

~ 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 _____

Transport for Christ Second Chance Chapels at Beaverdam will be the Church of the week on WTGN, Sunday November 23 through Friday, November 28. Pastor Warren will have the TFC Church of the week Sunday service at the Beaverdam Church of Christ. Come pray with us at the WTGN station through the week. – David Lugibihl

If you would like to join WTGN's Diaper Drive for Heartbeat of Lima, please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center or across from the kitchen window for more information.

Child Dedication Service Sunday, November 30. Parents, if you would like to take part in this service, please register your child or children. Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim.

It's time for the Christmas Tea! Ladies, grab friends and family, and join us on Friday evening December 5, at 6:30 for our annual Ladies' Christmas Tea. Pick up your free tickets in the Missions Center. Also we are looking for people to decorate tables! Last year they were absolutely beautiful. If you would like to put a table together, e-mail Christy Garmatter at garmatterc@gmail.com or sign up in the Missions Center. Details about what you should have on your table will be given to you when you sign up. Thanks!

Anyone willing to donate a deer or any type of wild game for our Wild Game Event Saturday, April 11, 2015, please contact Joe Alt at 419-234-1247. Thank you.

~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

Tim Gallant graduated from Wesley Seminary in August, with a Masters of Divinity. Tim & Tiffany along with their children Katherine and Jonathan serve as missionaries with Global Partners in Cambodia.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Nov. 30** Child Dedication Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Dec. 5 Ladies' Christmas Tea (6:30 p.m., CMC)
Dec. 7 *Messiah* (4:00 p.m., Bluffton University)
Dec. 10 Congregational Meeting (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
Dec. 14 Children's Christmas Program (7:00 p.m., CMC)
Jan. 9-11 Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
Jan. 30-Feb. 1 High School Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
Feb. 1-14 SIM Roofing Team (Charlotte, North Carolina)
Feb. 8-14 SIM Work Team (Charlotte, North Carolina)
Apr. 11 Wild Game Event (5:00 p.m., CMC)

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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November 16, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

51st ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF MISSIONS



~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Junior High-Adult Bible Fellowship Classes with Joel Mathai (CMC)
Ages 3-5 (B11)
Grades 1-6 with YFC Ministry Staff (Sanctuary Foyer)
- 9:55 a.m.** The Good News Hour
(2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11)
- 10:15 a.m.** Festival of Missions – Dr. Gary Staats (CMC)
- 5:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118&119)
- 6:00 p.m.** Festival of Missions Banquet (CMC)
- 7:00 p.m.** Missionary Message – Dr. Gary Staats (CMC)
Faith Promise Report

A special welcome to our guest speaker this morning, Dr. Gary Staats. He is the Gale and Harriette Ritz Professor of Old Testament at Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Following Worship, those of the congregation who can and wish to do so may join the Dalke family in a brief committal service for Dan Dalke. Pastor Dan served as pastor at Ebenezer 1961-1979. He passed away on September 29. The service will be led by Pastor Jim at the family lot in the Ebenezer Cemetery.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on November 9:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	318
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	424
Festival of Missions	(7:00 p.m.)	247

Attendance on November 10:

Festival of Missions	(7:00 p.m.)	119
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Attendance on November 11:

Festival of Missions	(7:00 p.m.)	143
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Attendance on November 12:

Festival of Missions	(7:00 p.m.)	162
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Giving on November 9:

\$12,820.85

Benevolent Fund	200.00
Building Fund	320.00
Christian Education Fund	845.85
General Fund	8,255.00
Missions Fund	3,020.00
New Building	130.00
Youth Fund	50.00

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the hospital: Steve Flick, Indiana & Purdue University Hospital, Indianapolis.

Upcoming surgery: Marvin Reigle, tomorrow at the Orthopaedic Institute of Ohio.

Recent move: Helen Diller, Hilty Home.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

All Small Groups for tonight are cancelled.

All Wednesday night activities including Dodgeball, Bread of Life, and Junior High Youth Group held this week but will be cancelled November 26 (Thanksgiving).

High School Woman Night: On Friday, November 21, meet at the schoolhouse at 5:00. We will have a progressive dinner, fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, then watch a movie until midnight. The cost will be \$20 for all the food and supplies to fill the shoeboxes.

Upcoming for High School students: Plan now to go to the Lima Rescue Home in Lima on Saturday, December 6. Please meet at the church at 5:00 p.m.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Mike & Kathy Biery – *Crossroads Ministry Center*
Bart & Joy Moser – *Missions Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 17-23

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (<i>103</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>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (<i>115</i>)
		Children's Ministries (<i>age 3-Grade 6</i>)
Thursday		Junior High Youth Group (<i>CMC</i>)
		Men's Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary overflow</i>)
		Women's Bible Study (<i>S4</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>)
		Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Saturday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	High School Woman Night (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	College Age Small Group (<i>103 W. Elm St.</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>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	A Place for Cherubs (<i>Age 2-K, B10</i>)
		Disciple Singers' Choir (<i>118-119</i>)
	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)	
	High School Small Groups (<i>Meet in schoolhouse</i>)	
	Junior High Small Groups (<i>Guys B11, Girls 116</i>)	

~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 ~

Nursery: Phil & Sarah Shank, John & Jamie Shaw

Good News Hour: Nicki Biery, Jeannie Lee, Krista Lehman, Cindy & Rachel Moser, John & Jaime Shaw, Joan Steiner

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Welcome a Shoebox Giver! Volunteers, please sign up in the Missions Center to welcome the community bringing shoeboxes November 17-24. Thank you for helping with Operation Christmas Child! If you have any questions, please call Tom or Annie Spallinger at 419-358-0140.

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will hold their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale this Friday, November 21, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This annual event will be held in the Mennonite Memorial Home (MMH) lobby. If you wish to donate any baked goods, please mark with MMH and place in the church kitchen by 8:30 that morning or deliver to the MMH. Each one of your donations is appreciated.

Note from Trustees: We plan to have a work day in the Sanctuary this Saturday, November 22, beginning at 8:00 a.m. We need 4-6 volunteers to help scrape paint and clean up. If you have any questions, contact Greg Luginbill at 419-306-4122 or John Good at 419-420-5698.

Help for the Bluffton Community Assistance Program: The following is a list of suggestions that can be donated next Sunday, November 23. Tables will be set up in the CMC ready to accept any donations you may have. You can drop off donations anytime in the blue tub that is located under the coat rack across from the Fellowship Hall. As many as 52 families come through the food pantry each month. Volunteers are also needed. If interested please call Sarah Shank at 419-230-7216. Thank you for considering these needs.

- Tuna/condiments like mayonnaise, relish, ketchup, mustard, etc.
- Toiletries like shampoo, health, and beauty items
- Peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, and noodles
- Cereal and boxed meals
- Paper products like toilet paper, Kleenex, and paper towels
- Cured meats like hotdogs, bacon, and ham.

The Bluffton University Music Department will host a holiday concert at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, November 23, in Yoder Recital Hall. The performance will feature the concert band and chamber ensembles. Admission is free.