

August 9, 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 (*ages 2-High School*)
All Adult Bible Fellowship Classes
Stan & Ronda Unruh/MAF (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (*2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11*)
Grade School 2&3 (*Leave for Miracle Camp*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering-Pastor Jim
Stand Firm in Loving Others (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 6:00 p.m.** Dinner Theatre (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- 7:00 p.m.** High School Small Group (*477 Cherry Street*)
No Evening Fellowship Service

~ MIRACLE CAMP NEWS ~

Grade School 2 (August 9-15)

Ella Armstrong	Landon Armstrong	Ryan Bowsher
Jackson Brauen	Grace Conley	Tyler Cupples
Lilly Dagani	Quinn Eachus	Thayne Kleman
Ruben Spallinger	Calvin Willow	

Grade School 3 (August 9-12)

Ethan Amsley	Isabelle Carman	Cody Garmatter
Riley Herriman	Judah Keller	Jacob Lehman
Grace Lemley	Isaac Yoder	Zane Yoder

Grade School 4 (August 12-15) Leah Klinger

Driving to camp-August 9: Ron & Cindy Bowsher
Randy & Christy Garmatter

Driving to camp-August 12: Wes Klinger

Driving home-August 12: Jeremy & Christina Lemley

Driving home-August 15: Thomas & Kim Eachus

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!

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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

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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
(9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)
- Oct. 26** Evening Sew (*6:00 p.m., (Crossroads Ministry Center)*)
- Oct. 27** All Day Sew (*9:00 a.m., (Crossroads Ministry Center)*)
- Nov. 8-11&14-15** Missions Conference – 1 John 2:2
From Anywhere to Everywhere

~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

TV-44 is currently seeking items for the annual auction to be held on Saturday, September 12. Please see bulletin in the Missions Center for more information.

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.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on August 2:

Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	274
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	423
Baptism Service	(6:30 p.m.)	257

Giving on August 2:

\$16,701.82

Building Fund	310.00
Christian Education Fund	1,024.82
General Fund	9,631.00
Missions Fund	5,686.00
New Building Fund	50.00

~ MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK ~

Missionary of the Week is *Brynden Wiens* who serves with **Avant Ministries at Echo Ranch Bible Camp in Alaska**. This week is the last week of camp. It has been a wonderful summer with an amazing summer staff. Next week they will scatter across the country as they go home! This transition will be hard because the staff will go from about 75 people down to less than 20 in a matter of one day's time. Please pray that the counselors can stay focused on the mission God has called them to this summer and finish well. We are so thankful for each of them and the blessing they have been to the ministry of Echo Ranch! Please send a note to Brynden at: P.O. Box 210608, Auke Bay, AK 99821 or e-mail her at: bryndenwiens@gmail.com.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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

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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Alan & Diann Yoder
Missions Center: Lani Bischoff, Leah Conley

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 10-16 ~

- Monday 7:00 p.m.** Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
- Tuesday 6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Arby's*)
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Mystery Dinner (*Meet at the church*)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*Fellowship Hall*)
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 (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- 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 (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
7:00 p.m. High School Small Group (*477 Cherry Street*)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 ~

Nursery: Sue Epp

The Good News Hour: Ben & Sarah Bergstrand,
Jason & Kim Fritsch, Marti & Melina Meza

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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 are welcome! This 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.

The Annual Concert on the Lawn at the Mennonite Memorial Home will be held on Saturday, August 15, at 6:30 p.m. The Lima Concert Band will provide music of the 1950s and 1960s, and there will be plenty of ice cream and popcorn to enjoy.

ABF Class Update (a.k.a. College & Career Class): Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 & 28? Please join us for ABF every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 116 (above the stage in the Crossroads Ministry Center) beginning August 16. We will delve into a study of the Book of Philippians and share life with one another. Leaders are Dan & Barb Steiner. We'll begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp so come earlier for coffee and a morsel of goodies.

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.

~ YOUTH MINISTRY INTERN RECOGNITION ~

A Love Offering will be taken on Sunday, August 23, to honor the Youth Ministry Interns Ben Moser, Jaden August, and Collin Reid. The offering will be taken following the Morning Worship Gathering.

~ 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 Augsburgur.

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 Augsburgur

Meal tickets for the Swiss Mennonite 175th celebration dinner are available in the Missions Center today for a suggested donation of \$7. Children under 12 are free. Please see Chuck or Saun Niswander. You may also pre-order your meal tickets at the church office or online at: <http://swissmenno175.eventbrite.com>.