

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### 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@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:info@ebenezymennonite.org). Thank you!

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

**Child Dedication Service Sunday, May 10:** Parents, if you would like to take part in this service please contact the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim at 419-296-0885.

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

**Relief for Nepal Victims & Families:** Do you desire to send a financial gift to help those suffering as a result of the April 25 Nepal earthquake? Below are several websites of organizations providing assistance to those in need:

**Mennonite Central Committee:** <http://mcc.org/>

**Samaritan's Purse:** <http://www.samaritanpurse.org/donation-items/nepal-earthquake-response/>

**TEAM Disaster Response Fund:**

<https://secure2.convio.net/team/site/SPageServer?pagename=donatenow&did=4762>

**World Vision:** <http://donate.worldvision.org/nepal-quake>

**Fishing Charter Trip** is scheduled for 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.

#### ~ HELPERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015 ~

**May 31-June 5 - 6:30-9:00 p.m.**

Vacation Bible School information, volunteer sign-up, and registration tables will be set up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and the Missions Center today and Sundays May 10, 17, & 24.

#### Register children ages 4-Grade 6

**Volunteers Needed.** There are many places where you can help, so please come see us to volunteer or ask questions.

**Donations Needed.** We are in need of many donations. The list of items can be found at the VBS tables. Donations can be placed in the church library starting Wednesday, May 7. Please label each donation with the letters VBS.

Don't have time to visit the VBS tables, visit the Ebenezer website: [www.ebenezymennonite.org](http://www.ebenezymennonite.org).

Thank you for helping to minister to all the children who attend VBS. – Melissa Hilty, Janet Brauen, Kim Eachus, Ashley Fry, Mandy Klinger, Denise Rex, Jaime Shaw, and Tammy Whitlow.

#### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

**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** 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*



May 3, 2015

# Ebenezer Emissary

#### ~ 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 (CMC)  
*Polite Sins*
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (103)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Group (King, Niswander)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

#### ~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

**Our sympathy** to the family of Judith Haak. Judy, the sister of Sharon Forrer, passed away on Thursday, April 23. A celebration of Judy's life was held Wednesday, April 29, in Albert, Alberta.

**In the Hospital:** Keith Geiger, St. Rita's Medical Center.

**In rehabilitation:** Richard "Butch" Gladwell, Richland Manor.

#### ~ LAST DAY TO ORDER ~

**The youth and leaders** who are heading to India for a missions trip June 23 - July 9 are sponsoring a chicken BBQ on Mother's Day, May 10. The dinners will include chicken, green beans, cheesy potatoes, and a roll. You can also order chicken only. Your donations at time of pick-up will greatly help with the cost of the youth missions trip. Here's how you can **place your order today:**

- Stop by the Serve to Send table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer or in the Missions Center.
- Call Ben at 419-303-5775.
- E-mail Ben at: [ben.moser@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:ben.moser@ebenezymennonite.org).
- Fill out the yellow form that was inserted in last Sunday's Emissary and place in the offering plate.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on April 26:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	234
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	457
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	61

**Giving on April 26:**

\$16,552.17

Benevolent	10.00
Building Fund	230.00
Christian Education Fund	549.17
General Fund	4,939.00
Missions Fund	4,264.00
New Building Fund	170.00
Van Fund	170.00
Youth Fund	6,220.00

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~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are **Dan & Cheryl Reisacher** who serve with **Trans World Radio** in **North Carolina**. Five months ago Cheryl gave birth to the couple's first child, a daughter they named Miriam. On the mainland of Venezuela, a project is in the works to make the transmitter there more powerful to reach even more people with God's word. It would have the potential to reach twice as many people, indigenous peoples of Brazil who have never heard the Word! For information on how you can help with *Bonaire Power Up*, visit [www.twr.org/PowerUp](http://www.twr.org/PowerUp). To encourage Dan & Cheryl please write to: PO Box 8700, Cary, NC 27512 or by e-mail: [dreisacher@twr.org](mailto:dreisacher@twr.org).

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

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**Prayer Times:** Stop by 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. You will receive a prayer guide to assist you in your prayer time.

**National Day of Prayer Gathering:** Plan now to attend this community 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!

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 4-10

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton Arby's</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	VBS Committee Meeting ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>115</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer ( <i>103</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Bread of Life Ministries ( <i>Church Kitchen</i> ) Dodgeball ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:45 a.m.</b>	Christian Leadership Class ( <i>Bluffton Arby's</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	National Day of Prayer Gathering ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:05 a.m.</b>	Youth Prayer Group ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Christian Leadership Class ( <i>116</i> ) Sunday School & ABF ( <i>Various Classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4,5&amp;6 year olds-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Mother's Day Chicken BBQ ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>6:31 p.m.</b>	Small Group ( <i>King</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 10 ~

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**Good News Hour:**

Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Lauren Bish, Pat King,  
Amanda Reigle, Bev Stockman

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**You are invited to an open house for:**

**Adel Sommers**

Monday, May 25 (12-3 p.m.) in Crossroads Ministry Center

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Dodgeball and Bread of Life Finale:** On Wednesday, May 13, we will be having the last Dodgeball and Bread of Life of the school year. We are inviting the graduating students and adults to come play with us for the night. We are going to have pizza, snow cones, and other food. We are looking to close out the school year big and have a great last night from 8:30 until 10:00!

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:employment@ebenezymennonite.org). For further information please visit the website: [www.ebenezymennonite.org](http://www.ebenezymennonite.org) and click on "Employment" on the first page of the website.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**A small group book study** will begin this evening. 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, 8680 Putnam Road, Pandora.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon this 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.

**Generous Living-Tools for Giving:** A seminar will be held this 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.

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