

August 23, 2015



Ebenezer Emissary

With genuine gladness, we welcome all who have come to praise God. May all our hearts be open to our Creator and one another as we share in worship together.

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 & Adult Bible Fellowship
(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 *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
Stand Firm in a Christ-Centered Lifestyle
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Group *(Chuck & Saun Niswander's home)*
No Evening Fellowship Service

~ YOUTH MINISTRY INTERN RECOGNITION ~

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

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Aaron & Melody Schmutz on the birth of their son, James Aaron, on Thursday, August 20, weighing 8 lb. 7 oz.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Leland Garmatter. Leland, the brother of Maurice, passed away on Friday, August 21. Services are incomplete at time of printing.

Financial Report – July 2015

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	308,204	156,861	26,600	40,454
Expenses YTD	283,111	131,554	22,192	3,577
Actual Income	234,388	142,476	21,618	11,691

Fund Cash Balances as of 7/31/15:

General.....	** (\$38,833)
Missions.....	\$66,189
Christian Education.....	\$22,952
Building.....	\$24,487
Cemetery Restoration Project.....	\$11,922
New Building.....	\$25,122
Benevolent.....	\$7,969

**** For prayerful consideration:** The General Fund giving/income is seriously lagging behind actual expenses and budgeted amount. Please prayerfully consider and be open to how the Lord can use each one of us to meet this need.

Attention All Kids Grade 1-6: The Disciple Singers Choir will begin its upcoming season on Sunday, September 6, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Rooms 118-119. We will start the year like we usually do with fun, games, music, and snacks. Everyone is welcome. For those who wish to join the choir, this will give you an idea on what we are planning to do this year (including the bell choir). If you have any questions, please contact Renea Zimmerman at 419-369-4543 or Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Aug. 30** 175th Celebration *(Founding of the first Mennonite church)*
- Sept. 5** Living Faith ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- Sept. 6** Disciple Singers' Choir Meet *(7:00 p.m., 118&119)*
- Sept. 12** Beth Moore Simulcast
(10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)
- Sept. 30** Wednesday Night Children's Program Kick Off
(6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's, 8161 Columbus Grove Rd., Bluffton)
- Oct. 3** Berean ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- Oct. 13** Ladies' Mystery Dinner *(5:00 p.m., meet at the church)*
- Oct. 26** Evening Sew *(6:00 p.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- Oct. 27** All Day Sew *(9:00 a.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)*

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 _____

~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~

The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Just fill in the information needed below or e-mail the church office at: info@ebenezermennonite.org. Thanks!

Name of College: _____
 Starting Date: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

 College Year: _____
 E-mail Address: _____

The Et Cetera Shop Board, Inc. is seeking qualified applicants for the vacancy of interim store manager for the Ten Thousand Villages store in Bluffton. This person will oversee the daily operations of the store. Applicants must understand and embrace the mission of Ten Thousand Villages to support artisans in developing countries. Business and/or retail background is a plus. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Linda Suter at suterlr@bluffton.edu by Friday, September 4. Linda can be reached by phone at 419-358-5801.

~ THANK YOU ~

We want to start by saying thank you to everyone for their prayers throughout our trip to Echo Ranch Bible Camp. Getting to take the trip to Alaska was unbelievable and life changing. Seeing God work in the hearts of children was truly amazing. This trip was an experience of a lifetime and we will be forever changed. Thank you again for all the support and prayer! – *Mariah Burkholder and Adel Sommers*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on August 16:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	273
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	435

Giving on August 16:

\$15,197.94

Benevolent Fund	310.00
Building Fund	170.00
Christian Education Fund	796.94
General Fund	9,566.00
Missions Fund	4,182.00
New Building Fund	30.00
Van Fund	143.00

Memorials for Richard "Butch" Gladwell

Wild Game Outreach Event:

<i>Portable Fryer and Fish</i>	\$800.00
<i>Missions Fund</i>	\$300.00
<i>Youth Fund</i>	\$300.00

~ MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK ~

Missionary of the Week is Sarah (Wireman) Elsea who serves with **Child Evangelism Fellowship in the Greater Findlay area**. Over the past 75 years God has given Child Evangelism Fellowship a number of unique ministries which have proven to be effective tools in the effort to evangelize and disciple children. They are making a difference in the lives of children throughout the year. You can send a message to Sarah at: skwireman@gmail.com.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

All students with projects at the county fairs, please give a copy of your schedule to Pastor David. You may also send the schedule to david.glick@ebenezermennonite.org. Thank you!

Please sign up for the Children's Good News Hour and the Wednesday night ministries! We need help for the fall quarter of children's church and our Wednesday night classes that will be starting soon. Sign-up sheets are in the Missions Center. Please stop by and let us know when you can help! Thank you. - *Kathy Steiner and Marti Meza*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Marvin & Karen Garmatter

Missions Center: Nicki Biery, Brittany Reigle

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 24-30 ~

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>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>115</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministries (<i>112</i>) Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>) <i>*No Evening Fellowship Service*</i>

~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 ~

Nursery: Sue Epp, Janeth Magiri

The Good News Hour: Bruce, Cindy, & Rachel Moser,
Amanda Reigle, John & Jaime Shaw

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Maurice & Eileen Garmatter. Thursday, August 20, marked their 64th wedding anniversary!

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

Next Sunday is the 175th celebration of the founding of the first Mennonite church. Many activities on the original site, two miles north of Ebenezer on Road 4 (Phillips), will commemorate this event including an old fashioned tent meeting.

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

Today is the last day to purchase your meal tickets for the Swiss Mennonite 175th celebration dinner. Please see Chuck or Saun Niswander in the Missions Center. You may also pre-order your meal tickets online at: <http://swissmenno175.eventbrite.com>.

Pages of Piety is an exhibit of rare books reflecting the Swiss Mennonite spiritual heritage. Curated by Carrie Phillips, this exhibit will be open to the public in the Ebenezer church library on Sunday, August 30, from noon to 6:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Swiss Mennonite 175 celebrations taking place along Road 4 (Phillips) at the site of the first Mennonite meeting house in the area. The exhibit will then be on display in Bluffton University Musselman Library Archives and Special Collections (first floor) on Monday, August 31, through Friday, September 11, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and at other times by appointment.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

War Room, a movie from the creators of *Fireproof* and *Courageous*, will be showing at the Findlay Carmike theatres August 28 and 29. If anyone is interested in going with a group, please contact Tim Diller at 419-646-3682. For more information, go to: warroomthemovie.com.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) are still accepting registrations for the 2015-2016 year! MOPS is a Christian faith-based group for mothers and their young children. Moms experience fellowship, mothering support, and spiritual growth while their children have fun and are lovingly cared for in the MOPPET program! We meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month (October-May) from 9:00-11:00 a.m. here at Ebenezer! Registration cost is \$45 and please register by Monday, August 31! Contact Jessica Meyer 419-303-3190 for more information or check out their Facebook page MOPS-Ebenezer Mennonite Church!

Our MOPS group is also in need of childcare volunteers for our MOPPET (kids) program! Please contact Jessica at 419-303-3190 if you have a passion for teaching and caring for young children! Your willingness to serve makes the MOPS ministry possible!

Beth Moore Simulcast! Tickets on sale now in the Missions Center! Invite a friend to join you on Saturday, September 12, for a day of teaching with Beth Moore! Tickets are \$10 and join us for lunch for only \$5 more! Check out www.ebenezermennonite.org for the schedule for the day and other information.

Audacious: Beth Moore's new book Audacious will be available for purchase at the simulcast for only \$15! Reserve your copy by signing up at the ticket table in the Missions Center. This book will not be available in stores until November, so get your copy early at the simulcast!