

~ 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 _____

The Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio newsletter, *The Vine*, is available in the Missions Center. This issue includes the 2013 annual financial report and gives thanks to the many contributors who support the ministries of MHCO.

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.

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.



FaithFull Singles: The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and *all* singles age 50 and older to our next gathering scheduled for Sunday, January 4. A luncheon will be provided following the Worship & Communion Service. Hope to see you there!

~ 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!

Our Daily Bread: To pick up your copy of the December 2014, January & February 2015 issue, please stop by the Information Center in the Missions Center or the wall rack in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Jan. 4** Worship & Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
FaithFull Singles Luncheon (11:30 a.m., FH)
Jan. 9-11 Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
Jan. 18 Adult Sunday School Workshop (6:30 p.m., FH)
Jan. 30-Feb. 1 High School Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
Feb. 15 Congregational Meeting (11:30 a.m., CMC)
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)

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December 28, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

We are genuinely glad you have chosen to worship with us! Make yourself at home, you are among friends who would love for you to be part of the family! 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 forms 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 – Pastor Jim (CMC)
Walk through the Door
7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

2015 Birthday/Anniversary Calendars are ready. The ushers will hand them out following the Morning Worship Gathering

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Jack Adair (Estero, Florida), Steve Hardesty (St. Rita's Medical Center), Bill Schantz (St. Rita's Medical Center).

In Rehabilitation: Joan Jones, Mennonite Memorial Home.

~ PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN ETHIOPIA ~

Crystal Badertscher Ella Badertscher Leah Eiden
Alison Mosler Will Mosler *Kellie Pellizzari
*Lanier Prescott *Lucia Prescott Gail Schantz
Maddie Schantz

**Not from Ebenezer*

Group will be traveling Wednesday, December 31-Sunday, January 11, and will serve in orphanages in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on December 21:

Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 462

Giving on December 21:

\$14,460.06

Benevolent Fund	250.00
Building Fund	630.00
Christian Education Fund	1,101.57
General Fund	9,389.49
Missions Fund	2,989.00
New Building	100.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionary of the Week are Don & Brenda Ernst who serve with Avant Ministries in Alaska. They are still busy helping at Kids Klub, WWJD (Junior High Night), and helping to meet others needs in many other areas. Don has been preparing lessons on Matthew 24 to teach the ministry team in their son's church in Mexico in January. Don & Brenda have also started putting together several lessons on the roles of a husband and wife in a marriage commitment. They will co-teach the topic as well at their son's church in Mexico. To send a note to Don & Brenda, write to: P.O. Box 95, Huslia, AK 99746 or email them at: koyukonflight@hughes.net.

~ FAITH PROMISE UPDATE~

The promises presently amount to \$241,607, towards our goal of \$275,000. Faith Promise pledges will be taken until the end of December. Pledge cards may be picked up in the Missions Center or the church office. Thank you again for your prayers and pledges that make our missions program a great blessing to many missionaries and ministries. - *Missions Committee*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Bob & Patty Geiger – *Crossroads Ministry Center*
Mateo Bonifaz, Gabe Meyer – *Missions Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: DECEMBER 29-JANUARY 4

Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (*Bluffton Arby's*)
8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (*CMC*)

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (*FH*)
7:00 p.m. Maranatha New Year's Eve party (*CMC*)
8:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Bash (*St. John Mennonite Church*)

Thursday ****Church Office Closed – Happy New Year!****

Friday 7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)

Saturday 10:30 a.m. College Age Small Group (*103 W. Elm St.*)

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & ABF (*Various Classrooms*)
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 & Communion Service (*CMC*)
11:30 a.m. India Missions Trip Parent Meeting (*School house*)
5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (*CMC*)
6:00 p.m. Worship U (*CMC*)
7:00 p.m. A Place for Cherubs (*Age 2-K, B10*)
High School Small Groups (*Meet in schoolhouse*)
Junior High Small Groups (*Guys B11, Girls 116*)
Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 ~

Infant and Toddler Nursery:

Deb Hilty, Janeth Magiri

Good News Hour:

Emily Koogler, Lani Bischoff, Hannah Conley,
Jamie & Kirby Halker, Bev Stockman, Pat King

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

India Missions Trip Parent Meeting: On Sunday, January 4, following the Worship Gathering, there will be a meeting in the schoolhouse for the parents of the students interested in the India Missions trip. You will learn about our trip, safety information, vaccinations, and there will be a time for all your questions to be answered. We highly recommend each parent attend this informational meeting.

New Year's Eve Bash for all High School students on Wednesday, December 31. We will be going with the St. John Mennonite Youth Group to the Pandora Store Front (130 E. Main St. Pandora) from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. There will be pizza, games, ping-pong, dodgeball, and of course the ball drop. Guys bring a 2 liter of pop and girls bring a snack to share.

Junior High Ice Camp: For those Junior High students interested in going to Ice Camp January 9-11, please sign up now. There is a sheet at the Information Center in the Missions Center or you can e-mail ben.moser@ebenezymennonite.org to reserve your spot. The cost is \$100. Please make checks out to Ebenezer. We are looking forward to an awesome weekend!

~ THANK YOU ~

Our thanks to all who come early to set up the chairs in the Crossroads Ministry Center, help in the nursery, on the worship team, with the greeter's ministry, and also to those who teach in the children's classrooms. We are One Body.

Dear Friends at Ebenezer: Thank you for the many kindnesses shown and friendships, and many good memories our family has shared over the year. We think of you fondly! *The Dalke Family*

Dear Church Family, Mission Committee, and Sharing Room Volunteers: Thank you for showing such care and love towards our family. We were blessed by encouragement and kindness during Missions Conference. This was our first year to accept gifts from the sharing room. We are very thankful for the items we chose. Many of the items we chose were things that were going on our Christmas lists; bedding for our two year old, new dish towels & wash cloths, glass storage dishes, and a new coffee pot for Rally Point. Thank you for your kindness and care. Our whole family felt it. You showed us the love of Jesus, *Amy & Jared Diller and boys*

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Women's Ministry: Please place your Sunshine Box items in the red tub in the Missions Center as soon as possible. Thank you for your help. - *Bev Stockman and Pat King*

Year-end reports for 2014 are due on Sunday, January 18. All boards and committees please submit their annual reports to the church office for inclusion in the 2014 Annual Report.