
~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~

The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Please e-mail the church office with the name of your college, starting date, your mailing address, and college year to: info@ebenezymennonite.org. You may also fill out the appropriate information on the green EMC Communications card. Thanks so much!

~ HELPING HAND MINISTRY ~

Are there times when you need some practical assistance? Many persons in our church family have indicated a willingness to 'lend a helping hand' to you in a variety of ways. Helping Hand Ministry areas include: **outdoor work** (mowing, raking, painting, trimming, flower care, window washing, snow removal, gutter cleaning); **indoor work** (electrical, plumbing, painting, household chores, window washing, TV, DVD, internet problems); and **other tasks** (minor auto work, transportation, trash removal). Please contact Help Hand Ministry Coordinator, Kerris Wright, at 419-358-2730 or the church office at 419-358-8588.

~ SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 A.M. ~

Children's Classroom Locations

Infant Nursery - 111
Toddler Nursery - 105-106
2 year olds - B16
3&4 year olds - B-10
5 year olds - B-10b
Grade 1 - B-12
Grade 2 - B-14
Grade 3 - B-18
Grade 4 - B-13
Grade 5 - Sanctuary 1
Grade 6 - B-15
Grades 7 & 8 - B-17
Grades 9 - 12 - School House

Adult Bible Fellowship Classroom Locations

Agape (college & career) - 103-104

Genesis (young adults, singles, & married) - Sanctuary Foyer

Marantha - Sanctuary Overflow

Living Faith - 117 (Crossroads Ministry Center)

Berean - 118-119

Ambassador - 113-114 (Fellowship Hall)

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Sept. 28** Ladies' Fondue Night (5:30 p.m., CMC)
Oct. 6 Christian Education Appreciation Sunday (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Oct. 28 Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)
Oct. 29 All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)

Nov. 10-17 *50th Annual Missions Conference –
Footprints of the Past–Footsteps Toward the Future*

~ PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYER CHAIN ~

Please call the church office for any names or concerns that you want listed in the Weekly Prayer List or announced during our Worship Services. To start the Prayer Chain, call or text Kathy Brauen at 419-234-7808 or call the church office at 419-358-8588.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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September 8, 2013

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome to "Back to Church Sunday!" What a joy it is to introduce you to our church! As we greet you, make yourself known to the people around you. You'll discover that our passion is to provide a place where people just like you can have a life-changing experience with Jesus Christ.

We aim to reach, teach, and care for all we encounter. In short, we'd like to have the kind of contagious relationship with Jesus that can influence and encourage the entire community, one life at a time.

So, if you are checking out the "church scene" and investigating the claims of Jesus Christ, thank you for allowing us to help you in your search. Or, if you are a committed Christ-follower who wants to sink the roots of your faith even deeper, you can find a home here at Ebenezer Mennonite Church.

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)
*Back to Church
Installation Service for Rev. Dale Seefeldt*
- 11:30 a.m.** Youth Ministry Meeting (CMC)
- 6:30 p.m.** Senior High Back to School-Small Group Kick Off
(Ron & Tobi Meyer's home)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (King, Lemley, Stockman)
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
- 7:05 p.m.** Small Group (103)

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 1:

Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	279
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	416

Giving on September 1:

\$24,827.81

Benevolent	320.00
Building Fund	800.00
Christian Education Fund	413.81
General Fund	8,049.00
Missions Fund*	15,075.00
New Building Fund	170.00
*Memorial for Charles Kinsinger	\$10,000.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Steve & Karen Steiner are continuing their work with Cru in Indianapolis. Pray for the students to be open to hearing the gospel and going to their Bible studies to learn about God. Please send Steve & Karen a note of encouragement at: 7155 Cider Mill Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46226 or e-mail at: stephen.steiner@uscm.org.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Beulah Foster. Beulah, the mother of Beth Bish, passed away on Monday, September 2. Services were held on Friday, September 6, at the Greater Johnstown Christian Fellowship Church in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Mark & Julie Rieman on the birth of their daughter, Corbin Grace on Friday, August 30, weighing 7 lb. 6 oz.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Tom & Cindy Sommers – Missions Center

Frank & Patty Boehm – Crossroads Ministry Center

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 9-15

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (173 Albert St., Bluffton)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Arby's)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (Bluffton Campus Life Room)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (CMC)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministries (112) 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)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Groups (King, Lemley, Stockman)
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119) Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 ~

Nursery: Hanné Burkholder, Deb Hilty, Teresa Marquart, Anita, Alyssa, Lauren, Hannah, & Karis Willow

Good News Hour: Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Emma Burkholder, Lillian Burkholder, Hannah Conley, Cheryl Potter, Bev Stockman

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Senior High Back to School-Small Group Kick Off tonight from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. located at Ron & Tobi Meyer home at: 7055 Lugabill Road, Bluffton.

Youth Ministry: The deacons are planning a meeting for the parents of our youth and other interested persons including our youth immediately following the Worship Gathering today in the Crossroads Ministry Center. The meeting will be to discuss plans for our youth ministry for the foreseeable future.

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

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Free For All: You will find a table in the Missions Center under the world map with many items that are free for the taking. All remaining items will be donated to WTGN Radio next week.

Our Daily Bread: To pick up your copy of the Sept., Oct., & Nov. 2013 issue, please stop by the Information Center in the Missions Center or the wall rack in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

There are a number of items that have been left behind here at the church. Our lost and found cupboards are under the Prayer Counter in the Missions Center.

Postcards and Visitor Invites: Available in the Missions Center are ready made Welcome postcards and also smaller cards with all the church contact information you can use to invite someone to worship. What a blessing a postcard in the mail can be!

~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry will begin on October 2. Volunteers are needed for several classes: Pre-K-Kindergarten needs two helpers, Grade 2 helper, Grades 3&4 boys teacher and helper, and Grades 5&6 teacher and helper. You may check the box on the green EMC Communications Card or contact Cheryl Potter at 567-204-0611 or contact Pastor Dale at 419-358-8588.

Help Needed: The Disciple Singers Choir is in need of helpers to assist throughout the next few months. 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. The sign-up sheets are in the Missions Center. Contact Kathy Steiner at 419-348-3986 if you have any questions.

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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