

August 30, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary



It is a delight to gather before our Lord with reverence and praise. It is also a delight to welcome all who have come. Your presence adds to our joy.

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.** Stephen Ministries (103)
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 Prayers, Greetings, and Readings

~ SWISS MENNONITE 175 CELEBRATION TODAY, 3-8 P.M. ~

Listed below is the schedule of events that are planned for today on the original site of the first Mennonite church, two miles north of Ebenezer on Road 4 (Phillips).

- 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 Augsburger

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Thomas Richard. Thomas, the father of Ben (Renae) Richard, passed away on Thursday, August 20. A memorial service is scheduled 6-8 p.m. on September 19 at Grace Community Church, 4359 Allentown Road, Elida. Ben & Renae are Ebenezer members, but for Ben's work recently moved to 575 Quarter Lane, Surry, Virginia 23883.

Generous Living Seminar: Local nonprofit organizations are planning an informational seminar titled "Generous Living, Tools for Giving" on Thursday, September 10. This free, one-hour seminar will be offered two times in Bluffton - at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center (132 N. Main Street) and 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall (154 N. Main Street). Those who participated in a similar seminar in May found it to be a comfortable, no-pressure environment in which to ask questions and learn about various ways to support the nonprofit organizations they care about. ***This seminar will explore charitable gifts that provide an income stream to you and a gift to the nonprofit organizations you care most about.*** To reserve your spot at one of the seminars, please call Doug Luginbill at 419-358-1015 by Monday, September 7.

There are many items that have been left behind here at the church. Please stop by the Lost & Found area located under the Prayer Counter in the Missions Center for items you may be missing.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 5** **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall)
- 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)
- Nov. 7** Maranatha ABF (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Nov. 8-11&14-15** Missions Conference – 1 John 2:2
From Anywhere to Everywhere
- Nov. 22** Child Dedication Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Dec. 13** Children's Christmas Program (6:30 p.m., CMC)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYER CHAIN ~

Please call the church office for any names or concerns that you want listed in the Weekly Prayer List or prayed for during our Worship Services. To start the Prayer Chain, call or text Kathy Brauen at 419-234-7808 or call the church office at 419-358-8588.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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 would like 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: _____

~RECENT MOVE~

New address: Janice Shields, 700 Maple Crest Court, Apt. 126, Bluffton, OH 45817.

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.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on August 23:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	290
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	401

Giving on August 23:

\$11,417.59

Benevolent Fund	20.00
Building Fund	300.00
Christian Education Fund	343.59
General Fund	7,804.00
Missions Fund	2,550.00
Youth Fund	400.00

Love offering for Youth Interns \$2,213

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Kerry & Krista Wright** who serve in **Louisville, Kentucky with Converge Midamerica**. *We are currently up to our ears in youth! Kerry & I (mostly Kerry) are busy with middle school and high school students, launching "Deepen 502" in the warehouse portion of the church. It's a fun garage type feel. Kids love it. The youth require a lot of time and energy. He still has all of his other responsibilities at church as well. I'm back at school and working full time again. My position this year is very challenging. I know God will equip me to do what He has called me to. Send a note to encourage the Wrights at: 9711 Old Six Mile Lane, Louisville, KY 40299 or e-mail them at: kerrywright@insightbb.com.*

~BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY BOOK DISPLAY~

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 Fellowship Hall this afternoon until 6:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Swiss Mennonite 175 celebrations. 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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Ralph & Melba Gerber

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK:
AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 6

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</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	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Living Faith Adult Bible Fellowship (<i>Lima Rescue Home</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	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>)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir Meet (<i>118-119</i>) Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 ~

Nursery: Deb Hilty, Tammy Whitlow

~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!

Attention All Kids Grade 1-6: The Disciple Singers Choir will begin its upcoming season next 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.

~PLEASE NOTE~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, September 1, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Everett Collier will share about his *Ride Across America*. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Please register by tomorrow, for MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 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. 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! You may order tickets through the week by calling the church office at 419-358-8588. Check out www.ebenzermennonite.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!

The Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio newsletter, The Vine, is available at the Information Center in the Missions Center. This includes an annual financial report and appreciation for the many generous contributors to the programs and facilities of MHCO.