



February 8, 2015

# Ebenezer Emissary

**Welcome to worship this Sunday! Make yourself at home, you are among friends! 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*)  
Membership Class (*Church Library*)  
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*)  
*Humans & Humpty Dumpty*
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors (*CMC, Acts 1,2,&3, narrators 1&2, the Rich Farmer, and Good Samaritan*)  
Disciple Singers' Choreography Tryouts (*FH*)  
Worship U (*115*)
- 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*)

**Please remember to pray for those** who are traveling to SIM in Charlotte, North Carolina and plan to return this Saturday, February 14. More than 25 persons are working on a roof and various other projects.

### ~ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ~

**Save the Date:** For our family and friends from Ebenezer you are invited to a birthday celebration on Saturday, March 28, at the Hilty Home in Pandora for Treva Kinsinger's 90<sup>th</sup>. More details to come later.

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Feb. 1-14** SIM Roofing Team (*Charlotte, North Carolina*)
- Feb. 8-14** SIM Work Team (*Charlotte, North Carolina*)
- Feb. 15-Mar. 1** Ebenezer & St. John Mennonite Missions Trip (*Haiti*)
- Mar. 2** Evening Sew (*6:00 p.m., CMC*)
- Mar. 3** All Day Sew (*9:00 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*)
- Apr. 26** Disciple Singers' Spring Musical, *Here for the Gold* (*10:15 a.m., CMC*)

### 10 Ways to Love

1. Listen without interrupting. (*Proverbs 18*)
2. Speak without accusing. (*James 1:19*)
3. Give without sparing. (*Proverbs 21:26*)
4. Pray without ceasing. (*Colossians 1:9*)
5. Answer without arguing. (*Proverbs 17:1*)
6. Share without pretending. (*Ephesians 4:15*)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (*Philippians 2:14*)
8. Trust without wavering. (*1 Corinthians 13:7*)
9. Forgive without punishing. (*Colossians 3:13*)
10. Promise without forgetting. (*Proverbs 13:12*)

### ~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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### ~ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio** is accepting applications for the Barbara Fleming Memorial Nursing Scholarship. The scholarship is meant to promote the career of nursing and is available to anyone pursuing a degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse, a Registered Nurse, or a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The scholarship is to be used to pay school-related expenses toward any of these degrees. The scholarship offers a minimum award of \$500 and will be paid directly to the vocational school or college where the student is enrolled. Applications are available by contacting Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 W. Elm St., Bluffton, OH 45817 or call 419-358-1015. Applications are also available at mhcoliving.org and clicking on "What's Happening." A completed application must be postmarked and/or returned to the above address by March 31.

**Keep the date open:** The Transport for Christ Second Chance Chapel's banquet and concert will be held Friday, February 20, at 6:00 p.m. at Marbeck Center, Bluffton University. The Three Bridges' singing group will perform. Your meal has already been paid for, but you must call and make reservations with David Lugibihl at 419-230-3294.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on February 1:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	182
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	272

**Giving on February 1:**

		<b>\$19,138.24</b>
Building Fund		440.00
Christian Education Fund		322.33
General Fund		7,237.00
Missions Fund		10,348.91
New Building Fund		150.00
Van Fund		140.00
Youth Fund		500.00

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~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are **Rod & Lori Kraybill** serving with **Africa Inland Mission (AIM) International in South Africa**. Lori is currently in Kenya helping out at AIM's orientation for new missionaries. Praise God for the 18 adults who come from 5 different countries and who will be serving in Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Kenya, and South Sudan. After much prayer and discussion, Rod has accepted a new position within AIM as *Training Consultant and Leadership Development Coach* beginning after their home assignment in July. This will also require a move to another area in Africa. Please uplift the Kraybill family in prayer as well as encouraging them by way of a note: 24 Fir Ave., Allen Grove, Kempton Park, 1619, South Africa or e-mail at: rlkraybill@aimint.net.

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~ CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING ~

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**The 2014 Annual Reports** are available in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and in the Missions Center. The congregational business meeting to approve the 2014 Reports and the proposed 2015 Missions Budget will be held next Sunday, February 15, following the morning service.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Mike & Deb Hilty – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

Nicki Biery, Brittany Reigle – *Missions Center*

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 9-15

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<i>MOPS (FH)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Small Group (173 Albert Street, Bluffton)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary Choir Loft)
		Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6)
		Junior High Youth Group (B17)
		Ladies' Small Group (Infant Nursery)
		Men/Ladies' Bible Study (Church Library)
		Men's Bible Study (114)
		Women's Bible Study (S4)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
		Dodgeball (CMC)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	College Age Small Group (Ron & Sue Epp's)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Membership Class (Church Library)
		Sunday School & ABF (Various Classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Congregational Meeting (CMC)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Actors (CMC)
		Disciple Singers' Choreography (FH)
	<b>6:31 p.m.</b>	Small Groups (Kings, Lemleys)
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 ~

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**Infant & Toddler Nursery:**

David & Mary Glick, Phil & Sarah Shank, Renea Zimmerman

**Good News Hour:**

Nicki Biery, Madeline & Allison Burghaze, Leah Eiden, Jeannie Lee, Julie McKanna, Cindy & Rachel Moser

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Please join us** in saying a big thank you to Tyler Breidenbach, Audrey Burkholder, Hanné Burkholder, Freddie Cherry, Brittany Good, Evania Moser, and Dan Steiner for being awesome leaders at Ice Camp last weekend. Thank you for giving up your weekend, for being open about your relationship with Jesus, and for having a blast with us! You guys were awesome! Matthew 19:29 – *Ben Moser and Jaden August, the Interns*

**Time Change:** The Disciple Singers' choir will be performing their Spring Musical, *Here for the Gold*, during the Sunday, April 26, morning Worship Gathering at 10:15, instead of Sunday evening.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Prayer Commitment Survey** forms may be filled out and placed in the offering plate or in the basket on the Prayer Counter in the Missions Center (extra forms are also located there). Thank you for your prayers!

**Book ReViews**, 123 S. Main Street, Bluffton, will host a video-based book discussion group from 6:00 to 7:30 on Thursdays nights, starting February 12. The book, *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are*, by Ann Voskamp will be discussed. The group is open to the first eight women who register. Registration is required by February 10, and can be made at the store, by calling 419-358-6999 or sending an e-mail to bookreviewsetcetera@gmail.com.

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~ THANK YOU ~

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**Dear Ebenezer:** Thank you so much for all the prayers, phone calls, and visits in the death of Robert Reichenbach. - *Robert Reichenbach family and Sharon & Jim Shoemaker family*