

June 28, 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)*
Senior High 1 *(Leave for Miracle Camp)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim *(CMC)*
Stand Firm in Spiritual Parenting
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Group *(Jim & Pat King's home)*
Small Group *(Kerris & Nancy Wright's home)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*
High School Small Group *(Joel & Jodi Conley's home)*
Prayer time for India Trip *(Schoolhouse)*

~ MIRACLE CAMP NEWS ~

Senior High 1 (June 28-July 4)

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| Olivia Amstutz | Madeline Burghaze | Kaitlyn Clymer |
| Kaitlyn Daws | Ashley Eachus | Emma Klinger |
| Mattison Larson | Sarah Schutz | Lily Shadle |
| Maria Spallinger | Kylee Staley | Hannah Willow |
| Caitlyn Zimmerman | | |

Driving to camp: Jeff & Julie McKanna

School Supply Distribution: The Bluffton Area Ministerial Association and the Bluffton Area Community Assistance Program will be providing free school supplies to children on the free and/or reduced lunch program within the Bluffton School District. For more information please see the bulletin boards.

~ THANK YOU ~

I really appreciate the prayers, phone calls, text messages, food, and Pastor Dick and Pastor Warren's visit before surgery. I am still in the recovery stage, but just got a walking boot. God bless our very caring church family! Because He lives I can face tomorrow! - *Thank you, Sharon & Jim Shoemaker and family*

Dear Ebenezer Church Family: Thank you so much for the warm welcome you extended to our family! Your love, financial support, and your prayers are such an encouragement to us! We are so thankful to see how God is using you to reach the Bluffton area and beyond! Thanks again for being a blessing to our whole family! - *In awe of His grace, Ben, Ashley, Ezekiel, & Titus Krueger*

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

Bluffton University archivist Carrie Philips, will lecture on the Froschauer Bible, a translation of the Bible published in 1744 in a unique Swiss dialect which was spoken by the early settlers to Bluffton. Musselman library has the biggest collection of these Bibles in the world. Examples of this massive and ornate publication will be on display.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- June 23-July 9** Youth Trip *(India)*
- July 12** Junior High through ABF Classes Meet *(9:00 a.m., CMC)*
FaithFull Singles Luncheon *(11:30 a.m., FH)*
Dennis & Cindy Wiens, SAT-7 *(7:00 p.m., FH)*
- July 17-19** Family Camp *(Winton Woods, Cincinnati)*
- 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)*
- July 26** Congregational Meeting *(CMC)*
- Aug. 7,8,&9** Dinner Theatre-*Suspect Hollywood* *(6:00 p.m., CMC)*
- 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)*

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

Swiss Speakers: Come to Maple Crest in Bluffton and practice speaking and listening to the Swiss language. Enjoy the fellowship and some Swiss chocolate on Tuesday, July 7, at 3:00 p.m.

The Youth Pastor Search Committee along with the deacons have unanimously approved David Glick as our candidate for the Pastor of Youth Ministries position. David along with his wife, Mary, will share their testimonies, vision, and answer questions in the Crossroads Ministry Center for all classes Junior High through Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 12. Then an election, by ballot vote, will be held on Sunday, July 26, after the Morning Worship Gathering. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the membership will constitute a call. The call will be for a five-year term.

Baptism, take your next step in your journey with Jesus. Sign up with Pastor Jim 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.

You've heard the bad news from the Middle East! Plan now to attend Sunday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall 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! Please bring finger foods to share.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on June 21:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	265
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	436
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	24

Giving on June 21:

		\$25,974.64
Benevolent		255.00
Building Fund		430.00
Christian Education Fund		2,482.14
General Fund		9,375.50
Missions Fund		7,962.00
Youth Fund		5,230.00
Van Fund		240.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionary of the Week is **Bonnie Spallinger**, partnering with **Avant Ministries** and **Bryan College in Tennessee**. She is currently doing an internship at a hospital in Macon, Georgia for counseling. Her goal is to graduate with a Masters in Professional Counseling in December 2015. She will be in Georgia until August 21, 2015. This internship has been filled with unexpected challenges. Please pray that she would be led by the Holy Spirit in all she does and says with everyone she comes into contact with. She thanks the Lord that He has given such a strong and faithful church family! To further encourage Bonnie e-mail her at: bonnie.spallinger@gmail.com.

