

June 14, 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 Jim (*CMC Stand Firm in Imitation*)
- 11:30 a.m.** Berean ABF Class Potluck Lunch (*FH*)
- 2:00 p.m.** Youth Pastor Search Committee (*103*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Women’s Ministries Com. Meeting (*Bluffton Dairy*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Group (*Jim & Pat King’s home*)
Small Group (*Chuck & Saun Niswander’s home*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Fellowship with Paul & Karla Gateley (*FH*)

A special welcome to Josh & Abigail Jellel. The Jellels will share during the morning Worship Gathering.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Scheduled Surgery: Cheryl Burkholder, Wednesday, June 17, at St. Rita’s Medical Center.

~ FELLOWSHIP TONIGHT ~

Paul & Karla Gateley were Ebenezer missionary interns for six months in 1987 and 1988. They then served with TEAM several terms in Japan and were supported by Ebenezer. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall tonight at 7:00 for a time of fellowship with Paul & Karla, a short devotional by Pastor Dick, and light refreshments.

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.

Rally Point is having their 7th Annual River Bike Ride on Saturday, August 8. There are 62.5, 50, and 20 mile routes, beginning and ending at Heritage Park in Lima. Register by July 25 for only \$30 or \$75 for a family. You will get a t-shirt, a refreshment stop, a lunch with live music, and a free recovery massage. Sponsorship forms are available. All proceeds support Rally Point Youth Center in Lima. See Bev Stockman for more details and registration forms or register online at rallypoint.org. Come join the fun!

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!

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

Local Church History: One Mennonite church was founded; four exist today. Bluffton University Professor Perry Bush will tell the story of how the Swiss congregation grew and fractured and developed into churches on different theological paths.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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*)
Dennis & Cindy Wiens, SAT-7 (*7:00 p.m., Sanctuary*)
- 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*)

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.

On Sunday, June 28 the Swiss Community Historical Society invites the public to a Swiss Day potluck, starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. Background music will be provided by the band “Silver Threads Among the Gold.” We will enjoy the Swiss National Anthem, hear an update on Phase II of the Capital Campaign “Bringing alive the past by building for the future” and plans for the 175th anniversary celebration of the first Mennonite Church in the Bluffton-Pandora area.

You’ve heard the bad news from the Middle East! Plan now to attend Sunday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to come hear some good news of how God is working, how families are being strengthen and churches are growing. Dennis & Cindy Wiens will be sharing how God is using satellite television in transforming the Middle East and North Africa through hope in Jesus Christ. Their amazing stories will change your perspective and you will be encouraged!

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance Vacation Bible School closing night:

Friday, June 5 (6:30 p.m.) 400

Attendance on June 7:

Sunday School & ABF (9:00 a.m.) 296

Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 370

Evening Fellowship Ministries (7:00 p.m.) 26

Giving on June 7:

\$20,906.18

Benevolent 200.00

Building Fund 500.00

Christian Education Fund 710.18

General Fund 9,230.00

Missions Fund 4,980.00

New Building Fund 130.00

Youth Fund 5,006.00

Van Fund 150.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are Chuck & Naomi Smith who are currently serving with New Tribes Mission at New Tribes Bible Institute in Waukesha, Wisconsin. "Our hearts are overwhelmed with thankfulness for the part you have in this ministry. Paul relied on the prayers of others in his struggles just as we do. They encourage us during the struggles, the conflicts and discouraging times. Although there are no words adequate enough to express how we feel, we want to say, "Thank you". Please take time to respond to Chuck and Naomi by writing to: 915 N. Hartwell Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186 or by emailing them at: chuck_smith@ntm.org.

~ BLUFFTON/PANDORA CAMPUS LIFE SUMMER EVENTS ~

All events are open to students who have completed Grade 6 through 2015 graduates.

BCLR-Bluffton/Pandora Campus Life Room
111 W. College Avenue, Bluffton

Pool parties:

Wednesday nights beginning June 10, 8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Monday, June 29 Movie Night BCLR at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14 Pizza & Putt Putt BCLR at 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 2 Laser tag & shopping BCLR at 1:00 p.m.

For more details see the flyer in the Missions Center at the Information Center or contact David Glick at 567-204-9777 or Hannah Slechter 419-236-5281.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Missions Center: Hunter Garmatter, Rich Streicher

Crossroads Ministry Center: Mark & Kay Spallinger

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 15-21

Monday 7:00 p.m. Music Committee Meeting (103)

Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (Arby's)

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)

6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (115)

6:30 p.m. High School Summer Session
(Ron & Tobi Meyer's home)

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)

7:05 p.m. Connections Small Group
(Bluffton McDonald's)

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting (103)

8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (CMC)

Sunday 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)
Middle School students-Grades 5-6
(Leave for Miracle Camp)

10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering (CMC)

7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 21 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery: Sue Epp, Joshua & Heidi Steiner

Good News Hour: Jammie, Kirby, Keaton Halker,
Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Marti & Melina Meza

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Berean Adult Bible Fellowship will have a potluck lunch today following the Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Summer Session: On June 17, we will have our next 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!!

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.

John & Rosemary Good invite Ebenezer families for Wednesday afternoon swim from 12:00-4:00 at their home at: 401 County Road 33, Bluffton. All Wednesdays, weather permitting, until school starts. Any questions please call 419-358-0384.

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, and 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 contact Alan Yoder at 419-358-7766.

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

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@ebenezer mennonite.org for a book. Cost is \$13.