



January 4, 2015

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 & Communion Service, Pastor Jim (*CMC*)
Go Deeper-Life and Doctrine
- 11:30 a.m.** FaithFull Singles Luncheon (*FH*)
India Missions Trip Parent Meeting (*Schoolhouse*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (*103*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Worship U (*CMC*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (*King's, Lemleys*)
- 7:00 p.m.** A Place for Cherubs (*Age 2-K, B10*)
Disciple Singers' Choir (*118-119*)
High School Small Groups (*Meet in schoolhouse*)
Junior High Small Groups (*Guys B11, Girls 116*)
No Evening Fellowship Service

FaithFull Singles: The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and **all** singles age 50 and older to join us for a luncheon today following the morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!

2015 Birthday/Anniversary Calendars are available in the Missions Center and also the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

~ 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 _____

~ JOIN A SMALL GROUP ~

All are invited from high school students to older adults.

Begins today and runs through Easter.

*Sunday evenings at 6:31 at Jim & Pat King's home

152 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton

*Sunday evenings at 6:31 at Jim & Marty Lemley's home

403 E. Main Street, Pandora

*Monday evenings at 7:05 at Thomas Fett's home

173 Albert Street, Bluffton

*Wednesday evenings Connections at 7:05 at Bluffton McDonald's

Basic Christianity (Book may be purchased from Pastor Jim)

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Praying the Psalms is the next Women's Bible study. Books are available at \$5 from Linda Sommer. You may contact Linda at 419-358-0054. Our study will resume on Wednesday evening, January 7, in the Grade 5 classroom (S4).

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.

For anyone who takes turns leading a Bible study, or small group, or teaching Sunday School there will be a workshop on *How to study and share the Bible* on Sunday, January 18, from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Come be refreshed and get excited about God's Word! For questions please see Tim Diller or Pastor Dale.

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.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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*)

Apr. 26 Disciple Singers' Spring Musical, *Here for the Gold*
(*7:00 p.m., CMC*)

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on December 24:

Christmas Eve (6:00 p.m.) 222

Attendance on December 28:

Sunday School & ABF (9:00 a.m.) 221

Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 374

Evening Fellowship Ministries (7:00 p.m.) 27

Giving on December 28:

\$26,118.88

Benevolent Fund 750.00

Building Fund 1,990.00

Christian Education Fund 1,327.88

General Fund 11,946.00

Missions Fund 10,105.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionary of the Week is *Cody Fields* working with **The Navigators at the University of Kentucky**. Cody and his co-worker lead a training workshop on *How to Share Your Faith* at their Navigators Regional Fall Conference. They used the same workshop for *Nav Night* for students on the campus of UK with much effectiveness. One freshman student who attended the workshop had the opportunity to share the Gospel with his entire math class and professor, using a chalkboard and the bridge illustration. Please send a note to him at UK: 3657 Horsemint Trail, Lexington, KY 40509 or e-mail him at: codyLfields@gmail.com.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Clyde Sommer. Clyde, brother of Dean Sommers, passed away on Saturday, December 20. Services were held on Friday, December 26, in Archbold.

Our sympathy to the family of Donna Steiner. Donna, the wife of Harley, their sons, David (Kathy), Dan (Barb), Mike (Sue), and Ron (Julie), passed away on Saturday, December 27. Services were held at the church on Tuesday, December 30.

Our sympathy to the family of Helen Diller. Helen, the husband of Emerson, and mother of Tim (Diana), Steve (Teresa), & Don (Jill), passed away Tuesday, December 30. Services were held on Saturday, January 3, at Ebenezer.

In the Hospital: Jack Adair, Estero, Florida and Bill Schantz, St. Rita's Medical Center.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Dan & Barb Steiner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

Steve & Doneta Reigle – *Missions Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 5-11

Monday 7:05 p.m. Small Group (*173 Albert Street, Bluffton*)

Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (*Bluffton Arby's*)

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (*FH*)

6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (*CMC*)

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer (*103*)

Adult Choir Rehearsal (*115*)

Children's Ministries (*age 3-Grade 6*)

Junior High Youth Group (*CMC*)

Men's Bible Study (*Sanctuary overflow*)

Women's Bible Study (*S4*)

7:05 p.m. Connections Small Group

(*Bluffton McDonald's*)

8:30 p.m. Bread of Life Ministries (*Church Kitchen*)

Dodgeball (*CMC*)

Thursday 8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (*CMC*)

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

4:00 p.m. Junior High Ice Camp (*Miracle Camp*)

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministries (*112*)

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 Gathering (*CMC*)

11:30 a.m. Wild Game Committee Meeting (*103*)

7:00 p.m. A Place for Cherubs (*Age 2-K, B10*)

Disciple Singers' Choir (*118-119*)

Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)

High School Small Groups

(*Meet in schoolhouse*)

Junior High Small Groups

(*Guys B11, Girls 116*)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 ~

Good News Hour:

Hannah Conley, Jammie Halker, Kirby Halker,
Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Ariel Schantz, Sarah Shank, Erica Sheehan

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

India Missions Trip Parent meeting will be today following the Worship Gathering in the schoolhouse. 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.

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!

Attention all kids in Grades 1 – 6: Come join Disciple Singers as we begin practicing Sunday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 118-119 for the spring musical, *Here for the Gold*. In this musical, a group of kids writes and produces a web streaming live show to spread the message of what is really important in life. Instead of worldly materials, they focus on the truths from the parables of Jesus, such as building a firm foundation, forgiving others, loving their neighbors, and letting their light shine to glorify God. Contact Renea Zimmerman or Angela Steiner for more information.

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you seems like a small thing to say: It has been comforting to know that my church family has been praying for my recovery. I thank God for everyone who has prayed for Vickie & me during this time. Praise God the pain has been minimal. - *Thanks again, Jerry Cartwright*

To Ebenezer Church Family: I wanted to send you all a quick note to thank you for your generosity both individually and as a congregation. You are an incredible giving and generous church and your gifts have gone a long way in helping the ministry of Miracle Camp thrive. We consider it an honor to be a partner in ministry with you. We appreciate you, your leadership, and your staff very much. Thanks again! – *Jason Coon, Executive Director*