



January 25, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary

We welcome you to worship this Sunday with sincere joy! 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 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, Pastor Jim (*CMC*)
Go Deeper - Jesus, Who Is He?
- 3:00 p.m.** High School Ladies (*home of Cindy Moser*)
- 4:30 p.m.** High School Guys (*CMC*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors for Act 1&2 (*CMC*)
Disciple Singers' Choreography Try-outs (*FH*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (*Kings, Lemleys*)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (*118-119*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
High School Small Groups (*Meet in Schoolhouse*)
Junior High Small Groups (*Guys B11, Girls 116*)

Giving receipts for 2014 are ready and available for you to pick up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Thank you for giving!

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our Sympathy to the family of Joanne Wagner. Joanne, the mother of Eric, passed away on Sunday, January 18. A memorial service was held on Thursday, January 22, in Arlington.

Our Sympathy to the family of Robert Reichenbach. Bob, father of Sharon Shoemaker, passed away Monday, January 19. Services were held yesterday at Emmanuel United Church of Christ.

Financial Report – December 2014

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	537,700	292,217	42,650	138,500
Expenses YTD	495,265	313,726	37,546	34,129
Actual Income	477,602	251,952	36,072	43,825

Cash Fund Balances as of 12/31/14:

General.....	\$10,780
Missions.....	\$32,363
Christian Education.....	\$23,806
Building.....	\$14,596
Cemetery Restoration Project.....	\$10,122
New Building.....	\$22,240
Benevolent.....	\$8,844

~ MANY THANKS ~

God be praised! Steve has completed his radiation sessions and now the healing will begin! Thank you so much for your cards, words of encouragement, and most of all your endless prayers that have went out on both of our accounts. Chemo is scheduled to start this week for me...so keep those prayers going! This has been a journey for both of us, but we take each day and are making it through because of HIM and you His body of believers! - *To God be the glory! Steve & Jane Shaw*

Thanks to everyone who donated used printer cartridges over the years for fundraising for the Findlay Area Youth For Christ. We are no longer collecting used printer cartridges. - *Thank you again, Don & Ann Leader*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Feb. 1-14** SIM Roofing Team (*Charlotte, North Carolina*)
- Feb. 8-14** SIM Work Team (*Charlotte, North Carolina*)
- Feb. 15** Congregational Meeting (*11:30 a.m., CMC*)
- Apr. 5** SonRise Service (*7:30 a.m., CMC*)
SonRise Breakfast (*8:30 a.m., CMC*)
Easter Worship Service (*10:15 a.m., CMC*)
No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service
- Apr. 11** Wild Game Event (*5:00 p.m., CMC*)

~ 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 _____

Cookies & Cake Mixes for SIM: We need as many as possible. Make your favorite cookie recipe, and roll into balls or a log, and freeze. Do not bake. Mark clearly on the package with SIM, kind of cookies, and baking temperature. Then put in the church freezer before Friday, January 30. Cake mix donations are also appreciated. Thank you so much for taking this opportunity to serve our missionaries.

Mother and Son Date Night: A time of fellowship and fun for mothers and their sons ages 3 to 13 is planned for Saturday, February 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Come out and enjoy some pizza, brownie ice cream sundaes, and games. Sign up through Sunday, February 1, in the Missions Center. A \$5 charge per family is due at sign up. Let's make this a great evening for you and your son(s). If you have any questions please contact Kelli Foster at 419-234-3559 or e-mail at kelli.foster@gmail.com.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, February 3, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the West Independence Quartet will perform. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin board near the church kitchen.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 18:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	286
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	401
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	113

Giving on January 18:

\$13,001.46

Benevolent Fund	395.00
Building Fund	660.00
Christian Education Fund	656.46
General Fund	8,002.00
Missions Fund	3,141.00
New Building Fund	10.00
Van Fund	137.00

Missions Giving:

- \$150 Tim & Tiffany Gallant car rental during stateside visit.
- \$300 Mission trip to Mission Possible schools in Haiti – Christian Nygaard.
- \$500 Ebenezer work teams' project serving at SIM headquarters in Charlotte, NC.

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are *David & Mary Glick* who serve with Youth for Christ in the Bluffton and Pandora area. Encourage them as they minister to area youth by writing a note to: 164 S. Mound Street, Bluffton, OH 45817 or by sending an e-mail to: dwglick@gmail.com.

~ HIGH SCHOOL ICE CAMP NEWS ~

All high school students are invited to go to Ice Camp, Friday, January 30 – Sunday, February 1. Sign up today at the Information Center in the Missions Center. The cost is \$100. Please make checks out to Ebenezer Mennonite Church.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Jim & Marty Lemley – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

Robert & Sue Spallinger – *Missions Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1

- Monday** 9:00 a.m. *MOPS (FH)*
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 (*Sanctuary Choir Loft*)
Bible Study (*Church Library*)
Children's Ministries (*age 3-Grade 6*)
Junior High Youth Group (*B17*)
Men's Bible Study (*114*)
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. High School (*Leave for Ice 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*)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery: Deb Hilty and Gail Schantz

Good News Hour: Emily Bish, Jason & Kim Fritsch, Deb, Dan, & Tim Huber, Emily Koogler, Amanda Reigle, MaKayla Smith

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

The high school ladies are meeting this afternoon at 3:00 at the home of Cindy Moser (6485 Grismore Road, Columbus Grove) for an afternoon of watching the movie *God's Not Dead*, having our small group, and having supper together. So if you are a high school lady, check it out. For more information please call Cindy Moser at 419-234-2770.

The high school guys will have a pre-game for small groups in the gym at 4:30 this afternoon. All the high school guys are invited to play some football and basketball. Then we will have pizza and head over to the schoolhouse for small groups at 7:00 p.m. We will be talking about pride. Check it out!!

Junior High Super Bowl Party

When: Sunday, February 1, at 6:00 p.m. till end of game.

Where: Home of Greg & Sue Luginbill.
(*506 Hawthorne Drive, Pandora, Ohio*)

Provided: Pizza

What to bring: 2 Liters, salty or sweet snacks.

Invite your Friends: Bring games or other fun things.
(*not everyone will watch the game*)

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

The Women's Ministry Team would like your help in providing gift cards for our college students. This year we will be asking for monetary donations. The Women's Ministry Team will then buy and send the gift cards to the students. We have a list of 41 students this year we would like to uplift and encourage. Envelopes for donations will be passed around the Adult Bible Fellowship classes this morning. You may also give your donations to Bev Stockman, Pat King, Teresa Marquart, or Julie McKanna. Thank you for contributing! (Parents of college students, please let the church office know of any updated addresses.)

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.