

July 26, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary



How good it is to worship the LORD! We want you to know you are very much welcomed. 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)
Junior High (leave for Miracle Camp)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering-Pastor Jim (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Stand Firm in Praying
India Trip Report
- 11:30 a.m.** Congregational Meeting (CMC)
- 12:00 p.m.** Baptism Class (Bluffton Campus Life Room)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Group (Jim & Pat King's home)
Small Group (Chuck & Saun Niswander's home)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
High School Small Group (477 Cherry Street)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Joyce Gratz, St. Rita's Medical Center.

~ MIRACLE CAMP NEWS ~

Junior High-Grades 7&8 (July 26-August 1)

Isabella Angel	Wyatt Badertscher	Olivia Barnes
Bella Basinger	Elijah Conley	Lauren Conrad
Ben Eiden	Grant Klinger	Maci Larson
Lexie Neuenschwander	Joscelin Reineke	Lauren Rhodes
Olivia Spallinger	Makayla White	Cara Young

Driving to camp: Wes & Mandy Klinger, Brian & Kendy Young
Driving home: Brian & Kendy Young, Crystal Badertscher

India Trip Members include:

Jaden & Amber August, Beth Baker, Jadya 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.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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** 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. ~

Sunday, August 30, is the 175th 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, children 12 and under are free), 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

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 ~

Dear Ebenezer Church Family: Thank you very much for the Amazon gift card from Women's Ministries! It means so much to us to have the support and prayers of a home church as we move around the country! It has also been a blessing to live in Ohio again and to be able to attend services on a somewhat regular basis! We have enjoyed the opportunity to worship with and fellowship with the church family! - *Thank you again, Aaron, Melody, & Dianna Schmutz*

Dear Ebenezer Family: Words are powerless to express our gratitude for the staff of this church. We are so thankful for their love and support during the loss of our father/grandfather. The staff of this church gave my father, mother, and us a level of comfort during our deepest grief that is indescribable. To the rest of our church family, your generosity overwhelms us. We cannot thank you enough for all the prayers, cards, visits, food, and memorial contributions in honor of my father. - *Sincerely, Todd, Leah, Drew, and Ryan Johnson*

To Our Church Family: Thank you for all your prayers, telephone calls, and messages after our accident. Thanks to our Pastors and Kathy for their visits and prayers. Also a big thanks for the food and visits at home. God is great! Please keep Joyce Gratz in your prayers. Thanks! – *Love, Bev & Mike Powell*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on July 19:

Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	73
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	241
Family Camp Weekend at Winton Woods, Cincinnati		172

Giving on July 19:

\$13,425.30

Benevolent	5.00
Building Fund	135.00
Christian Education Fund	415.00
General Fund	8,922.30
Missions Fund	2,928.00
White Christmas	\$1,020.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Murray & Kathy Trim** who serve with **TEAM in Kobe, Japan**. Both Murray & Kathy are currently in the States for part of the summer to attend a TEAM conference in Wheaton and to welcome to new grandchildren. It will not be a full home assignment but they hope to see many supporting churches while here. In Japan they have had some extra help from the states working alongside them which has been a wonderful help and joy. To send a note to them at their address in Japan, write to: 1-9-10 Higashi Shirakawadai, Suma-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo-ken, 654-0102 JAPAN or send an e-mail to: mtrim@teamjapan.org.

Today is the last Sunday to remember and honor our Ebenezer member missionaries with our White Christmas giving. Please use the small envelope that is available in the Missions Center at the Information Counter and in the CMC Foyer and place in the offering plate. (No tax-deductible receipts will be issued.) - *The Missions Committee*

~ DINNER THEATRE TICKETS ON SALE ~

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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Lynn & Linda Saunders

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 27-AUGUST 2 ~

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Investment & Legacy Com. Meeting (103)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Arby's)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Com. Meeting (103)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (115)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministries Potluck (Dave & Kathy Brauen's home)
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)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (103)
	6:30 p.m.	Baptism Service (Elnora Stratton's Pond)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 ~

Nursery: Deb Hilty

The Good News Hour: Janet Brauen, Lillian Burkholder, Traci Heinze, Pat King, Aaron & Emily Koogler, Bev Stockman

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Job & Jammie Halker on the birth of their son, Ezekiel, on Thursday, July 23, weighing 7 lb. 4 oz.

~ 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.

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.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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 today 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.

Children Choosing Christ will be reaching children and their families for Christ at the Allen County Fair, August 22, 24, 28, and 29. They are in need of prayer warriors and volunteers who are willing to help. Volunteers are asked to commit two hours of training plus approximately three hours of your time on one of the days they are at the fair. Please pick up a yellow information letter on the counter in the Missions Center or call Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346. Thank you.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, August 4, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the Ebenezer Youth will give a report of their trip to India and the St. John's Youth will give a report of their trip to Chicago. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

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.

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