



September 14, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

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. 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.** Adult Bible Fellowship (*Various Classrooms*)
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour
(*2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – *Love & Respect*
Rev. Dan Dalke, speaker (*CMC*)
- 12:00 p.m.** Carry-in Luncheon (*CMC*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Love-ology Small Groups (*King, Stockman, Lemley*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (*118-119*)
Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
Senior High Big Group (*Schoolhouse*)

Our guest speaker this morning is Rev. Dan Dalke, a former Ebenezer pastor. Following Worship, those of the congregation who can and wish to do so may join the Dalke family in a brief committal service for his wife Edna. The service will be led by Laverne Busenitz at the family lot in the Ebenezer Cemetery.

The Dan & Edna Dalke family has provided a floral arrangement of 71 pink carnations. The carnations represent each year of God-given marriage for Dan & Edna. Each carnation may be taken individually as Edna's gift of love and appreciation to the Ebenezer friends.

Following the committal everyone is invited to bring a dish to share at a carry-in luncheon in the Crossroads Ministry Center where you will have opportunity to visit with the Dalke Family.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Scheduled Surgery: Arlene Garmatter, tomorrow at Lima Memorial Hospital.

~ 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.

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 _____

~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~

The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall and also your mailing and e-mail addresses. Please send to: info@ebenezymennonite.org. Thank you!

Maranatha ABF Picnic Sunday, September 21! After the Worship Gathering, class members and their families will enjoy a picnic at the Bluffton Village Park located on County Line Road. Bring lawn chairs, outdoor games, softball gear, table service, and a side dish and/or dessert. Meat and drink will be provided. Contact Paul 419-969-4170 or Cheryl 419-969-4741 for more details.

Please take a look at the Wednesday Night Children's Ministry display in the Missions Center to see where you can help. Teachers and helpers are still needed. If you have any questions, please call or text Marti Meza at 419-296-9574. Thanks.

Mennonite Memorial Home's Fall Festival and Bake Sale will be held in the MMH lobby on Friday, September 26, and Saturday, September 27, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The bake sale will feature a variety of home-baked goods. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will go to the MMH's Service Group. Would you be willing to donate a baked good to this worthy cause? Please mark donations with MMH and either take to MMH or place in the church kitchen by that Friday at 8:30 a.m. Be sure to come early for your homemade baked goods, and thank you for your donation!

Adult Choir will soon begin rehearsals beginning the first Wednesday in October. Those who love to sing and praise the Lord through music are welcome! See you all Wednesday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room (115). – *Nancy Wright, Adult Choir Director*

Join Global Disciples for dinner on Thursday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center to hear how God used a simple act of healing to ignite a phenomenal church movement that has transformed thousands of lives! Register online at GlobalDisciples.org or contact Julie Stratton at 419-302-0369. A free will offering will be taken.

Dr. David Jeremiah will speak at the Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Indiana on Thursday, October 23. If you would like to attend, the tickets are free but need to be ordered. Please contact Rosie Good at 419-358-0384 or Rhody Hartman at 419-358-0754 for more information or of your interest in going with a group.

Thank you: Your prayers are greatly appreciated. I also wanted to thank you for the Amazon gift cards that you sent to us. I bought some light workout equipment, which was perfect, since we moved we have a long ways to get to the gym (and who wants to work out to get to the gym ha ha). Thanks again for everything, especially the prayers. - *Angelica Biblin*

Thank you so much for your recent gift to Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families. On behalf of the children, staff, and board of directors, I offer you our heartfelt appreciation. Your gift will be used to help make a positive difference in the lives of the abandoned, abused, and neglected children of Western North Carolina. May the Lord richly bless you as He has Black Mountain Home for Children. – *Tom Campbell, President*

Dear Ebenezer Church Family: Mere words are often inadequate to express our appreciation for kindnesses shown during time of grief. Thank you for the many cards, expressions of sympathy, and especially for your prayers following my mother's illness and passing. - *To God be the glory, Lynn and the entire Marge Saunders Family*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Sept. 27** Ultimate Date Night/Jay & Laura Laffoon
(*6:30 p.m., CMC*)
- Sept. 28** Worship Gathering/Jay & Laura Laffoon
(*10:15 a.m., CMC*)
- Oct. 1** Wednesday Night Children's Program Kick Off
(*6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's, 8161 Columbus Grove Rd., Bluffton*)
- Oct. 5** Worship Gathering/Paul Ginther (*10:15 a.m., CMC*)
Christian Education Sunday
New TFC Second Chance Chapel Dedication
(*Flying J Truck Plaza*)
- Oct. 6** **MOPS** (*9:00 a.m., FH*)
- Oct. 12** Worship & Communion Service (*10:15, CMC*)

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 7:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	298
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	410
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	124

Giving on September 7:

\$16,488.49

Benevolent Fund	70.00
Building Fund	3,165.00
Christian Education Fund	633.49
General Fund	7,805.00
Missions Fund	4,715.00
New Building	100.00

