 21 – Tournament Semifinals and Final

~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

Help Needed: The Disciple Singers Choir is in need of helpers to assist throughout the next few months. This will not require every week attendance but enough time with the choir to become familiar with the children and music. If you are interested please contact Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907 or Renea Zimmerman at 419-369-4543 or check the box on the green EMC Communications Card.

Please sign up to go to the Rescue Mission some Saturday night this coming fall, winter, or spring. Instead of the ABF classes being assigned to each service, we would like individuals or groups of friends to go and minister the first Saturday evening of each month. The sign-up sheets are in the Missions Center. Thank you for your willingness to serve! Contact Kathy Steiner at 419-348-3986 if you have any questions. *Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.* Matthew 25:40

Meal Ministry: The Adult Bible Fellowship classes have often ministered to members who have had surgeries, families with newborns, etc. by providing full course meals or even just a frozen meal that can be easily prepared when help is needed. The Women's Ministries has formed a list of those who would like to help provide a meal for those who may not be a member of an ABF class. There are two ways that you can be involved in this ministry. If you know of someone who could benefit from some extra help with meals or if you would be willing to have your name on a list to be called upon to prepare a meal, please contact Deb Hilty at 419-358-8588 or send an e-mail to: info@ebenezermennonite.org or fill out the pink *Caring by Sharing a Meal* form available in the Missions Center.

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.

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.

~ TWO UPCOMING CONCERTS ~

A Christian music concert will be presented by Thurlow & Kathy (Gratz) Spurr on Friday, August 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Civic Center, Lima. The concert will feature Sandi Patty, Larnelle Harris, Dino, and a 200 voice festival choir.

JJ Heller, Live In Concert: On Sunday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pandora Missionary Church.

For more information on these concerts please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center and across from the kitchen window.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Aug. 25 Disciple Singers' Party (7:00 p.m., 118-119)

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*

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

Ebenezer Mennonite Church

8905 Columbus Grove Road, Bluffton, OH 45817

Phone: 419-358-8588

www.ebenezermennonite.org

E-mail: info@ebenezermennonite.org

August 11, 2013

Ebenezer Emissary



It is a delight to gather before our Lord with reverence and praise. It is also a delight to welcome all who have come. Your presence adds to our joy.

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 Heart for Theology
- 4:00 p.m.** Power Team Committee Meeting (*103*)
- 6:30 p.m.** Baptism Service (*Elnora Stratton's Pond*)
-

~ BAPTISM SERVICE ~

Please join us for a baptism service this evening at 6:30 p.m. The baptism will be at Elnora Stratton's Pond, 6121 Bentley Road. Come and encourage Jacob Biery, Mateo Bonifaz, Emma Burkholder, Rhody Hartman, Steven & Traci Heinze, Ben Moser, Skyler Noble, and Ross Zimmerman who will share their testimonies before being baptized. Pray this will be a meaningful experience. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair to sit on. Please note there will be no regular Evening Fellowship Service.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Keith Geiger at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima and Deryl Shank at the Ohio State Medical Center, Columbus.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance at Dinner Theatre

Thursday, August 1	(6:00 p.m.)	203
Friday, August 2	(6:00 p.m.)	255
Saturday, August 3	(6:00 p.m.)	238

Attendance on August 4:

Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	278
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	387
Dinner Theatre	(6:00 p.m.)	290

Giving on August 4:

\$16,876.35

Benevolent	290.00
Building Fund	615.00
Christian Education Fund	756.35
General Fund	8,448.00
Missions Fund	6,627.00
New Building Fund	140.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionary of the Week: *Hannah Slechter* serves with **Pandora/Bluffton Youth for Christ**. Pray for Hannah as she has opportunities to reach out to help young people. There is a lot going on in the life of a teen. She thanks us for partnering with her. They refuse to underestimate what God can do in a student's life. God is at work! Hannah thanks us for helping with YFC. The money we give and the prayers we offer up on their behalf makes a difference in the lives of teens! Please send a note to encourage Hannah at: 656 S. Main Street, Bluffton, OH 45817 or e-mail at: slehsa@bluffton.edu.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Power Team Committee will meet today at 4:00 p.m.

Did you know that over two billion people have never had the opportunity to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ! Discover how the hope of Christ is reaching hard places when you join Global Disciples for dinner at St. John Mennonite Church, Pandora, on Wednesday, August 21. Appetizers being at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following. A free-will offering will be taken. Register online at GlobalDisciples.org or contact Julie Stratton at 419-302-0369.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Nicki Biery and Brittany Reigle – *Missions Center*
Mark & Kay Spallinger – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 12-18

- Monday 7:05 p.m.** Small Group (*at Pastor Jim's home*)
- Tuesday 6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Arby's*)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*FH*)
- 6:00 p.m.** EMC Softball Game (*Bluffton Village Park*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Adult Bible Study & Prayer (*103*)
Worship Team Rehearsal (*CMC*)
- 7:05 p.m.** Small Group (*Bluffton Campus Life Room*)
- 8:30 p.m.** Dodgeball (*CMC*)
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School & ABF (*Various classrooms*)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (*2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering (*CMC*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service
Joe & Jeanie Stucky, Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission (*Sanctuary*)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 ~

Nursery:

Jeremy & Ashley Fry, Cory Hilty, John & Jaime Shaw
Brittany Sheehan, Anita, Alyssa, Lauren, & Hannah Willow

Good News Hour:

Crystal Badertscher, Cindy, Molly, & Rachel Moser
Joe & Jenny Navarro

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

The Lord blessed Sarah (Saylor) & Brent Obermiller with a baby girl. Molly Grace was born on Monday, August 5, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz.

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you so much for the many cards sent for our 65th wedding anniversary. –*Harley & Donna Steiner*

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

All Junior High and Senior High Students are invited to come play Dodgeball on Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. – *Pastor Wade*

~~~~~  
**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!

**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)

Questions, please call David Glick 567-204-9777

or Hannah Slechter 419-236-5281.

~~~~~  
This year the Disciple Singers Choir will attempt to *hear* the voice of God, so we can *touch* the lives of others. We will *smell* the excitement that comes from following God and *taste* how great doing His will can be. You will *see* what God can do through you, when you use your talents for His glory. What is your talent; singing, dancing, playing an instrument, crafting, acting, or something else? Whatever it is, there is a spot reserved for you in the Christmas program. We are opening it up to all Sunday School children (Grades 1-6) whether you want to join the choir or not. So put on your thinking caps and let us know what talent you have been given to do and then have your parents contact us. We will start the year like we usually do with fun, games, and food! On Sunday, August 25, everyone is welcome. For those who wish to join the choir, this will give you an idea on what we are planning to do for the Missions Conference and a Spring Musical. So come have some fun on August 25, at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in Rooms 118 & 119. – *Angela Steiner* (567-712-1907) and *Renea Zimmerman* (419-369-4543)

~ PLEASE GIVE YOUR ATTENTION ~

At the conclusion of the worship service, please stay and visit and fellowship with your neighbors at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center so the chairs can be stacked and moved. This is for your safety. Thank you!