

March 22, 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*)
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
Go Deeper – Heaven is for Real (not because of the book) (CMC)
- 2:00 p.m.** Youth Pastor Search Committee (*103*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Spring Musical Rehearsal (*CMC, Disciple Singers' Choir, narrators, main and parable actors*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (*Kings, Lemley's*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
High School Small Groups (*Meet in Schoolhouse*)
Junior High Small Groups (*Guys Schoolhouse, Girls 116*)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Charlie Hammer. Charlie, the father of Tobi Meyer, passed away on Thursday, March 19. Services are incomplete at this time.

Scheduled surgery: Richard “Butch” Gladwell, Wednesday, March 25, at Lima Memorial Hospital.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Don & Joan Anderson. Tuesday, March 24, will mark their 64th wedding anniversary!

~ 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 _____

Financial Report – February 2015

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	88,058	44,817	7,600	11,558
Expenses YTD	75,278	1,714	9,173	0
Actual Income	60,087	43,675	3,851	3,730

Fund Cash Balances as of 2/28/15:

General.....(\$5,300)
Missions.....** \$97,227
Christian Education\$18,205
Building\$17,476
Cemetery Restoration Project\$10,972
New Building.....\$22,898
Benevolent.....\$8,155

** First quarter mission agency payments in the amount of \$54,265 were sent in early March.

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.

~ THANK YOU ~

Known by His scars! In His risen state the disciples didn't recognize Him until He showed them His scars. I feel like I'm in good company! Thank you, church family for your prayers, cards, and concern on my behalf. All I have to do is look in the mirror to see God's grace at work in my life and know He is not finished with me yet. - *Thanks again, Dave Huber*

~ 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 17-19 Family Camp (*Winton Woods*)
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*)

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on March 15:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	247
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	413
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	111

Giving on March 15:

\$15,512.54

Benevolent	300.00
Building Fund	167.00
Christian Education Fund	389.54
General Fund	10,645.00
Missions Fund	3,541.00
New Building Fund	50.00
Van Fund	170.00
Youth Fund	250.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Jorge & Lynn Mogrovejo*. They work with SEMBEC (Seminario Bíblico Evangélico de Cuenca) in Ecuador. Jorge pastors the local church, directs the seminary, and teaches nine hours a week. He is becoming quite fatigued from this routine so they are looking for ways to slow down a bit and delegate responsibilities to others. Pray that God would supply those perfect people. Many thanks for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support! Send a message to Jorge & Lynn at: Casilla 01-05-1847, Cuenca, Ecuador or e-mail to: jorgelynn5@hotmail.com.

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 and in the cupboards in the Missions Center for anything that may belong to you or someone you know. **Thanks for checking!**

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Bob & Gail Schantz
Missions Center: Bart & Joy Moser

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 23-29

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)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (103)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (115)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
		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	6:45 a.m.	Christian Leadership Class (Bluffton Arby's)
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (103)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
Friday	7:05 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	College Age Small Group (Ron & Sue Epp's)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Christian 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)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	11:30 a.m.	Wild Game Com. Meeting (103)
	6:00 p.m.	Spring Musical Rehearsal (CMC, Disciple Singers' Choir, narrators, main & parable actors)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Groups (Kings, Lemley's)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
		High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)
		Junior High Small Groups (Guys Schoolhouse, Girls 116)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 29 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Aaron & Emily Koogler, Josh & Heidi Steiner

Good News Hour:

Hannah Conley, Kathy Steiner

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Land Purchase: The adjacent land east of the church consisting of approximately 20 acres from the Spallinger Estate has been officially transferred and deeded to the Ebenezer Mennonite Church. The church now owns this property.

There are many food items being stored in the kitchen refrigerators and freezer. The Wild Game Committee will need all refrigerator and freezer space. If any item is yours or your group's, please move those items out as soon as possible. Thank you.

Senior Pastor Evaluation: Please complete and turn in the form that was inserted in last Sunday's Emissary by next Sunday, March 29. There are extra forms available in the Missions Center. Deacons will be posted at each of the doors of the Crossroads Ministry Center following today's Morning Worship Gathering and next Sunday to collect the forms.

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will hold their annual Easter Bake Sale this 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.

You are invited to an open house to celebrate Treva Kinsinger's 90th birthday! The party is being held by her family 2:00-4:00 p.m. on her birthday, Saturday, March 28, in the central lounge of the Hilty Home, 304 Hilty Drive, Pandora. No gifts, please. If you cannot attend, feel free to send Treva a card: P.O. Box 359, Pandora, OH 45877.

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.