



March 15, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome! 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*)
Christian Leadership Class (*116*)
Stephen Ministries (*112*)
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 Dale
Go Deeper - He's Coming Back (CMC)
- 5:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choreography (*FH*)
- 5:30 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors (*CMC, all acts, narrators, and parable actors*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Group (*Tim & Bev Stockman's home*)
- 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 Schoolhouse, Girls 116*)

A special welcome to Katie Hieronimus, a representative from Miracle Camp is here today to show a video and give a brief update on how ice camp season went. There is also a display with Miracle Camp information in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Andrew Giles and Cassaundra Seeley who were united in marriage on Saturday, March 7, at the New Life Assembly of God, Findlay.

Choral Anthem

My Jesus, I Love Thee

by William Featherston & Tom Fettke

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine-
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I will love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, If ever I loved Thee,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

~ 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*)
- Apr. 29** Children's Ministries Skate Night (*6:00 p.m., Grove Skateland*)
- May 2** High School Students (*Lima Rescue Mission*)
- 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*)
- 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*)

~ 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 _____

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. For more information please contact Jamie Nygaard at 419-358-4884.

WTGN is sponsoring a trip to the Pacific Garden Mission (PNG) in Chicago April 25. 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.

There are a number of items that have been left behind here at the church. Our lost and found cupboards are full. Please look over the items we have placed on the counter in the Missions Center for anything that may belong to you or someone you know. **Thanks for checking!**

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on March 8:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	242
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	390
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	98

Giving on March 8:

\$25,945.81

Benevolent	440.00
Building Fund	180.00
Christian Education Fund	836.81
General Fund	9,083.00
Missions Fund	14,266.00
New Building Fund	40.00
Van Fund	1,000.00
Youth Fund	100.00

Memorials for Helen Diller – Missions Fund \$1,135.00

Missions Giving –

\$234.87	Supplies for SIM Work Team
\$600.00	Collin Reed and Jené Sommers, missions trip to Echo Ranch Bible Camp, Alaska
\$770.00	Marissa Schutz, missions trip to Kenya, Africa
\$500.00	Prison Ministries, Columbus Weekend of Champions

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Joel & Nada Mathai** who serve with **Christar** in **College Station, Texas**. Joel & Nada have been actively involved with international students planning many events. Joel also spent time recently at the mission home office teaching new personnel orientation. It was a joy for them to interact with 18 enthusiastic candidates all ready to go to the least reached Hindus, Muslims, and Buddhists. Three of them are headed to India. Pray for good enrollment in the Perspectives Missions course being offered in College Station in the spring, Joel will be teaching. Lift them up by sending a message of encouragement to: 802 Pershing Drive, College Station, TX 77840 or by e-mail: joelmathai1@gmail.com.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Mike & Deb Hilty
Missions Center: Don & Vicki Kirkendall

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 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>115</i>)	
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)	
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (<i>115</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>)	
Thursday		Women's Bible Study (<i>S4</i>)	
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)	
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>)	
		Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)	
	6:45 a.m.	Christian Leadership Class (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)	
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</i>)	
		Prayer Action Team (<i>Church Library</i>)	
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)	
	Friday	7:05 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	College Age Small Group (<i>Ron & Sue Epp's</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Christian Leadership Class (<i>116</i>)	
		Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)	
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)	
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)	
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Actors (<i>CMC</i>)	
		Disciple Singers' Choir (<i>CMC</i>)	
	6:31 p.m.	Small Groups (<i>Kings, Lemley's</i>)	
7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)		
	High School Small Groups (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)		
	Junior High Small Groups (<i>Guys Schoolhouse, Girls 116</i>)		

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 22 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery: Kelli Foster,
Jeremy & Christina Lemley Family, John & Jaime Shaw

Good News Hour: David & Mary Glick, Emma Klinger,
Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

Tickets for the Wild Game Night are \$15 each and will go on sale this Saturday, March 21, at 8:00 a.m. until sold out. This year's event will take place on Saturday, April 11, at 5:00 p.m. The speaker will be Steve Scott of On Target Outfitters.

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will hold their annual Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This annual event will feature a variety of home baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles, and breads and will be held in the Mennonite Memorial Home (MMH) lobby. If you wish to donate baked goods, please mark with MMH and place in the church kitchen by 8:30 that morning or deliver to the MMH. Thank you for your donation.

Registration is available for the Bluffton University Women's Council conference, *Women Enriching Women: Finding Your Inspiration*, on Saturday, April 18. Sandy Monfort, will be the keynote speaker. To register, go to <http://tickets.bluffton.edu>; for more information, contact Julia Szabo at 419-358-3245. Cost is \$45 per person.

Caring Kits: Just a reminder of the caring kit gift bags which have been prepared and are ready for you to pick up and give to a neighbor, a newly married couple, someone who is ill, and for someone facing worry and uncertainties. The gift bags can be found in the rack which is located in the Missions Center outside the Conference Room door. Feel free to use this wonderful resource in reaching out to those around you!

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you to all the ladies and young girls who helped knot the comforters. We completed one lap robe, six twin, and five queen size for the Sharing Room. Also thank you to the ladies who cut, lay out, and sew the blocks together. A special thank you to those who hem and complete the comforters. Thanks again! – *The Sewing Committee*