

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): _____

~ 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 are set up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and the Missions Center today and Sundays May 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. Please label each donation with the letters VBS. Don't have time to visit the VBS tables, visit the Ebenezer website: www.ebenezermennonite.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.

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 organizations providing assistance to those in need:

Global Disciples (Crisis in Nepal)
315 West James St., Suite 202
Lancaster, PA 17603

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

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

TEAM Disaster Response Fund:

<https://secure2.convio.net/team/site/SPageServer?pagename=donate-now&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.

~ THANK YOU ~

Ebenezer family: We wanted to send a heartfelt thank you for helping us welcome Miss Callie into our family. Thank you for all the prayers, visits, CD, and devotional. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family! – Love, Jeremy, Ashley, Elijah, and Callie Fry

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and other expressions of concern and sympathy; you have been encouraging and comforting. Though the Lord had a different plan than to spare my sister's life, He has given us assurance of His faithfulness and mercy. Thank you also for praying for my health issues. – Sharon Forrer

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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)



May 10, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary

It is with joy that we welcome all worshipers. We are especially happy to welcome mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day and the Christian Home. Let us take time to thank God for our families.

Make yourself at home, you are among friends who would love for you to be part of the family! 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, Pastor Jim (CMC)
Pharisee Sins
Dedication to the Lord -
Annie Leigh Steiner and Levi Richard Zink
- 11:30 a.m.** Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (CMC)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Group (King)
**** No Evening Fellowship Service ****

Chicken BBQ is today! Happy Mother's Day and thank you for your support. If you signed up for a chicken dinner, please stop by the church kitchen to pick it up following the Worship Gathering. **Baked goods** are also available for everyone while they last. Thank you for your donations to the missions trip to India.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Kyle & Amy Gratz on the birth of their son, Aiden James, on Tuesday, May 5, weighing 7 lb. 10 oz.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 3:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	240
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	395
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	63

Giving on May 3:

		<u>\$21,260.86</u>
Benevolent		60.00
Building Fund		380.00
Christian Education Fund		426.86
General Fund		9,904.00
Missions Fund		6,370.00
New Building Fund		150.00
Youth Fund		3,970.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Scott & Nikki Russell** serving with **ABWE** throughout **Latin America**, with their home base in Pennsylvania. Since the beginning of the year they have traveled to Orlando for a "Global Operations Team Summit," to Chile for three weeks, Jamaica to help the missionaries serving there. In March, they went to the border of Texas and Mexico to evaluate the RGBI Missionary Spanish Language School and Bible Institute for Latin Americans preparing for ministry. More time was then spent in Mexico. This month they will be traveling to the Dominican Republic to connect with missionaries there. Please lift up Scott and Nikki as they travel and minister by sending a note of encouragement to: 678 Sand Spur Dr., Etters, PA 17319 or by e-mail to: scott@abwe.org.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Dodgeball and Bread of Life Finale: This 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. 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 dmsharrock@yahoo.com.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Chuck & Saun Niswander

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 11-17

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)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:00 p.m.	VBS Committee Meeting (CMC)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (115)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (We Serve. Coffee, Findlay)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen) Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	6:45 a.m.	Christian Leadership Class (Bluffton Arby's)
	5:00 p.m.	Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner (meet at the church)
	6:00 p.m.	VBS Committee Meeting (Church Library)
Friday	7:05 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Promotion Sunday (CMC)
	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)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Group (King)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 17 ~

Good News Hour:

Allison & Madeline Burghaze, Leah Eiden, Mandy Klinger,
Julie McKanna, Bev Stockman, Hannah Willow

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



You are invited to an open house for:

Ross Zimmerman

Sunday, May 17 (1-4) Crossroads Ministry Center

Erica Sheehan

Sunday, May 24 (2-5 p.m.) 10069 Phillips Rd., Bluffton

Adel Sommers

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

High School and College Graduate Recognition Sunday is Sunday, May 24, during the morning Worship Gathering at 10:15. Please fill out the Graduation Information on the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary and place in the offering plate or e-mail information to the church office at info@ebenezermennonite.org. Thank you!

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Story Night for Findlay Area Youth For Christ: On Thursday, May 14, at 7:00, David Glick and Hannah Slechter will be giving a short report at *We Serve. Coffee* located at 114 E. Sandusky Street, Findlay. Then on Thursday, May 21, at 7:00 Jared Diller and Ruth Herron of Rally Point will be hosting Story Night. *We Serve. Coffee* is open those evenings just for YFC attendees. If you are interested in attending, please contact Don Leader at 419-302-2913 or Ann Leader at 419-302-1275.

All are invited to attend the Sunday School Promotion program next Sunday, May 17, during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Hour. All students in Grades 1-8 please come 15 minutes early (8:45 a.m.) to your classrooms and then you will be escorted by your teachers to the Crossroads Ministry Center. All Adult Bible Fellowship classes are invited to attend the Promotion program.

Church library will be closed from now through Vacation Bible School week, Saturday, June 6.