~ 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

Pool parties: Wednesday nights, 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.

High School: On Sunday nights beginning tonight at 7:00 there will be a small group at Joel & Jodi Conley's house (477 Cherry Street, Bluffton). Those going into high school or just leaving it are invited. For any questions contact Jodi at 567-250-2360.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Missions Center: Lani Bischoff, Alyssa Snider
Crossroads Ministry Center: Ralph & Melba Gerber

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 29-JULY 5

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>115</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Friday	** Church Office Closed-July 4th Holiday **	
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 & Communion Service (<i>10:15 a.m., CMC</i>)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Group (<i>Jim & Pat King's home</i>) Small Group (<i>Chuck & Saun Niswander's home</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) High School Small Group (<i>Joel & Jodi Conley's home</i>) Prayer time for India Trip (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 5 ~

Nursery: Deb Hilty, Brian & Kendy Young Family

Good News Hour:

Emily Bish, Allison and Madeline Burghaze, Kim Gordon,
David & Mary Glick, Julie McKanna, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

Remember to pray for our members who are in India. You will find a prayer card and group photo at the Information Center in the Mission Center. Today and next Sunday, July 5, there will be a time of prayer in the schoolhouse at 7:00 p.m. All are invited! **Members include:** Jaden & Amber August, Beth Baker, Jady Barhorst, Brooke Bewsey, Kyle Bewsey, Mateo Bonifaz, Allison Bowsher, Audrey Bowsher, Emma Burkholder, Hanné Burkholder, Lillian Burkholder, Hannah Conley, Leah Conley, Emily Gladwell, Alex Hord, Daniel Huber, Tim Huber, Gabe Meyer, Jared Meyer, Ben & Evania Moser, Rachel Moser, Tiffany Rodabaugh, Miranda Schutz, Dale & Ruth Seefeldt, Andrew Spallinger, Rich Streicher, Paige Swinehart, Lauren Willow, Nathan Willow.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

White Christmas in July: The month of July is time to remember and honor our Ebenezer member missionaries with our White Christmas giving. This annual offering is to help make Christmas a little more special for our missionaries. Please use the small envelope inserted in the Emissary for your gift and place in the offering plate. (Since Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS, no tax-deductible receipts will be issued.) - *The Missions Committee*

Urgent need for nursery volunteers: We are in need of 8-10 families, couples, or pairs of friends who would be willing to serve in the infant and toddler nurseries once a month (during both the ABF and Worship hour) for an entire year. With a consistent rotation of volunteers it will help to make our littlest ones more comfortable at church. Your commitment would be for 2.5 hours for 12 Sundays. Please prayerfully consider serving in this area to help our young families feel welcome when bringing their babies to church. Contact Heidi Steiner at: steinerhl@gmail.com or 419-358-0116 or Melissa Hilty at: hilytmelissa@gmail.com or 419-357-5823 to volunteer or ask questions.

Funds are needed to send kids to Miracle Camp: Some children wish to attend Miracle Camp, but are financially unable. Let's help these kids out! If you feel led to sponsor a child's trip to Miracle Camp (\$200) please contact Diane Sharrock at: dmsarrock@yahoo.com or 419-634-7699 or Heidi Steiner at: steinerhl@gmail.com or 419-358-0116. If you would like to help support sending kids to Miracle Camp but are unable to sponsor a child, please consider giving a special donation to the Christian Education Fund as the CE budget pays for 42% of the total cost for all children who attend Miracle Camp.

The Global Leadership Summit simulcast will be held August 6 & 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 leadership development at a discount. 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.

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.