

August 2, 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)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering-Pastor Jim
Stand Firm in Sexual Purity (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting *(103)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Baptism Service *(Elnora Stratton's Pond)*

~ BAPTISM SERVICE ~

Please join us for a baptism service this evening at 6:30 p.m. The baptism will be at Elnora Stratton's Pond, 6121 Bentley Road. Come and encourage Diana Basinger, Kathryn Basinger, Brooke Bewsey, Kyle Bewsey, Lillian Burkholder, Leah Conley, Abbey Gambrell, Daniel Huber, Timothy Huber, Amber Lee, Ian Moser, Rachel Moser, Roger Rhodes, Tiffany Rodabaugh, Lily Shadle, Andrew Spallinger, Lauren Willow who will share their testimonies before being baptized. Pray this will be a meaningful experience for all. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair to sit on. Please note there will be no regular Evening Fellowship Service.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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

~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

Servers are needed for all three nights of the Dinner Theatre. If you are available any or all evenings August 7, 8, or 9, please sign up in the Missions Center or contact Mary Gratz at 419-358-6410.

Do you play croquet? The Mennonite Memorial Home is looking for assistance in restoring the croquet grounds. In years past, MMH elders and friends would play games and challenge each other to "score a wicket" on the groomed sand court. We would like to offer and encourage our elders to play again on the MMH courts. With some help in bi-weekly weeding and hand-raking the sand, the court will be 'wicket ready.' To be a croquet volunteer, please call Mary Ann Ring at 419-358-1015, Ext. 248.

Weeding at Willow Ridge: With the excessive rain, the weeds at Willow Ridge have been multiplying and growing! We need help with weeding the beds. If you could lend a hand, please call Mary Ann Ring at 419-358-1015, Ext. 248.

Silent Auction: The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will be holding a Silent Auction during the annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 26, at the Mennonite Memorial Home. The Service Group is seeking donations for this great fund raiser. Donated items in the past have included wood working, quilting, pottery, home canning, antiques, unique crafts, and specialty baskets such as pet basket, gardening basket, movie basket, etc. If you have an item you would like to donate, please contact Mary Ann Ring, MMH volunteer coordinator, at 419-358-1015, Ext. 248. If you are interested in bidding on a silent auction item, the bidding will begin on Monday, September 21, and close at noon on Saturday, September 26. Thank you for your continued support!

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Aug. 12-15** Grade School Half Week *(Miracle Camp, Grades2-4)*
- Aug. 22** Trap Shoot *(8:30 a.m., church field)*
- Aug. 30** 175th Celebration *(Founding of the first Mennonite church)*
- Sept. 12** Beth Moore Simulcast *(10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- 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 Wild Game Committee will again host a trap shoot on Saturday, August 22, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Plan to meet on the north end of the parking lot and bring a friend.

~ 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 preaching by Myron Augsburg.

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 - Myron Augsburg

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on July 26:

Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	270
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	426
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	35

Giving on July 26:

\$12,005.28

Benevolent	40.00
Building Fund	335.00
Christian Education Fund	601.28
General Fund	6,714.00
Missions Fund	3,455.00
New Building Fund	20.00
Youth Fund	100.00
White Christmas	\$740.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Stan & Ronda Unruh** who are serving with **Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Banda Aceh in Indonesia**. Stan & Ronda are currently in the states on home assignment traveling the Midwest and will be with us next Sunday. They praise the Lord that He has opened the door for them to partner, for a third year, with the Aceh Department of Health. This allows them a good footing to continue to operate and maintain staff in this area of Indonesia. It is their prayer that remote hospitals will come to understand their desires and capabilities to help them and will utilize this service more this year. Remind Stan & Ronda that we are standing with them in support and prayer by sending an e-mail to: sunruh@maf.org or runruh@maf.org.

~ DINNER THEATRE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE ~

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: Rhody Hartman, Jean Reichenbach
Missions Center: Abbey Gambrell, Alyssa Snider

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 27-AUGUST 9 ~

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (115)
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)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
Friday	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministries (116) 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 (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Sunday	6:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre (Crossroads Ministry Center)
	7:00 p.m.	High School Small Group (477 Cherry Street)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 ~

Nursery: Janeth Magiri, Phil & Sarah Shank
The Good News Hour: Brooke Bewsey, Janet Brauen,
Jason & Kim Fritsch, Sarah Schutz, Makayla Smith,
Maria Spallinger, Joan Steiner

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Ryan & Megan Dunlap on the birth of their daughter, Alivia Marie, on Wednesday, July 29, weighing 6 lb. 9 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.

Laser tag & shopping BCLR at 1:00 this afternoon

*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 ~

A congregational meeting was held last Sunday to vote on David Glick as our candidate for the Pastor of Student Ministries position. The vote passed by 93%. Welcome Pastor David!

We are so humbled to accept God's call to be in ministry here at Ebenezer Mennonite Church. We have had seven wonderful years with Youth for Christ and are excited to see what God has in store for both Ebenezer and YFC. We are blessed to be able to serve Jesus alongside you all. - *David, Mary, Haddy, and Judah Glick*

Please keep Children Choosing Christ in your prayers as we minister to children and their families at the Allen County Fair on August 22, 24, 28, and 29. If you can work with us as a volunteer, please contact Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346. You can also find a yellow information letter on the counter in the Missions Center.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon this 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.

Speaking Swiss: Those who would like an opportunity to speak or listen to Swiss are invited to Maple Crest's patio room (Bluffton) on Tuesday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m. - *Rich Bucher*

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.

Ladies' Mystery Dinner: The Women's Ministries invites you to a Mystery Dinner (dinner destination is a surprise). We will chauffeur you to and from dinner so you can relax and enjoy conversation. All ages welcome! Next date is Tuesday, August 11. Meet at 5:00 p.m. at the church. Please RSVP to Christy Garmatter by Monday, August 10, garmatterc@gmail.com or 419-358-0864.