

June 7, 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.** Stephen Ministries (112)
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 Dick (CMC)
Stand Firm Church
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (103)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Group (Chuck & Saun Niswander's home)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

A special welcome to Ben & Ashley Krueger and their sons Ezekiel and Titus. The Kruegers will share during the morning Worship Gathering.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Bryce Luginbill. Bryce, son of Don, son of Barbara, grandson of Julia, and nephew of Greg, passed away on Friday, May 29, in Slocomb, Alabama. Private family services will be held at a later date.

In the Hospital: Diana Basinger, St. Rita's Medical Center.

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Jeremy & Drusilla (Spallinger) Basinger who were united in marriage yesterday in Elida.

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 \$45. Please contact Jessica Meyer at 419-303-3190 for more information or check out our Facebook page **MOPS**-Ebenezer Mennonite Church!

~ THANK YOU ~

Thanks church family! My chemo sessions are completed and I have been placed on a five year "surveillance" program with The James Cancer Hospital in Columbus. Your prayers, texts, cards, and food were much appreciated! To God be the glory! – Jane Shaw

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

The Worship Service will be lively and full of music and great preaching, featuring Myron Augsburg who was a popular tent evangelist in Ohio and around the country for many years. Myron was born in Elida and he went on to become a leading authority on Swiss Anabaptism. His afternoon lecture will describe how Anabaptism started and why it matters.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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, 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

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 _____

The Global Leadership Summit will be held August 6 and 7, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Winebrenner Theological Seminary at 950 N. Main Street, Findlay. Ebenezer is a Summit 2015 Partner Church and our members can receive world-class leadership development at a special discount. The early bird partner rate is \$99 (must be received by June 23). Register at www.winebrenner.edu or www.willowcreek.com/summit. Enter the priority code 15GLSSPC. If you have questions please contact Ginger Zambrano at gzambrano@winebrenner.edu or 419-434-4226.

New Addresses: Ruth Anna Bixel - 700 Maple Crest, Apt. E105, Bluffton, OH 45817, Dorothy Lugibihl – 111 W. Pearl Street, Beaverdam, OH 45808, Jay & Janet Lugibihl – 9645 Columbus Grove Road, Bluffton, OH 45817.

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.

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 dmsharrock@yahoo.com.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 31:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	245
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	384

Attendance Vacation Bible School week:

Sunday, May 31	(6:30 p.m.)	168
Monday, June 1	(6:30 p.m.)	160
Tuesday, June 2	(6:30 p.m.)	178
Wednesday, June 3	(6:30 p.m.)	180
Thursday, June 4	(6:30 p.m.)	174

Giving on May 31:

\$11,428.05

Benevolent	260.00
Building Fund	235.00
Christian Education Fund	1,097.05
General Fund	4,651.00
Missions Fund	3,560.00
New Building Fund	120.00
Youth Fund	1,205.00
Van Fund	300.00

Garage Sale Youth Fundraiser – May 29 & 30 \$2,300

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Hannah & Wade Slechter*. Hannah serves with Youth for Christ in the Bluffton and Pandora areas. Please remember Hannah in prayer as she continues to make connections and plan events for students over the summer months. Wade stepped down from his position as Campus Life Director Findlay High School as of June 1. You may send a note to encourage them at: 656 S. Main Street, Bluffton, OH 45817 or by e-mail to: slehsa@bluffton.edu.

~ 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: Nicki Biery, Brittany Reigle
Crossroads Ministry Center: Donita Luginbill, Jean Reichenbach

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 8-14

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner (<i>meet at the church</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	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>)
	11:30 a.m.	Berean ABF Class Potluck Lunch (<i>FH</i>)
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Pastor Search Committee (<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 14 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery: Naomi Miller, Phil & Sarah Shank
Good News Hour: Benji & Sarah Bergstrand, Kathy and Cassandra Bishop, Leah Conley, Deb and Dan Huber

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Myron & Lou Geiger. Tuesday, June 9, will mark their 61st wedding anniversary!

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Ladies...The Mystery Dinner for this month will be Wednesday evening, June 10. Please meet at the church at 5:00. RSVP by Tuesday, June 9, to Christy Garmatter at: garmatter@gmail.com or call/text 419-236-3200.

Coed church softball games start in July! We need to get our team registered ASAP, so please sign up in the Missions Center! Contact Sam Brauen at 419-303-1691 if you have questions.

Pandora-Bluffton, Findlay, and Rally Point board members are working together to raise funds for the local chapters of Youth for Christ. A beautiful house is being built at 150 N. Bentley Road in Bluffton. The proceeds from this home sale will benefit Youth for Christ in northwest Ohio. For this project to be completed well, three things are needed. People are needed to pray for wisdom, guidance, strength. Crew members are being recruited to work on handing dry-wall, insulation installation, painting, cleaning, landscaping, or carrying items for skilled workers. Donations of money can help fund the project or buy a meal for the volunteers working on long project days. To sign up to help or ask questions, please see Alan Yoder at the table in the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center today.

Attention Family Campers: Packets for Family Camp 2015 at Winton Woods will be available in the Missions Center for pick up on Sundays, June 14 & 21. Packets include information about group meals and activities for this year's camp. Looking forward to a fabulous time again this year!

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

Lima Right to Life Society will be sponsoring the Commemorative Signature Ad in The Lima News on Father's Day, June 21. If you would like to help support this effort on this important issue in our culture there are forms in the Missions Center on the Information Counter. The address of Right to Life Society is on the form and checks need to be made out to Right to Life Society. Deadline is Wednesday, June 17.

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@ebenezermentonite.org for a book. Cost is \$13.