Missions Giving

\$2,200	TFC-New chapel at Beaverdam Flying J
\$1,000	CEF-Hungary
\$1,000	OM-Food packets to refugee families in Iraq and Syria
\$2,000	Cru-Andrew & Sarah Winebrenner, missionary appointees to the University of Cincinnati
\$500	ABWE-Nikki Russell multi-national trip to South America
\$820.86	Pastor Dale & Ruth Seefeldt, India trip in October

White Christmas Gifts for Ebenezer Member Missionaries

Total - \$4,340

\$184.68 Tiffany Bixel	\$554.04 Tim & Tiffany Gallant
\$554.04 David & Mary Glick	\$369.36 Don & Ann Leader
\$369.36 Lyn & Lori Loewen	\$369.36 Rick & Pat Shaner
\$554.04 Wade & Hannah Slechter	\$184.68 Bonnie Spallinger
\$554.04 Phillip & Mindy Steiner	\$646.40 Kerris & Krista Wright

Thanks to those who have given for our missionaries.

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week (refer to morning power point-closed country security). *Family W* serving in **SE Asia**. *B* has taken responsibility for the pastoral care of women and families on campus, working alongside the Dean of Students in an 'associate' capacity. Her weekly English class has doubled in size to ten women. *Pl* continues to carry the Asia-Pacific coordinator role, along with the global 'program director' role, and a 'one quarter time' teaching role. *Pl* is currently very excited to be training staff workers in preaching.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Wayne & Susan Bixel – *Missions Center*
Richard & Gera Bixel – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 15-21

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Love-ology Small Group (<i>173 Albert St.</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>) Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Thursday	5:45 p.m.	Women's Ministry <i>Where's Dinner</i> (<i>Meet at the church</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Young Adults Small Group (<i>103 W. Elm St.</i>)
	4:00 p.m.	Senior High (<i>meet at church, then to Squirry Worm & Kewpee's</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
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	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (<i>118-119</i>) Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) Senior High Big Group (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 ~

Nursery: Sue Epp, Deb Hilty, Janeth Magiri, Phil & Sarah Shank

Good News Hour: Hannah Conley, Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Ashley Fry, Job & Jamie Halker, Hui Shen

Pick up your tickets today in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer! You won't want to miss the **Ultimate Date Night** with **Jay & Laura Laffoon** on Saturday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. All married couples and those who are currently dating will enjoy attending this hilarious glimpse into married life. It's full of laughter, entertainment, and ministry as they explore the unique reality marriage brings to everyday life! Dinner menu of chicken breast or pork chop, mixed vegetables, au gratin potatoes, and a dessert is included in the ticket price of only \$10 per person. You may also purchase your tickets online at www.jayandlaura.com, www.ebenzermennonite.org, or the church office Monday-Friday (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Attention All Kids Grades 1-6: It's not too late to join Disciple Singers' Choir on Sunday evenings at 7:00 in Rooms 118-119. We will have a fun-filled evening of worshipping the Lord through music and learn to love Jesus even more as we sing about Him. Contact Renea Zimmerman at 419-369-4543 or Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907 for more information.

Youth volunteers needed for the Ultimate Date Night on Saturday, September 27. We are looking for 15-20 Junior & Senior High and College age students to help serve, help in the nursery, and run the merchandise table. There are sign-up sheets in Sunday School and at the Information Center in the Missions Center. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and please wear jeans and a white shirt. If you have any questions please contact Ben Moser 419-303-5775.

Dodgeball and Bread of Life: What is better than some dodgeball, Auntie Anne's style pretzels, sno cones, all with some cool people who love Jesus? The answer is nothing! Starting September 17, we will kick off Dodgeball and Bread of Life for all Junior High and Senior High School students. This is a sweet place to invite your friends from 8:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. every Wednesday.

Squirry Worm and Kewpee's: Senior High students, are you ready for two hours of unlimited go-karts, putt-putt, and the boats all for \$10? On Saturday, September 20, we will go to the Squirry Worm and then grab some Kewpee in Lima. Meet in the church parking lot at 4:00 p.m. and we will return by 8:00 p.m. Bring \$10 for Squirry Worm and money for supper.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Truth Series: The 12 week Truth Series has concluded. The church library has a copy of this series for anyone to enjoy and watch.

Ladies...Where's Dinner is this Thursday, September 18. Meet at church at 5:45 and be ready for an evening of food and fellowship! Please RSVP to Christy Garmatter at: garmatterc@gmail.com.

The Wild Game Committee is sponsoring a Hunter Safety Course here at the church on Saturday, September 20, and Sunday, September 21. To attend, registration is required at the ODNR website, https://www1.oh.wildlifelicense.com/training_index.php. This training is listed as training through Hancock County. If you have any questions, please call Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346.

The Trustees are now accepting snow-removal bids for the 2014-15 winter season. Please have your bids submitted to the church office no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 3.