

July 19, 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.** Adult Bible Fellowship (*Various Classrooms*)  
Family Camp Morning Service  
*(Winton Woods, Cincinnati)*  
*No Sunday School for children ages 2-Grade 6*
- 10:00 a.m.** Senior High (*leave for Miracle Camp*)  
*No Children's Church for 2-6 year olds*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering-Pastor Jim (*10:15 a.m., CMC*)  
*The Compassionate King*
- 12:00 p.m.** Baptism Class (*Bluffton Campus Life Room*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Group (*Jim & Pat King's home*)
- 7:00 p.m.** High School Small Group (*477 Cherry Street*)  
*\*No Evening Fellowship Service\**

~ MIRACLE CAMP NEWS ~

Lani Bischoff  
Darrien Lim

**Senior High (July 19-25)**  
Lillian Burkholder  
Ali Slayter  
*Driving to Camp: Jodi Conley*  
*Driving from Camp: Larry Moser*

Leah Conley

Financial Report – June 2015

## Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	264,175	134,452	22,800	34,675
Expenses YTD	241,593	129,059	21,832	3,577
Actual Income	202,683	123,359	18,163	9,862

### Fund Cash Balances as of 6/30/15:

General.....	(\$29,019)
Missions.....	\$49,567
Christian Education.....	\$19,857
Building.....	\$22,683
Cemetery Restoration Project.....	\$11,897
New Building.....	\$24,213
Benevolent.....	\$9,063

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

**Save the Date:** Sunday, August 30, is the 175<sup>th</sup> celebration of the founding of the first Mennonite church. Many activities on the original site (two miles north of Ebenezer on Phillips Road) will commemorate this event including an old fashioned tent meeting with Myron Augsburger. You may pre-order your meal tickets, make a donation (suggested \$7), and RSVP at the church office or online at <http://swissmenno175.eventbrite.com>.

### Schedule of Events:

- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Displays, Lectures, Music
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Children's Activities
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sausage and Sauerkraut traditional Swiss meal
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service with preacher Myron Augsburger

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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### 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

~ THANK YOU ~

The family of **Butch Gladwell** would like to thank the Ebenezer Church family, Pastor Warren, Pastor Dick & Cheryl, Pastor Jim & Pat, Pastor Dale, and Kathy Brauen for all your prayers, visits, cards, and love for Butch during the 15 weeks of illness and then his passing. Also thank you to all those who attended his special 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party. – *Virginia and family*

**Dear Ebenezer Church Family:** Thank you so much for your generous financial gift to help cover Ezekiel's dental expenses! We are so blessed by your love and care for our family! It has been incredible to see God's never failing provision! We are excited to see how He will work as we move to China! Thank you again for being a blessing to our family! - *In awe of His grace, Ben, Ashley, Ezekiel, & Titus Krueger*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- July 26-Aug. 1** Junior High (*Miracle Camp, Grades 7-8*)
- July 26** Congregational Meeting (*11:30 a.m., CMC*)
- Aug. 2** Baptism Service (*6:30 p.m., Elnora Stratton's Pond*)
- Aug. 7,8,&9** Mystery Dinner Theatre (*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** 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration (*Founding of the first Mennonite church*)
- Nov. 8-11&14-15** Missions Conference – 1 John 2:2  
*From Anywhere to Everywhere*

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on July 12:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	253
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	401
Dennis & Cindy Wiens/SAT-7	(7:00 p.m.)	62

**Giving on July 12:**

\$13,037.05

Benevolent	350.00
Building Fund	435.00
Christian Education Fund	693.05
General Fund	7,569.00
Missions Fund	3,025.00
New Building Fund	50.00
White Christmas	\$915.00

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~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are **Caleb & Beth Anne Trim** who will be serving with **TEAM in Japan** after they have raised enough support. This week they are attending a week-long missions conference about discipleship. They are very excited about the opportunity to learn about discipleship methods used on the mission field as well as meet with current and former missionaries to learn from their experiences. Please pray for their family during this conference and that it will be a time of spiritual renewal and growth for them! To send a note of encouragement to Caleb & Beth Anne, write to: 10790 Brentwood Drive, Apt. 1A, LaVista, NE 68128 or e-mail them at: [calebtrim@teamjapan.org](mailto:calebtrim@teamjapan.org).

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~ DINNER THEATRE TICKETS ON SALE ~

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**Ebenezer Drama Ensemble** will present a Dinner Theatre, August 7, 8, & 9, at 6:00 p.m. each night. Enjoy this exciting and hilariously funny, mystery dinner theatre, where you'll be part of an open casting call – along with some “famous” (and not so famous) actors and actresses who are auditioning for a new movie entitled *Peril of the Prodigal Son*. The dinner menu will include pork loin, baked potato, green beans, roll, relishes, and apple pie. Tickets are available for \$10 each in the Missions Center. Tickets can also be purchased Monday-Friday in the church office from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please be prepared to pay for your tickets when you pick them up, all sales are final and no refunds.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Jim & Marty Lemley  
*Missions Center:* Wayne & Susan Bixel

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~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 20-26 ~

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Church Council Meeting (103)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Arby's)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal (115)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	India Trip Team Meeting (Schoolhouse)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Deacon Meeting (103)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Trap Shoot (North end of parking lot)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & ABF (Various Classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Congregational Meeting (CMC)
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Baptism Class (Bluffton Campus Life Room)
	<b>6:31 p.m.</b>	Small Group (Jim & Pat King's home) Small Group (Chuck & Saun Niswander's home)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary) High School Small Group (477 Cherry Street)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 26 ~

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**Nursery:** Phil & Sarah Shank, Joshua & Heidi Steiner  
**The Good News Hour:** Leah Conley, Leah, Ben, & Marco Eiden,  
Pat King, Emily Koogler, Molly Meyer, Bev Stockman

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**White Christmas in July:** The month of July is a time we 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 that is available in the Missions Center at the Information Counter 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*

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**We invite the students** who went to India for a time of reflection on Wednesday, July 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the schoolhouse where we will have an India reflection meeting to help digest our trip and process all that happened! Please bring a snack food to share with the group.

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~ BLUFFTON/PANDORA CAMPUS LIFE SUMMER EVENTS ~

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*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.

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.*

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**The Youth Pastor Search Committee** along with the deacons have unanimously approved David Glick as our candidate for the Pastor of Youth Ministries position. A congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, July 26, following the morning Worship Gathering to hold a ballot vote election. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the membership will constitute a call for a five-year term.

**The Wild Game Committee** will be hosting Trap Shoots once a month here at the church for the next few months. Our first Trap Shoot is planned for Saturday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m. Plan to meet on the north end of the parking lot. If interested, please pick up a copy of our Shooting Safety Protocol on the rack at the Information Center in the Mission Center, **as safety protocol must be followed at all times.**

**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](http://www.winebrenner.edu) or [www.willowcreek.com/summit](http://www.willowcreek.com/summit). Enter the priority code 15GLSSPC. If you have questions, please contact Ginger Zambrano at [gzambrano@winebrenner.edu](mailto:gzambrano@winebrenner.edu) or 419-434-4226.

**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. 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](http://rallypoint.org). Come join the fun!