

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. Thank you!

Student Name: _____

Date/Time: _____

High School/College: _____

Degree (if applicable): _____

A small group book study will begin Sunday, May 3. Is God silent? Is God unfair? Does God seem hidden? Philip Yancey in his book, *Disappointment with God*, addresses these questions. Join us for a 10 week discussion on Sundays at 6:31 p.m. at the home of Chuck & Saun Niswander.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, May 5, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the Bluffton High School Jazz Band will perform. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Sign up for the Fishing Charter Trip on Saturday, June 13, from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with Fisherman's Wharf Irish Drifter Charters. The cost is \$30 per person with free bait. Contact Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346 or call the church office at 419-358-8588.

Dear friends: The director, staff, and survivors of Crossroads Crisis Center would like to thank you for all your generous donations of women's hygiene products! Your commitment to helping domestic violence victims in our community is greatly appreciated! Every year, Crossroads Crisis Center continues to see many lives changed for the better thanks to the generosity of people like you! - *Sincerely, Shyanne, Residential Service Coordinator Crossroads Crisis Center*

~ NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENTS – MAY 7, 2015 ~

Prayer Times: Please stop by the display at the table at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center today 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 Thursday, 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 Speaker Pro Tempore of 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!

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

May 7 National Day of Prayer Program (7:00 p.m., CMC)

May 17 Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.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 5 Worship & Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)

July 12 FaithFull Singles Luncheon (11:30 a.m., FH)

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



April 26, 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.** Disciple Singers Meet (115)
The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10)
- 10:15 a.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir Musical (CMC)
- 11:30 a.m.** Children's Church Meeting (FH)
- 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)

Disciple Singers' Choir will present their spring musical, **Here for the Gold**, this morning. 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?

No Children's Church today for the 4, 5, and 6 year olds. So they may be with their parents to see the children's musical. There will be children's church for ages 2 & 3.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 19:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	252
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	399
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	101

Giving on April 19:

\$13,245.99

Benevolent	70.00
Building Fund	300.00
Christian Education Fund	330.99
General Fund	5,850.00
Missions Fund	3,120.00
Van Fund	150.00
Youth Fund	3,425.00

~ MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Nick & Amy Beth Powell** who serve with **Avant Ministries** at **Echo Ranch Bible Camp in Alaska**. We are thankful for **Ebenezer** and your prayers. We are flying to Alaska on April 28, so we would appreciate prayers as we travel. When we get to camp we will be preparing for the summer and for counselors to arrive in late May. A big praise is that we have a lot of counselors coming to serve and a lot of additional summer staff as well! Prayers for each camper's heart that comes this summer, that God will be glorified, and that kids will come to know Christ! To send a note of encouragement to Nick & Amy Beth write to: P.O. Box 210608, Auke Bay, AK 99821 or e-mail: nick.powell@avmi.org.

~ CHILDREN'S CHURCH MEETING ~

Following the Worship Gathering today in the Fellowship Hall (the room beside the kitchen) at approximately 11:30 a.m. we will sign up for the children's church summer schedule; discuss possibly cutting down to two classes, and finding a replacement for the organizer. Parents, teachers, and helpers hope to see you there! - *Kathy Steiner*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Rhody Hartman, Cheryl Potter

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 27-MAY 3

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
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)
	6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministries Skate Night (Grove Skateland)
	6:00 p.m.	Junior High Game Night (FH)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (115)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		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)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
Friday	7:05 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	High School Students (meet in the schoolhouse, Lima Rescue Home)
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)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (103)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Group (Niswander)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
		High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)
		Junior High Small Groups (Guys Schoolhouse, Girls 116)

~ SUNDAY, MAY 3 ~

Good News Hour: Lauren & Emily Bish, Jason & Kim Fritsch, Deb Huber, Aaron & Emily Koogler, Amanda Reigle

2015 Church Directories are available in the Missions Center or on the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High Game Night: On Wednesday, April 29, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. to have pizza and enjoy an extended night of youth group until 8:00! There will be games, fun, and extra food! If you want to go skating, you are more than welcome, but we will have fun here at the church too. This past week was the last Wednesday night Junior High Youth Group meeting until next fall.

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!

Mother's Day Chicken BBQ - Sunday, May 10: The dinners will include chicken, 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 or in the Missions Center, talk to Ben at 419-303-5775, or e-mail at ben.moser@ebenezymennonite.org. You may also fill out the yellow insert in this Emissary and place in the offering plate. Last day to order is next Sunday, May 3. There will be extras, but they do go fast! Your donations at time of pick up will help with the cost of the youth missions trip to India.

Summer camp is fast approaching! Just a reminder to students Grades 2 through high school about attending Miracle Camp, please register online at www.miraclecamp.com. Afterwards, please sign up at the information center in the Missions Center for scholarship approval and transportation to and from camp. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Sharrock at 419-302-8438 or dmsarrock@yahoo.com.

The Youth Pastor Search committee is now taking applications for the position of Pastor of Youth Ministries at Ebenezer. Resumes may be handed to a deacon or pastor, mailed or delivered to the church office, or they may be submitted via e-mail to employment@ebenezymennonite.org. For further information please visit the website: www.ebenezymennonite.org and click on "Employment" on the first page of the website.