



March 1, 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*)
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-Walking the Cemetery (Mission)
- 11:30 p.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting (*103*)
- 2:00 p.m.** Youth Pastor Search Committee (*103*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (*103*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors (*CMC, Acts 1,2,&3, narrators 1&2, rich farmer & Good Samaritan actors*)
Disciple Singers' Choreography (*FH*)
Worship U (*115*)
- 6:30 p.m.** Teaching the Bible Workshop (*103*)
- 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*)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Scheduled Procedure: Richard (Butch) Gladwell, tomorrow at Lima Memorial Hospital.

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you so much for your prayers over the last few months while God was healing and rebuilding the nerves in my face. Thank you, also, for your prayers and encouragement for our family during the time of our father's home going. I have learned how He cares for His children and directs our paths in the way He wants us to go. God is good. - *Carole Kelley*

Choral Anthem

Honor and Glory

(*words and music by Keith Wilkerson*)

Come all ye people, lift up your praise.
To God our Father, the ancient of days.
Clothed in His splendor, reigning on high.
Lord, we Your people, lift up our cry!

Come all ye people, come now and sing.
To Christ, our Savior, redeemer and King.
Pure Lamb of glory, our living way
Love's sweetest story to you we say.

Chorus: Honor and glory, power and praise.
Lord, God almighty, to Thee we raise.
We will proclaim it all of our days.
Honor and glory, power and praise.

Come all ye people, come and rejoice.
God's Holy Spirit now dwells in us.
Pointing to Jesus, wonderful friend.
He is guiding our hearts to life without end.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Apr. 3** Good Friday Service (*7:00 p.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. 19** Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon (*11:30 a.m., CMC*)
- Apr. 26** Disciple Singers' Spring Musical, *Here for the Gold* (*10:15 a.m., CMC*)
- May 31-June 5** Vacation Bible School Week
- 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*)

~ 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 _____



**Don't forget
to set your
clocks ahead
one hour next
Sunday!**

Several area churches are collecting feminine hygiene products for homeless or poor women. **Supply Our Sisters** (SOS) is a month-long collection of pads and tampons of various types which will be distributed to The Samaritan's House and Crossroads Crisis Center in Lima. A drop-off box is provided in the Missions Center from now until March 30. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Nygaard at 419-358-4884.

WTGN is sponsoring a trip to the Pacific Garden Mission (PNG) in Chicago April 25. As part of WTGN's mission, they will be collecting men's new underwear, t-shirts, and socks, any size or color. Please drop off your donation in the box in the Missions Center by Wednesday, April 22, so items can be delivered to WTGN before the trip. PNG is in great need of these items and is very blessed by what we bring. They are excited to have Ebenezer Mennonite Church as one of five collection stations!

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on February 22:

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| Sunday School & ABF | (9:00 a.m.) | 243 |
| Worship Gathering | (10:15 a.m.) | 401 |
| Evening Fellowship Ministries | (7:00 p.m.) | 108 |

Giving on February 22:

\$9,954.87

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| Benevolent | 50.00 |
| Building Fund | 530.00 |
| Christian Education Fund | 905.87 |
| General Fund | 5,884.00 |
| Missions Fund | 2,105.00 |
| New Building Fund | 220.00 |
| Van Fund | 210.00 |
| Youth Fund | 50.00 |

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Steve & Carol Lehman* serving with **Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Nampa, Idaho.** *Operating safely takes constant effort, but pays off in safe transportation of passengers, thus conserving resources that can be used for ministry by preventing accidents. In this way, the Safety Department contributes to MAF's mission statement: Sharing the love of Jesus Christ through aviation and technology so that isolated people may be physically and spiritually transformed. Thank you for being vital partners in the ministry of MAF with us. Let Steve & Carol know you are standing with them in support by sending a note to: P.O. Box 47, Nampa, ID 83653 or by e-mail to: clehman@maf.org.*

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Rescue Mission: High school students will be going to the Lima Rescue Mission this Saturday, March 7. Please meet at the schoolhouse at 5:30 p.m. and then we will head out together. Bring \$5 for our Pizza Hut tradition! If you are in high school, this is a sweet experience to be a part of!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

*Crossroads Ministry Center: Lynn & Linda Saunders
Missions Center: Paul & Cheryl Burkholder*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 2-8

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| Monday | 6:00 p.m. Evening Sew (CMC) |
| | 7:05 p.m. Small Group (173 Albert Street, Bluffton) |
| Tuesday | 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's) |
| | 9:00 p.m. All Day Sew (CMC) |
| 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) |
| | 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) |
| | 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) |
| Saturday | 10:30 a.m. College Age Small Group (Ron & Sue Epp's) |
| | 5:30 p.m. High School Students (meet at schoolhouse, Lima Rescue Mission) |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. Leadership Class (116) |
| | 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, MARCH 8 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Jason & Kim Fritsch, Phil & Sarah Shank

Good News Hour:

Ashley Fry, Pat King, Sarah Schutz,
John & Jaime Shaw, Maria Spallinger

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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 tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Room 103. If you have questions, call Tim Diller at 567-242-9357 or Pastor Dale at 419-792-0147.

Evening Sew is tomorrow Monday, March 2, from 6:00-9:00 and the All Day Sew is Tuesday, March 3, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We will be knotting comforters for our missionaries. Please bring a hot and cold dish for a noon potluck meal on Tuesday. The potluck is also open to all spouses of those working and all widow/widowers to be our guest. Everyone is invited.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, March 3, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, entertainment will be by Lauren Brooke. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Speaking Swiss: There will be an opportunity to speak or listen to others speak Swiss on Tuesday, March 3, at 3:00 p.m. in the Family Room at Maple Crest in Bluffton. Come join in the fellowship and sharing.

Christian Leader Class: Whether you're already heavily involved as a leader, ready to be trained, or just unsure of your own abilities, your leadership is needed and there is room to grow! A new class in Christian leadership will start meeting next Sunday, March 8, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 116. The focus will be on becoming leaders who are disciples of Jesus. For more information, contact Pastor Dale 419-792-0147 or Dan Steiner 419-358-6783.

If the Sunday class does not work for you, the same content will be offered on Thursday mornings at Arbys in Bluffton at 6:45, beginning March 12. Please contact Pastor Jim 419-296-0885, Ben Moser 419-303-5775, or Jaden August 419-889-9652 for more information.

Our sympathy to the family of Howard J. Landes. Howard, the husband of Wanda (Hochstettler) and the son of Howard T. (former Ebenezer Pastor 1946-1955), passed away Thursday, February 26, after an extended illness. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Arizona.