

~ EBENEZER COMMUNICATIONS CARD ~

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- Ebenezer Mennonite Church    Baptism    Membership  
 Child dedication    Getting involved in ministry  
 Joining a small group    Prayer requests \_\_\_\_\_

**The Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio** newsletter, The Vine, is available at the Information Center in the Missions Center. This issue is dedicated to the more than 400 volunteers who share generously of their time, talents, and energy to make the lives of our elders brighter.

**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!

**Teachers and parents of Children's Church members:** On Sunday, April 26, immediately after the Worship Gathering a short meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall regarding children's church. We will be signing up teachers for the summer schedule as well as discussing the future of children's church. Thank you for taking the time to attend! - *Kathy Steiner*

**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.

~ THANK YOU ~

**God is good and greatly to be praised!** After several years treatment for lymphoma the doctors have declared Melba to be in remission. The IV treatments have been completed. She still has some side effects to deal with. Thank you for your concerns, thoughts, and prayers during this time. It has been a long journey. God has blessed and guided us through this period in our lives. – *Melba & Ralph Gerber*

**Thanks to the generosity** of the people in the Bluffton and Pandora communities, the SOS (Save Our Sisters) project was an overwhelming success! Together, we collected a grand total of 17,977 items! The Samaritan House and Crossroads Crisis Center were overwhelmed with this generosity! It was a wonderful thing to see the body of Christ work together across denominations to reach out to others. To God be the Glory! Matthew 25:40 – *Amy Mikesell*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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)  
**June 23-July 9** Youth Missions Trip (India)  
**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** 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration (Founding of the first Mennonite church)  
**Nov. 8-11&14-15** Missions Conference – 1 John 2:2  
*From Anywhere to Everywhere*



April 12, 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, Steve Scott (CMC)  
**11:30 a.m.** India Parent Meeting (Schoolhouse)  
**5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (103)  
**6:00 p.m.** Spring Musical Rehearsal (CMC, Disciple Singers' Choir,  
narrators, main and parable actors)  
**6:31 p.m.** Small Group (Kings)  
**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 our guest speaker this morning, Steve Scott, who is the founder and the director of On Target Outfitters. On Target Outfitters is a youth mentoring ministry that uses hunting, shooting, fishing and other outdoor sports as a way to instill confidence, ethics, values, and faith into a young person's life. Steve and his family live in Ohio where On Target Outfitters is based. Steve also spoke during our Wild Game Event last evening.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

**In the hospital:** Richard "Butch" Gladwell, Lima Memorial.  
**Our sympathy** to the family of Don Luginbuhl. Don, husband of Denise and father of Derek, Drew, Drake, and Jodi, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 9. Visitation will be at Bluffton Chiles-Laman Funeral Home 2-8 p.m. today. Services are scheduled here in the Crossroads Ministry Center tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. with one hour visitation preceding.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on April 3:**

Good Friday Service (7:00 p.m.) 116

**Attendance on April 5:**

Easter SonRise Service (7:30 a.m.) 260

Easter Worship Service (10:15 a.m.) 519

**Giving on April 5:**

**\$18,065.86**

Benevolent 80.00

Building Fund 735.00

Christian Education Fund 860.50

General Fund 8,380.36

Missions Fund 6,415.00

New Building Fund 200.00

Van Fund 240.00

Youth Fund 1,155.00

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~ MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are Dave and Marjorie Patrick who serve with TEAM. Their volunteer missionary visa they have had for 20 years was not renewed by the government. This affects many missionaries in South Africa. Efforts for a future return are being investigated by some South African Christian government consultants. In the meantime they are commencing a homeland assignment that will encompass integration of a recruitment program alongside TEAM's mandate to being and building the body of Christ. Their heart is to help mobilize, in particular, African American missions. Please send them a note of encouragement as they go through these changes: 5906 Idlewood Place Lithonia, Georgia 30038 or by email to: david100@wandata.com.

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**India Parent Meeting:** We will have a meeting in the school house following today's Worship Gathering for the parents of the students who will be going to India.

**Send-to-Serve:** Please check out the table in the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center. High school students are offering to serve you to raise funds for the missions trip to India this summer.

**Mothers Day Chicken BBQ** - Sunday, May 10, we can all make our mothers happy with some great chicken and no cooking. At the same time, you will be helping send the youth group to serve in India. Tickets will go on sale starting tomorrow and each Sunday thereafter. If you have any questions or desire to reserve your chicken dinners, talk to Ben at 419-303-5775 or email him at ben.moser@ebenezermennonite.org! Thanks for working with us on our trip to India. This will be donations only!

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Ralph & Melba Gerber  
*Missions Center:* Jady Barhorst, Hannah Conley, Rachel Moser

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 13-19

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- Monday** 9:00 a.m. *MOPS (FH)*  
7:00 p.m. Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
- Tuesday** 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)  
5:00 p.m. Women's Mystery Dinner (meet at the church)
- 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)  
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)  
Prayer Action Team (Church Library)  
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. Disciple Singers Meet (FH)  
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. Welcome Luncheon (FH)  
5:30 p.m. India Student Meeting (Schoolhouse)  
6:00 p.m. Small Groups Potluck (Chuck & Saun Niswanders home)  
Spring Musical Rehearsal (CMC, Disciple Singers' Choir, narrators, main & parable actors)  
7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)  
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~ SUNDAY, APRIL 19 ~

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**Infant & Toddler Nursery:** Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Kelli Foster  
**Good News Hour:** Cassandra Bishop, Janet Brauen, Lillian Burkholder, Leah Eiden, Kim Gordon, Marti & Melina Meza

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

**You may have been** attending Ebenezer for several months, weeks, or perhaps visiting for the first time today. Whatever the case, you are invited to a Welcome Luncheon next Sunday, April 19, immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center. All college age students are also invited. The luncheon will give us the opportunity to further introduce you to the various ministries of Ebenezer.

**Small Groups potluck** is Sunday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. at Chuck & Saun Niswander's home at 8680 Putnam Road, Pandora. Bring a hot and cold dish. Table service and drinks will be provided. Direction for summer small groups will be discussed. Call 419-384-3588 with questions.

**Rally Point BBQ Chicken Dinner:** St. John Mennonite Church is hosting a BBQ chicken dinner on Sunday, April 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale in our Missions Center today and next Sunday, April 19. The cost is \$7.50 and the money will help send Lima students to the YFC summer camp. The dinner includes half a chicken, two sides, roll, and drink. You may dine in or carry out! Contact Bev Stockman at 419-234-8278 for more information.

**Important Update:** Women's Ministries *Daughters of Promise* banquet has, unfortunately, been cancelled for April 24.

**Mystery Dinner:** Ladies, want to go out to dinner, but don't want to plan or make reservations? Women's Ministry is starting up our monthly mystery dinners once again! The evening out for April will be Tuesday, April 14. Please meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining in on the fun, please e-mail Christy Garmatter at garmatterc@gmail.com or call her at 419-358-0864 so we know how many reservations to make.

**Do you like a great cup** of custom brewed coffee? Do you like homemade soup, sandwiches, salads, and baked goods? **We.Serve.Coffee** in Findlay, is donating 50% of their profits for the months of April, May, and June to Findlay Area Youth For Christ. This is an easy way to support the local ministry. **We.Serve.Coffee** is located at 114 E. Sandusky Street, Findlay. They are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Wednesday 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., and Saturday 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.