

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 _____

Financial Report – April 2015 Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	176,117	89,635	15,200	23,117
Expenses YTD	162,739	59,106	13,547	3,297
Actual Income	136,178	89,234	8,923	6,902

Fund Cash Balances as of 4/30/15:

General.....	(\$16,671)
Missions.....	\$85,394
Christian Education	\$18,902
Building	\$19,763
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$11,497
New Building.....	\$25,578
Benevolent.....	\$8,429

~ 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)

Congratulations to our 2015 Graduates

- Bluffton High School – May 23**
 Dylan Alt * Kathryn Basinger * Mateo Bonifaz
 Emma Burkholder * Alex Hord * Tim Huber * Jeannie Lee
 Skyler Noble * Erica Sheehan * Adel Sommers * Makayla Smith
 Andrew Spallinger * Rich Streicher * Ross Zimmerman
Apollo Career Center – May 21 & Bluffton High School – May 23
 Kyle Bewsey * Ben Wagner
Cory-Rawson High School – May 24
 Mariah Burkholder * Ian Moser
Minot High School – June 6
 Allene Thompson
Apollo Career Center – May 21 & Spencerville High School – May 31
 Audrey Bowsher

Bluffton University – May 3

- Drew Luginbuhl – *Mathematics, Information Technology, Computer Science*
 Collin Reid – *Youth Ministries and Recreation*
Bowling Green State University – August 8
 Adam Klingler – *BA Criminal Justice*
 Jaime Luginbuhl – *Sports Management/Marketing*
University of Findlay – May 2
 Brittany Sheehan – *Doctorate of Physical Therapy*
Indiana Wesleyan University – April 25
 Andrea Spallinger – *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*
Mount Vernon Nazarene University – May 16
 Autumn Burkholder – *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*
Ohio Northern University – May 10
 Austin Marquart – *Doctor of Pharmacy*
Ohio State University – Lima – May 10
 Alexis Luginbuhl – *Associate of Arts*
Rio Grande University – May 2
 Matthew Spallinger – *Fine Woodworking*
Texas A&M (Texarkana) – May 16
 Darin Hefner – *Masters of Business Administration*
Wright State University – May 2
 Caleb Barnes – *Doctorate in Mechanical Engineering*



May 24, 2015

**Ebenezer
Emissary**

We are genuinely glad you have chosen to worship with us this Memorial Day Weekend! Tomorrow is a day where we actively remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. We can honor them by visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on their graves, by visiting memorials, and by flying the U.S. Flag at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 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, Ben Moser & Jaden August (CMC)
 Graduate Recognition
****No Evening Fellowship Service****

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Thomas & Tara (Gingerich) Fett who were united in marriage on Thursday, May 21, Corolla Outer Banks, North Carolina.

**Vacation Bible School –
Everest: Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power
May 31-June 5 - 6:30-9:00 p.m.**

VBS tables are set up in the CMC Foyer and the Missions Center.

- Register children ages 4-Grade 6.
- Many volunteers are still needed.
- The list of donations can be found at the VBS tables. Place all donations in the church library before next Sunday. Please label with the letters VBS. Visit the Ebenezer website at: www.ebenezermennonite.org for more information.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 17:

Promotion Sunday	(9:00 a.m.)	277
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	422
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	12

Giving on May 17:

\$19,167.02

Benevolent	1,030.00
Building Fund	580.00
Christian Education Fund	2,292.02
General Fund	3,460.00
Missions Fund	3,270.00
New Building Fund	165.00
Van Fund	200.00
Youth Fund	8,170.00
Chicken BBQ Youth Fundraiser-Sunday, May 10	\$2,400.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Nick & Debbie Siemens* partnering with **Trans World Radio in Germany** and surrounding countries. *Thank you for joining us in the ministry to help spread the Word to those who have never heard and are lost without Him in their lives. There are so many areas of conflict in this world with so many people hurting each other instead of being an encouragement. One of those areas of conflict is Ukraine. Nick took a trip there in March to meet with our local staff. Our local staff still produces special programs on the subject of reconciliation. Thank you for continuing to pray not only for the healing of this nation, but also for reconciliation between the Russian and Ukrainian Christians.* Send a note to encourage Nick & Debbie to: Martinskirchweg 20, 35638 Leun, Germany or e-mail them at: nickanddebbiesiemens@gmail.com.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Wednesday Summer Session: On May 27, we will have our first Summer Session for those about to go into high school and those who just left high school. There will be a devotional, a group game, and some time to just hang out. We will meet at Ron & Tobi Meyer's Home (7055 Lugabill Rd) from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. We are excited for you to come!!

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

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 25-31

Monday	**Church Office Closed – Memorial Day**
Tuesday	6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
	7:00 p.m. Missions Committee (<i>103</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>)
	6:30 p.m. High School Summer Session (<i>Ron & Tobi Meyer's home</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>)
	8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m. 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>)
	2:00 p.m. Youth Pastor Search Committee (<i>103</i>)
	6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School Begins

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31 ~

Good News Hour: Marti & Melina Meza, Alison Mosler, Cheryl Potter, Diane Sharrock, Lauren Willow

Birthday Card Shower: Richard "Butch" Gladwell will celebrate a special (75th) birthday on Tuesday, May 26. If you would like to send a note or card, please send to or stop by: Richland Manor, 7400 Swaney Road, Bluffton, OH 45817.

Open House for Gladyce Bixel-Loewen's 80th birthday next Sunday, May 31, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at 10111 US Rt. 224 W., Findlay.

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 dmsnarrock@yahoo.com.

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.

Graduation Festivities

All are invited to an open house for the follow graduates:

Andrew Spallinger

Today (12:30-4 p.m.) 6260 Phillips Rd. Bluffton

Dylan Alt

Today (1-5 p.m.) 9640 Putnam Rd., Bluffton

Erica Sheehan

Today (2-5 p.m.) 10069 Phillips Rd., Bluffton

Makayla Smith

Today (2-5 p.m.) Bluffton Campus Life Room

Mateo Bonifaz, Alex Hord, Skyler Noble

Today (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

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

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is accepting registrations for the 2015-2016 year! **MOPS** is a Christian faith-based group for mothers and their young children! Moms experience fellowship, mothering support, and spiritual growth while their children have fun and are lovingly cared for in the MOPPET program! We meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month (October-May) from 9:00-11:00 a.m. here at Ebenezer! Registration cost is \$40 until June 1 and then it is \$45! Please contact Jessica Meyer at 419-303-3190 for more information or check out our Facebook page **MOPS-Ebenezer Mennonite Church!**

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.