

~ 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: _____

Planning to attend the Easter SonRise Breakfast: # _____

I am interested in information on:

Ebenezer Mennonite Church Baptism Membership

Child dedication Getting involved in ministry

Joining a small group Prayer requests _____

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.

Disciple Singers Choir will present a spring musical, Here for the Gold, Sunday morning April 26, at 10:15 in the Crossroads Ministry Center. In this musical, a group of local kids write and produce a web streaming live show to spread the message of what is really important in life, but their show is hacked by an animated character named CG. Will they still be able to share their message? Come to the musical and find out! Everyone is welcome, and bring your friends!

Save the Date: Sunday, August 30, is the 175th celebration of the founding of the first mennonite church. Many activities on the original site (two miles north of Ebenezer on Phillips Road) will commemorate this event including an old fashioned tent meeting with Myron Augsburger.

Our Daily Bread: Pick up your copy of the March, April, & May 2015 issue at the Information Center in the Missions Center or the wall rack in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

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

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Apr. 11 Wild Game Event (5:00 p.m., CMC)
Apr. 14 Women's Ministry Mystery Dinner (5:00 p.m., meet at church)
Apr. 19 Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon (11:30 a.m., CMC)
Apr. 24 Daughters of Promise (6:30 p.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 7 National Day of Prayer Program (7:00 p.m., CMC)
May 31-June 5 Vacation Bible School Week
June 14 Berean ABF Potluck (11:30 a.m., FH)
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)
Aug. 12-15 Grade School Half Week (Miracle Camp, Grades 2-4)
Aug. 30 175th Celebration (Founding of the first mennonite church)
Nov. 8-11&14-15 Missions Conference - 1 John 2:2 From Anywhere to Everywhere

~ 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



March 29, 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. Disciple Singers Meet (FH)
10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering, Pastor Jim, Go Deeper - Hell: A Door Locked from the Inside (CMC)
11:30 p.m. Wild Game Committee Meeting (103)
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)

The Good News Hour for children ages 2-6 will not meet today or next Sunday.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the hospital: Richard "Butch" Gladwell, Lima Memorial.

Our sympathy to the family of J. Norman Vercler. Norm, father of Carol Bixel, passed away on Friday, March 27. Services are incomplete at this time.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Dwight & Clarabeth Bixel. Thursday, April 2, will mark their 60th wedding anniversary!

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on March 22:

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| Sunday School & ABF | (9:00 a.m.) | 293 |
| Worship Gathering | (10:15 a.m.) | 428 |
| Evening Fellowship Ministries | (7:00 p.m.) | 96 |

Giving on March 22:

\$10,221.13

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| Benevolent | 120.00 |
| Building Fund | 460.00 |
| Christian Education Fund | 343.13 |
| General Fund | 7,098.00 |
| Missions Fund | 1,885.00 |
| Van Fund | 140.00 |
| Youth Fund | 175.00 |

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| <i>Memorials for William Herr – Christian Education</i> | 50.00 |
| <i>General Fund</i> | 250.00 |
| <i>Missions</i> | 295.00 |

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Gary & Pearl Nussbaum** who partner with **Transport for Christ in Ohio**. Gary staffs the Lodi chapel on Wednesday evenings, leading a Bible study for the drivers. Gary & Pearl also attend many annual events such as the Wayne/Holmes Banquet held in March. The event enables them to thank their supporters as well as introduce the ministry to those who have never heard of it before. At the end of each March they set up a booth at the Mid-America Truck Show in Louisville which is always a special time for them. Please let them know you are supporting them and praying by writing to: 15511 Hackett Rd., Dalton, OH 44618 or e-mail to: gpn4672@gmail.com.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

India Parent Meeting: On Sunday, April 12, we will have a meeting for the parents of the students who will be going to India right after Worship Gathering in the schoolhouse. We will talk over financials, additional information, and hopefully be able to answer some questions.

Send-to-Serve: Please remember to check out the table in the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center today. High School students are offering to serve you to help raise funds for the missions trip to India this summer. There will be students at the table to answer your questions. Let's work together as a church to serve in India!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jim & Marty Lemley

Missions Center: Steve & Doneta Reigle

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 30-APRIL 5

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| 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>) |
| | | 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>) |
| Thursday | 6:45 a.m. | Christian Leadership Class (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>) |
| | 8:30 p.m. | Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>) |
| Friday | 7:05 a.m. | Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Good Friday/Communion Service (<i>CMC</i>) |
| Saturday | 10:30 a.m. | College Age Small Group (<i>Ron & Sue Epp's</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Berean ABF Class (<i>Lima Rescue Home</i>) |
| Sunday | 7:30 a.m. | Easter SonRise Service (<i>CMC</i>) |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Easter SonRise Breakfast (<i>CMC</i>) |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Easter Worship Service (<i>CMC</i>) |

No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service

~ EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

On Easter Sunday the nurseries will not be staffed but are open to parents to use them, including a TV monitor with the live service.

Good News Hour:

No Children's Church – Please have your little ones worship with you in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

~ GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE ~

Come join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center this Friday, April 3. The theme is *The Blood*. We will also remember the Lord's sacrifice for us by taking communion together.

~ PLEASE SIGN UP! ~

Plan now to attend the SonRise Breakfast next Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 a.m. Please fill in the number attending on the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary and place in the offering plate or sign the sheet on either of the bulletin boards by the kitchen or in the Missions Center. This will help us have a good count on how many to plan for, thank you!

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

The Promise of Easter: Stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and pick up a special edition of Our Daily Bread to help you anticipate and prepare for Resurrection Sunday. Included are ten reflections designed to help you in your spiritual journey. Allow this devotional booklet to strengthen, comfort, and encourage you and your friends this Easter season.

Senior Pastor Evaluation: Please complete and turn in the Senior Pastor Evaluation form today. 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 to collect the forms.

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.

Bluffton University's Spring Instrumental Concert featuring the Concert Band and wind chamber ensembles, will be held at 2:30 p.m. today in Yoder Recital Hall. Admission is free.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, April 7, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, entertainment will be provided by The Band Loco. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.