

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): _____

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- May 31-June 5** VBS Week (ages 4-Grade 6, 6:30-9:00 p.m.)
- 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
From Anywhere to Everywhere

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Baptism, take your next step in your journey with Jesus. Sign up with Pastor Jim, Ben Moser, or Jaden August to take the three baptism classes that will meet on Sundays July 12, 19, & 26, at the Bluffton Campus Life Room. Classes will meet from noon to 1:15 p.m. and lunch will be included. The baptism service will take place on Sunday, August 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Elnora Stratton’s pond.

Vacation Bible School - May 31-June 5 - 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School tables are set up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and the Missions Center today and next Sunday.

- **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.

Story Night for Findlay Area Youth For Christ: On Thursday, May 21, at 7:00 Jared Diller and Ruth Herron of Rally Point will be hosting Story Night at *We Serve*. Coffee located at 114 E. Sandusky Street, Findlay. If you are interested in attending, please contact Don Leader at 419-302-2913 or Ann Leader at 419-302-1275.

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.

~ SWISS MENNONITE 175 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 3-8 P.M. ~

Many of the early pioneers of the Swiss Mennonite settlement left Europe in search of religious freedom. The first church of the settlement was built in 1840 on Road 4 between St. John and Ebenezer. This year marks the 175th anniversary of the original church. A celebration will be held on Sunday, August 30, at the site of the original church with a worship service, lectures, displays, hymns, and a traditional Swiss meal under a big tent. Myron Augsburg will be the featured speaker. *The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.* Psalm 16:6



May 17, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary

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.** 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, Pastor Jim (CMC)
Pagan Sins
- 2:00 p.m.** Youth Pastor Search Committee (103)
- 6:30 p.m.** High School Small Group Finale (Ron & Tobi Meyer’s home)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Group, *Disappointment with God* (Lemley)
Small Group (King)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

Everyone is invited to attend the Sunday School Promotion program in the Crossroads Ministry Center this morning during the 9:00 Sunday School Hour.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Cody & Maggie Rodabaugh on the birth of their daughter, Lyla Ruth, on Wednesday, May 13, weighing 6 lb. 12 oz.

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Caleb & Sarah (Wireman) Elsea who were united in marriage yesterday here at the church. May God bless their new home.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 10:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	275
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	462

Giving on May 10:

\$20,960.15

Benevolent	125.00
Building Fund	280.00
Christian Education Fund	656.15
General Fund	6,763.00
Missions Fund	1,910.00
New Building Fund	30.00
Van Fund	346.00
Youth Fund	10,850.00

Memorials for Don Luginbuhl – Benevolent \$695.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Rick & Pat Shaner** serving with **Avant Ministries** in **Ketchikan, Alaska**. Rick & Pat are both involved with youth in many different areas including a “Young Life” group, junior high, and high school groups, sports, church, and through substitute teaching at the school. Doors keep opening for them to be involved with kids in different areas of their lives. God has placed many kids in their lives that are especially in need of wisdom, attention, and love. Please lift them up as they minister to so many in difficult situations. To write to them: 835 Monroe St., Ketchikan, AK 99901 or e-mail them at: rpshaner@yahoo.com.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Small Group Finale: Tonight from 6:30-8:30 the High School Youth Group will finish off the small groups for the year at the home of Ron & Tobi Meyer (7055 Lugabill Road). We will have a time of reflection on the past year, a devotional, play a group game, and have time to hang-out together. All high school students are welcome, whether or not you attended small groups this year.

Summer Sessions Calendar: Please pick up your copy of the Ebenezer Youth Group summer schedule in the Missions Center at the Information Center.

Summer Miracle Camp: Grades 2 through high school please register online at www.miraclecamp.com. Then sign up at the Information Center in the Missions Center for scholarship approval and transportation. For any questions please call Diane Sharrock at 419-302-8438 or e-mail at dmsarrock@yahoo.com.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Richard & Gera Bixel

Missions Center: Steve & Doneta Reigle

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 18-24

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	VBS Committee Meeting (<i>CMC</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>115</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
Thursday	6:45 a.m.	Christian Leadership Class (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</i>)
		Prayer Action Team (<i>Church Library</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Friday	7:05 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Christian Leadership Class (<i>116</i>)
		Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)

****No Evening Fellowship Service****

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24 ~

Good News Hour: David & Mary Glick, Alison Mosler, Diane Sharrock, Renea & Caity Zimmerman

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.

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

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@ebenezymennonite.org. For further information please visit the website: www.ebenezymennonite.org and click on “Employment” on the first page of the website.



You are invited to an open house for:

Ross Zimmerman

Today (1-4 p.m.) Crossroads Ministry Center

Kyle Bewsey

Saturday, May 23 (12-2 p.m.) Crossroads Ministry Center

Andrew Spallinger

Sunday, May 24 (12:30-4 p.m.) 6260 Phillips Rd. Bluffton

Dylan Alt

Sunday, May 24 (1-5 p.m.) 9640 Putnam Rd., Bluffton

Erica Sheehan

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

Makayla Smith

Sunday, May 24 (2-5 p.m.) Bluffton Campus Life Room

Mateo Bonifaz, Alex Hord, Skyler Noble

Sunday, May 24 (3-7 p.m.) 102 Hawthorn Ct., Bluffton

Adel Sommers

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

Mariah Burkholder

Monday, May 25 (4-7 p.m.) 1811 State Route 103, Bluffton

Tim Huber

Monday, May 25 (5:30-8:30 p.m.) Crossroads Ministry Center

Ian Moser

Sunday, May 31 (2-6 p.m.) 20818 Twp. Rd. 52, Bluffton

High School and College Graduate Recognition Sunday is next 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@ebenezymennonite.org. Thank you!