



February 15, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome to all! 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*)
It's Done-The Cross
- 11:30 a.m.** Congregational Meeting (*CMC*)
- 2:00 p.m.** Youth Pastor Search Committee (*103*)
- 5:30 p.m.** Youth Missions Trip Meeting (*Schoolhouse*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors (*CMC, Acts 3,4&5, narrators 1&2, Good Samaritan*)
Disciple Singers' Choreography (*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*)

The congregational business meeting to approve the 2014 Reports and the proposed 2015 Missions Budget will be held today following the Morning Worship Gathering.

Please pray for those who are traveling to Haiti. Combined there are 62 persons from Ebenezer and St. John Mennonite who are serving in Haiti and will return Saturday, March 7.

~ 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 _____

We would like to say a huge "Thank you" for all of the prayers, visits, and concerns so many of you have expressed over the past few months. Our church family support has meant the world to us and has helped to bring us through a lot of difficult days following Bill's surgery and extended recovery. He continues to improve gradually at home and will be starting outpatient therapy this next week. This is a huge step in his recovery, as was his return to home four weeks ago. Please continue to pray for his return of muscle strength and endurance, and that he will be able to return to his normal activities, which consist of attending all of his grandkids' activities. The love and support of our family in Christ means more than words can express. - *Sincerely, Noretta & Bill Schantz, Bob & Gail Schantz and family, Mike & Susan Sheehan and family*

Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio is accepting applications for the Barbara Fleming Memorial Nursing Scholarship. 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 MMH, 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.

Teaching the Bible Workshop is for anyone who takes turns leading a Bible study, a small group, teaches Sunday school, or anyone who would like to come be refreshed and get excited about God's word. Join us on Sunday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 103. If you have questions please call Tim Diller at 567-242-9357 or Pastor Dale at 419-792-0147.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Feb. 15-Mar. 1 Ebenezer & St. John Mennonite Missions Trip (*Haiti*)

Mar. 1 Teaching the Bible Workshop (*6:30 p.m., 103*)

Mar. 2 Evening Sew (*6:00 p.m., CMC*)

Mar. 3 All Day Sew (*9:00 a.m., CMC*)

Mar. 7 High School Students (*7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home*)

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*)

June 21-27 Middle School (*Miracle Camp, Grades 5-6*)

July 19-25 Senior High (*Miracle Camp, Grades 9-12*)

July 26-Aug. 1 Junior High (*Miracle Camp, Grades 7-8*)

Aug. 9-15 Grade School Full Week (*Miracle Camp, Grades 2-4*)

Aug. 9-12 Grade School Half Week (*Miracle Camp, Grades 2-4*)

Aug. 12-15 Grade School Half Week (*Miracle Camp, Grades 2-4*)

~ SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EBENEZER ~

9:00 a.m.

Infant & Toddler Nursery - 106

Sunday School for Children

Age 2 – B16

Age 3 – B10

Ages 4&5 – B11

Grade 1 – B12

Grade 2 – B14

Grade 3 – B18

Grade 4 – B13

Grade 5 – S4

Grade 6 – B15

Grades 7-8 – B17

High School – Schoolhouse

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on February 8:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	248
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	389
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	103

Giving on February 8:

\$13,515.11

Benevolent	65.00
Building Fund	185.00
Christian Education Fund	278.11
General Fund	7,772.00
Missions Fund	5,005.00
New Building Fund	50.00
Van Fund	160.00

Memorials – Missions Fund

<i>Judith Luginbuhl</i>	\$25.00
<i>Joanne Wagner</i>	\$25.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Andy & Pam LaBreche** who serve with **United World Mission in Romania**. Andy is teaching at the Center for Intercultural Training this month. Pray for a good connection with the participants and that they will grow in their understanding of what it means to serve cross-culturally. Please lift Andy up in prayer as he has been having bouts of fatigue from being borderline diabetic. Encourage Andy & Pam with a letter written to: str. Gospodarilor nr. 9, 300778 Timisoara, Romania or by e-mail: alabreche@gmail.com.

~ OUR SYMPATHY ~

Vernon Sanders, father of Lynn, passed away on Saturday, February 7. Services were held Wednesday, February 11, at the Siferd-Orians Funeral Home, Lima.

Donald Dalrymple, father of Cindy Sommers, passed away on Sunday, February 8. Services were held Wednesday, February 11, at the Hanson-Neely Funeral Home in Ada.

William Herr, father of Louise Shoupe, Carole Kelley, Julie Herr (daughter-in-law), Jayne Huffman, and Shari Schwab, passed away on Monday, February 9. Services were held here at the church on Thursday, February 12.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Marvin & Karen Garmatter
Missions Center: Mariah Burkholder, Ariel Schantz, Adel Sommers

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 16-22

Monday	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (<i>173 Albert Street, Bluffton</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>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary Choir Loft</i>)
		Children's Ministries (<i>age 3-Grade 6</i>)
		Junior High Youth Group (<i>B17</i>)
		Ladies' Small Group (<i>Infant Nursery</i>)
		Men/Ladies' Bible Study (<i>Church Library</i>)
		Men's Bible Study (<i>114</i>)
		VBS Committee Meeting (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>)
		Women's Bible Study (<i>S4</i>)
		Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Friday	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>)
		Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</i>)
		Prayer Action Team (<i>Church Library</i>)
Sunday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	5:30 p.m.	High School Minute-to-Win-It (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	10:30 a.m.	College Age Small Group (<i>Ron & Sue Epp's</i>)
	9:00 a.m.	Membership Class (<i>Church Library</i>)
		Stephen Ministries (<i>112</i>)
		Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Kelli Foster, Ann, Emily, & Amber Gladwell,
John & Jaime Shaw, Renea & Caity Zimmerman

Good News Hour:

Madeline & Allison Burghaze, Jeannie Lee, Julie McKanna,
Cindy & Rachel Moser, Diane Sharrock

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Eli & Laura Leader on the birth of their daughter Ella Marie, on Monday, February 9, weighing 6 lb. 13 oz.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

India Mission Trip meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in the schoolhouse for all the students going on the missions trip this summer. Bring your fundraising ideas please!

Denny's & Minute-to-Win-It: All high school students are invited to meet at the schoolhouse on Friday, February 20, at 5:30 p.m. to leave for supper at Denny's in Beaverdam, then return to the church for quick challenges for a battle of the genders. Bring \$10 for supper and we will have a sweet time together!!

Lima Rescue Mission on Saturday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. for all high school students!

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.

Youth Pastor Search committee members include Jack Bash, Wayne Bixel, Hanné Burkholder, Jeff Eiden, Pastor Jim, Jared Lehman, Jed Marquart, Marti Meza, Bart Moser, Ben Moser, Bruce & Cindy Moser, Chuck Niswander, Lynn Saunders, Pastor Dale, Dan Steiner, Josh Steiner, and Kerris Wright.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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 Luginbihl at 419-230-3294.