

May 31, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary



We welcome you to worship this Sunday with sincere joy! 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.** 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 – Pastor Dale *(CMC)*
Two Roads to Renown
- 2:00 p.m.** Youth Pastor Search Committee *(103)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Vacation Bible School *(ages 4-Grade 6)*
Everest-Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power
- 6:45 p.m.** Prayer for Vacation Bible School *(115)*
****No Evening Fellowship Service****

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.
- Three volunteers are needed for registration.
- The list of donations can be found at the VBS tables. Place all food donations in the church kitchen. Please label with the letters VBS. Visit the Ebenezer website at: www.ebenezermennonite.org for more information.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Scheduled Surgery: Diana Basinger, Friday, June 5, at St. Rita's Medical Center.

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 _____

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.

MHCO Admission Policy: Several weeks ago during Adult Bible Fellowship, the deacons presented some information regarding a possible change to the admission policy of Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio. The MHCO board agreed at their April 27 meeting that their admission policy would state and include legally married couples omitting the reference to same-sex marriage.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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 No Sunday School for children ages 2-Grade 6

No Children's Church for 2-6 year olds

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, Grades2-4)*

Aug. 9-12 Grade School Half Week *(Miracle Camp, Grades2-4)*

Aug. 12-15 Grade School Half Week *(Miracle Camp, Grades2-4)*

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

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

Music: The first Mennonite hymnal that was published with harmony was not until 1875. Find out how the style of singing, the choice of songs, and even the language changed, with the experience of singing hymns the way 19th Century Swiss Mennonites would have sung them. Jim Oberhaus will lead afternoon participants in hymns throughout the ages.

Only One Life to Offer

*Only one life to offer
Jesus my Lord and King
Only one tongue to praise Thee
And of Thy mercy sing
Only one heart's devotion Savior
O may it be consecrated
Alone to Thy matchless glory
Yielded fully to Thee*

*Only this hour is mine Lord
May it be used for Thee
May ev'ry passing moment
Count for eternity
Souls all about are dying
Dying in sin and shame
Help me bring them the message
Of Calv'ry's redemption
In Thy glorious name*

*Only one life to offer
Take it dear Lord I pray
Nothing from Thee withholding
Thy will I now obey
Thou who hast freely given
Thine all in all for me
Claim this life for Thine own to be used
My Savior ev'ry moment for Thee*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 24:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	256
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	449

Giving on May 24:

\$13,646.00

Benevolent	150.00
Building Fund	215.00
Christian Education Fund	529.00
General Fund	7,406.00
Missions Fund	2,796.00
Youth Fund	2,550.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Mark & Liz Sisler** who are teaming up with **Naomi's Village in Kenya** where they will be ministering to orphaned children. They are busy cleaning out their current house in Illinois and preparing to move out on July 1. Their departure date is currently set for July 29! Please pray for smooth transitions during this time and that their eyes would remain on Christ. Construction for the new Cornerstone Academy in Naomi's Village began in January and is planned to be completed early next year. To connect with them before they leave the States please write to: 116 Cascade Dr., Indiana Head Park, IL 60525 or e-mail them at: sislersinkenya@gmail.com.

~ PRAYER FOR BIBLE SCHOOL! ~

You are invited to pray any (or each!) evening of Bible School (Sunday through Thursday). Plan to gather in Room 115 from 6:45-7:45 p.m. and/or 8:00-9:00 p.m. to pray for the VBS staff and children. Bible School is a tremendous community outreach opportunity, and we need your prayers! - *Prayer Action Team*

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Wednesday Summer Session: On June 10, we will have our first (May 27 was rained out) 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!!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Missions Center: Clyde & Janie Wireman

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 1-7

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School – <i>Everest</i>
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer for Vacation Bible School (115)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School – <i>Everest</i>
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer for Vacation Bible School (115)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School – <i>Everest</i>
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer for Vacation Bible School (115)
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School – <i>Everest</i>
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer for Vacation Bible School (115)
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School - <i>Everest</i> Closing Program (<i>CMC</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministries (112) Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Group (<i>Chuck & Saun Niswander's home</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7 ~

Good News Hour:

Kathy & Cassandra Bishop, Leah, Ben, & Marco Eiden,
Abbey Gambrell, Brooke Koontz, Renea & Caity Zimmerman



Ian Moser

Today (2-6 p.m.) 20818 Twp. Rd. 52, Bluffton

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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

Recent Move: Emerson Diller, 304 Hilty Drive, P.O. 359, Pandora, OH 45877

You are invited to attend an open house for Gladyce Bixel-Loewen's 80th birthday this afternoon from 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.

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!**

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, June 2, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the West Independence Quartet 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.

Berean Adult Bible Fellowship will have a potluck lunch on Sunday, June 14, at 11:30 a.m. following the Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring one dish to share.

Connections: Connecting Christ with Culture Small Group will be reading and discussing the book, Loving My (LGBT) Neighbor by Glenn T. Stanton. (Focus on the Family; Moody Publishers). We'll meet at Bluffton McDonald's on Wednesdays for nine weeks starting June 17, 7:05 p.m. - 8:10 p.m. Contact Pastor Jim King at jim.king@ebenezymennonite.org for a book. Cost is \$13.