

Ebenezer Communications Card

Please take a moment to complete the information below. Place in the offering plate or the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am interested in information on:

Ebenezer Mennonite Church Baptism Membership

Child dedication Getting involved in ministry

Joining a small group Prayer requests _____

~ EBENEZER ADULT COED SOFTBALL SCHEDULE ~

All games played at Bluffton Village Park Field 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16	Sports Warehouse vs. Ebenezer
Monday, July 21	Rusty Onions vs. Ebenezer
Wednesday, July 30	Ebenezer vs. Bluffton Trinity
Wednesday, August 6	Ebenezer vs. Lima First Assembly

~ 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.

~ THANK YOU ~

To our Ebenezer family from Jean and family: We are humbled and grateful for all of your prayers and concerns throughout Paul's illness and death. Thank you to our pastors and Kathy for all of their visits, because Paul always welcomed them. Thank you for the many cards and gifts of food. The kitchen staff is to be commended for their faithfulness. Our journey was made easier because of your prayers. We pray that God's presence will also help you through your days. A big thank you! – *The Reichenbach Family*

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20 And God spoke all these words:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”



July 13, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

How good it is to worship the Lord! We want you to know you are very much welcomed. We encourage everyone to extend the warm hand of Christian fellowship to one another.

Please take a moment to fill out the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary. This communication is a vital link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to place completed ones in the offering plate or in the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour <i>(2 year olds-B4, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11)</i>
10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim (<i>CMC</i>) <i>The Tenth Command – From Envy to Contentment</i> <i>Youth Missions Trip Report</i>
11:30 a.m.	Trustee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
12:00 p.m.	Baptism Class (<i>Bluffton Campus Life Room</i>)
6:31 p.m.	Small Group (<i>Pastor Jim & Pat's home</i>)
7:00 p.m.	Truth Project (<i>FH</i>)

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Wade & Hannah Slechter on the birth of their daughter Josephine Ray on Friday, June 27, weighing 8 lbs. & 8 oz.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our Sympathy to the family of Paul Reichenbach. Paul went home to be with his Lord and Savior Thursday, July 3. Please remember in prayer his wife Jean and their children, Karlyn & Bob Holt, Dean & Jenni Reichenbach, Ann & Don Leader, Barb Reichenbach, and their families. The funeral service was held here at the church on Thursday, July 10.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on July 6:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	223
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	410

Giving on July 6:

\$17,337.39

Benevolent Fund	435.00
Building Fund	105.00
Christian Education Fund	582.39
General Fund	9,925.00
Missions Fund	5,635.00
New Building Fund	150.00
Youth Fund	205.00
<i>Benevolent - Willow Family</i>	\$300.00
<i>White Christmas</i>	\$2,410.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Phil & Mindy Steiner* working with **Be2Live** in **California** and **Mexico**. They have taken two groups to work at the orphanages this summer and recently left with a third group. Prayer requests would be for Austin. Please keep these trips in your prayers as well as safety for two more trips this summer. To send a note to the Steiners write to: 1139 7th St., Novato, CA 94945 or e-mail at: philsteiner77@gmail.com.

White Christmas in July: The month of July is time to remember and honor our Ebenezer Member Missionaries with our White Christmas giving. This annual offering is to help make Christmas a little more special for our missionaries. Please use the small envelope marked with White Christmas (extras are available in the CMC Foyer and the Missions Center) for your gift and place in the offering plate. Since Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS, no tax-deductible receipts will be issued. - *The Missions Committee*

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Ryan & Morgan (Hipsher) Lugibihl who were united in marriage yesterday at SoSerene in Wapakoneta.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 14-20

Monday	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (<i>173 Albert St., Bluffton</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Coed Softball (<i>Bluffton Village Park</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Gym Night (<i>Grades 1-6, FH/CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	7:30 p.m.	Senior High Navigators 2:7 (<i>B17</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Truth Project Small Group (<i>Tim & Diana Diller's home</i>)
Friday	6:30 p.m.	<i>Family Camp</i> Begins (<i>Chain O'Lakes, Albion, Indiana</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<i>Family Camp</i> Morning Service (<i>Chain O'Lakes, Albion, Indiana</i>) Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 20 – FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND ~

*The Nursery & Good News Hour will not be staffed.
The nursery will be open for parents to use,
including a TV monitor with the live service.*

*Sunday School for all children ages 2-Grade 6 will not meet.
Parents are invited to take their children with them to their Adult
Bible Fellowship classrooms. The Junior High Students will meet in
the schoolhouse with the Senior High.*

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Attention all Grades 1-6 are invited to a Gym Night this Wednesday, July 16, from 6:30 - 8:00 at the church. We will meet first in the Fellowship Hall where there will be a Bible focus and snack followed by organized games in the Crossroads Ministry Center. All helpers from the Wednesday Night Children's Ministries are welcome to come and participate. Any questions, please call 419-296-9574 or e-mail m.m.meza@juno.com - *Marti Meza*

Missions Trip Update: We invite all to check out our Ebenezer Youth Group page on Facebook. Here you can get up-to-date information, pictures from events, and see what is going on with the youth here at Ebenezer.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Sunday Evening Fellowship Service will be discontinued until Sunday, August 10, at 7:00. This is due to the many activities and vacation schedules during the summer season. I look forward to continuing the service in August. May the Lord give each of you a blessed summer season. – *Pastor Dick*

Would you like to change a child's life? This year's training to work with Children Choosing Christ at the Allen County Fair will be Sunday, July 20, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m, Monday, July 28, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m, both at Cable Road Alliance Church in Lima, or here at Ebenezer in Room 103 on Tuesday, August 5, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. If none of these dates work for you, please contact Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346 for other options to get the needed training.

Women's Ministry invites all Ladies! The next edition of *Where's Dinner* is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23. We had a great time on our last trip and would love to have you join us! Sign up in the Missions Center or e-mail Christy Garmatter at garmatterc@gmail.com. Remember...meet at the church at 5:45 p.m!

2015 Israel Trip-March 4-15: Bur Shilling is planning the trip and will be the leader. There will be an informational meeting with Bur on Sunday, July 27, 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room (103).

John & Rosemary Good invite Ebenezer families for Wednesday afternoon swim from 12:00-4:00 at their home at: 401 County Road 33, Bluffton. All Wednesdays, weather permitting, until school starts. Any questions please call 419-358-0384.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

July 23	Ladies- <i>Where's Dinner</i> (meet at church at 5:45)
Aug. 3	Baptism Service (6:30 p.m., Stratton Pond)
Aug. 3-6	Grade School 3 – Grades 2-5 (<i>Miracle Camp</i>)
Aug. 3-9	Grade School 2 – Grades 2-5 (<i>Miracle Camp</i>)
Aug. 13	Ladies- <i>Where's Dinner</i> (meet at church at 5:45)