

April 19, 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 Choir Meet (*FH*)  
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*)
- 11:30 a.m.** Welcome Luncheon (*CMC*)  
Wild Game Committee Meeting (*103*)
- 2:00 p.m.** Youth Pastor Search Committee (*103*)
- 5:30 p.m.** India Missions Trip Meeting (*Schoolhouse*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Small Groups Potluck (*Chuck & Saun Niswanders home*)  
Spring Musical Rehearsal (*CMC, Disciple Singers' Choir,  
narrators, main and parable actors*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
High School Small Groups (*Meet in Schoolhouse*)  
Junior High Small Groups (*Guys Schoolhouse, Girls 116*)

**2015 Church Directories** are now ready and will be handed out today by the ushers following the Morning Worship Gathering.

**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 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.

### ~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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

**Generous Living-Tools for Giving:** A seminar will be held on Tuesday, May 5, at the Bluffton Town Hall, Third Floor, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. The purpose is to provide donors with information about Planned Giving options. For more information please see the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

### ~ National Day of Prayer Events - May 7, 2015 ~

**Prayer Times:** Beginning next Sunday, stop by the display at the table at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center to sign up to pray for one-half hour during the 24 hours of the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7. As you sign up, you will receive a prayer guide with prayer points to assist you in your prayer time.

**National Day of Prayer Gathering:** Mark your calendars and plan to attend a special program on May 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. There will be music and a variety of persons leading us as we lift up in prayer our nation, our state, our community, and many other groups. - *sponsored by the Prayer Action Team Committee*

**Special Guest Matt Huffman**, former congressman from the Ohio House of Representatives, will be joining us for the National Day of Prayer Gathering where he will bring a greeting and pray for our national and state leaders. Plan now to attend!

**Save the Date:** Sunday, August 30, is the 175<sup>th</sup> 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 Augsburg.

### Financial Report – March 2015

#### Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	132,087	67,226	11,400	17,337
Expenses YTD	115,004	57,922	10,324	438
Actual Income	107,813	71,540	6,727	5,477

#### Fund Cash Balances as of 3/31/15:

General.....	\$2,699
Missions.....	\$68,884
Christian Education.....	\$19,930
Building.....	\$19,123
Cemetery Restoration Project.....	\$11,072
New Building.....	\$23,108
Benevolent.....	\$9,295

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### ~ GRADUATION INFORMATION ~

Just fill in the information needed below or e-mail the church office at: [info@ebenezermennonite.org](mailto:info@ebenezermennonite.org). Thank you!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School/College: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Degree (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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*

---

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

---

**Attendance on April 12:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	241
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	419
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	109

**Giving on April 12:**

\$17,986.05

Benevolent	150.00
Building Fund	160.00
Christian Education Fund	455.05
General Fund	8,092.00
Missions Fund	3,895.00
New Building Fund	100.00
Van Fund	161.00
Youth Fund	4,973.00

---

~ MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK ~

---

**Missionaries of the Week** are **Daniel & Lynn Plett** partnering with **Trans World Radio (TWR)** in the **Slovak Republic**. In Slovakia, TWR is known as Radio7 - Radio for Life. TWR broadcast from outside into Slovak for many years when Christian activities inside Slovakia were heavily restricted. When the Iron Curtain fell TWR-Slovakia became a legal entity. Currently they operate FM stations in three cities. The Pletts can be reached by e-mail: [thepletts@zoznam.sk](mailto:thepletts@zoznam.sk).

---

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

---

**Mother's 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 help send the youth group to serve in India. The dinners will include green beans, cheesy potatoes, and a roll or you can order chicken only. You may eat in the Crossroads Ministry Center or take home. If you have questions or desire to reserve your chicken dinners stop by the Serve to Send table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer, talk to Ben at 419-303-5775, or e-mail at [ben.moser@ebenezermennonite.org](mailto:ben.moser@ebenezermennonite.org). Last day to order is Sunday, May 3. There will be extras, but they do go fast! Donations will be accepted at time of pick up. Thanks for working with us on our trip to India.

**All High School Students:** Please meet in the schoolhouse on Saturday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. We will stop for supper at Kewpee and then go to the Lima Rescue Mission. If you have never been there, it is a great learning experience!

---

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

---

*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Marvin & Karen Garmatter  
*Missions Center:* Nicki Biery, Brittany Reigle

---

**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 20-26**

---

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Church Council Meeting (103)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal (115)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6)
		Junior High Youth Group (B17)
		Ladies' Small Group (Infant Nursery)
		Men/Ladies' Bible Study (Church Library)
		VBS Committee Meeting (Toddler Nursery)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
		Dodgeball (CMC)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:45 a.m.</b>	Christian Leadership Class (Bluffton Arby's)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Finance/Investment Com. Meeting (Church Library)
		Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (103)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:05 a.m.</b>	Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Spring Musical Rehearsal (Disciple Singers Choir, narrators, main and parable actors, 118-119)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Christian Leadership Class (116)
		Stephen Ministries (112)
		Sunday School & ABF (Various Classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Disciple Singers Meet (115)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Spring Musical, <b>Here for the Gold</b> (CMC)
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Children's Church Meeting (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
		High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)
		Junior High Small Groups (Guys Schoolhouse, Girls 116)

---

~ SUNDAY, APRIL 26 ~

---

**Nursery:** Kevin & Melissa Hilty  
**Good News Hour:** Cassandra Bishop, Janet Brauen, Leah Eiden,  
Kim Gordon, Alison Mosler, Diane Sharrock

---

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

---

**Small Groups potluck** is tonight at 6:00 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.

**Disciple Singers Choir** will present a spring musical, **Here for the Gold**, next 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:** Next 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*

**Rally Point BBQ Chicken Dinner:** St. John Mennonite Church is hosting a BBQ chicken dinner next Sunday, April 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Today is the last day to buy tickets in the Missions Center. 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.

**Do you like a great cup of coffee?** *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.

**Thanks to all** who had a part in helping out with Wild Game Event. It takes the whole church to put on this special night. Many of you helped "behind the scenes" in prayer, food preparation, serving, decorating, and other areas, even to those of you who came and brought friends to hear God's message proclaimed. By each person doing a small part in preparing for the night, it was a success. Many of those who attended indicated their decision to follow the Lord. Thank you. - *The Wild Game Committee*