



Ebenezer Emissary

This is the day which the Lord has made. Worship is our opportunity to be glad and rejoice in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day. We come as the children of God, knowing that we are welcomed here where all are meant to be one in the Lord. Let us lay down our burdens and rejoice in the Lord for the Lord is good, the Source of love.

~ 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
Grace Filled Parenting (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Solo Tryouts (*FH*)
Haiti Trip Meeting (*103*)
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Groups (*Kings and Niswanders*)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (*118-119*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
Junior High & High School Small Groups (*Schoolhouse*)

~PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Judith (Chidester) Kingery. Judith, sister of Ronald, Thomas, Michael, Robert, Debbie Luginbuhl, and Cheryl Schmiesing passed away on Monday, September 6. A memorial service was held here at the church on Tuesday, September 22.

Our sympathy to the family of Norma Grimsley. Norma, sister of Janice Sprunger, passed away on Monday, September 21. Services were held here at the church yesterday.

In Rehabilitation: Marie Meffley, Mennonite Memorial Home.

~ MANY THANKS ~

Ebenezer Mennonite Church: You are a virtual partner in our mission to reach young people with the message of Christ's love and forgiveness. We thank you for your love for us, your support with prayers, volunteering, and financial giving. Thank you for being open handed with what God has blessed you with. It is our privilege to serve with you. - *Don & Ann Leader*

The Lord has truly used our church family to which we are so very thankful! We appreciate all the prayers and those who came alongside to help Donna last Sunday morning. - *Our Lord is good and faithful, Leon & Donna Lehman*

Dear Ebenezer Family: Thank you so much for your faithful generosity. We really appreciate the Christmas in July gift. May God continue to bless the ministry of Ebenezer. - *Serving the Master, Lyn & Lori Loewen*

Dear Ebenezer Family: We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and the delicious meals since our accident. God works greatly among His people. Also, we apologize if we missed you with a personal thank you. I (Joyce) have no memory of the first couple of weeks in the hospital, so we are unsure who gave us some of the beautiful gifts. Thank you to all you good people. - *Tony & Joyce Gratz*

Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods to the Mennonite Memorial Home fall festival yesterday. The bake sale was a success because of your generosity. Thank you!

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Oct. 5** **MOPS** (*9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall*)
- Oct. 11** Worship & Communion Service (*10:30 a.m., CMC*)
- Oct. 13** Ladies' Mystery Dinner (*5:00 p.m., meet at the church*)
- Oct. 26** **MOPS** (*9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall*)
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*)

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 _____

College-age Detroit missions trip is scheduled for October 16-17. The total cost is \$40, which includes hotel, transportation, supper, and breakfast. Please contact Pastor David at 567-204-9777 or e-mail at david.glick@ebenezymennonite.org to sign up.

Faith Investment Services in Bluffton is hoping to hire an office assistant in the near future. This part-time position (12-20 hours/week) would entail data entry, attention to detail, confidentiality, friendliness, and professionalism with the public. For more information, see the bulletin board by the church kitchen.

Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio (MHCO) is accepting applications for compassionate caregivers. Your only qualification is a desire to serve others by providing high quality care with a focus on each elder; training is provided. MHCO includes Hilty Home, Home Health, Maple Crest, Mennonite Memorial Home, and Willow Ridge. Applications are available at www.mhcoliving.org/why-us/careers.

Do you know someone living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia? Do you wish you had caring support or more information about the disease? Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio provides a monthly support group for caregivers. The group meets the third Monday of each month, except December, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the library at Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 W. Elm Street, Bluffton. Co-led by Tricia Herrmann, RN and Emily Koogler, LSW, the focus is on mutual support, education, and community resourcing. Call 419-358-1015 for more information.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 20:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	279
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	388

Giving on September 20:

\$11,601.30

Benevolent	110.00
Building Fund	110.00
Christian Education Fund	282.30
General Fund	8,684.00
Missions Fund	2,365.00
Youth Fund	50.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Neil & Meredi Bittle* who are serving with **MAF Canada**. They served for many years in Brazil and now serve in Alberta, Canada. Several families who they have helped train for ministry are now serving in leadership providing aviation and ministry expertise in difficult situations. Others are following the Lord in their professions and church involvements in the Americas and Angola. They are blessed and encouraged to see that God has provided the increase from their labor. Let them know we continue to stand with them in their current ministry by sending a note of encouragement to: P.O. Box 203, Leslieville Alberta, T0M 1H0, Canada or by sending an e-mail: to:neilbit@gmail.com.

~YOUTH NEWS~

High School Rake and Run – Saturday, October 3
Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. Please bring rakes.

Junior High Trip to Squirty Worm – Saturday, October 3
Meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. (Note time change)
Bring money for games.

Wednesday Night Children Ministries begins very soon! This Wednesday night, September 30, is the kick-off party at the home of Bill & Joan Steiner from 6:00 - 8:00. All children age 3 through Grade 6 and their families are invited to attend the kick-off together. All Junior High students are welcome. Food will be provided. Please sign up in the Missions Center. You can also sign your children up for the classes. The first class begins Wednesday, October 7, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. If you have questions, feel free to contact Marti Meza at 419-296-9574 or e-mail at: m.m.meza@juno.com.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jim & Marty Lemley
Missions Center: Don & Vicki Kirkendall

**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK:
SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 4**

- Monday** **7:00 p.m.** Beth Moore Simulcast & Discussion (103)
 7:05 p.m. Small Group (173 Albert Street, Bluffton)
- Tuesday** **6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (Arby's)
- Wednesday** **9:00 a.m.** Game Time (Fellowship Hall)
 5:30 p.m. Family Supper (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Children's and
 Junior High Ministries Kick-Off
 (Bill & Joan Steiner's, 8161 Columbus Grove Road)
 6:15 p.m. Women's Prayer Group (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
 7:05 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
 7:05 p.m. Parenting Beyond Capacity Small Group
 (Bluffton McDonald's & Church Schoolhouse)
 8:30 p.m. Junior High and High School Dodgeball
 (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- Thursday** **8:30 p.m.** Young Adult Basketball
 (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- Saturday** **9:00 a.m.** High School-Rake and Run (meet at church)
 12:30 p.m. Junior High-Squirty Worm (meet at church)
 7:00 p.m. Berean Adult Bible Fellowship Class
 (Lima Rescue Home)
- Sunday** **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. Christian Education Sunday
 Pastor David (Crossroads Ministry Center)
 11:30 a.m. FaithFull Singles Luncheon (FH)
 5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (103)
 Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (115)
 5:45 p.m. Disciple Singers' Actors (CMC Stage)
 6:00 p.m. Disciple Singers' Solo Tryouts (FH)
 6:30 p.m. Small Groups (Kings and Niswandars)
 6:45 p.m. Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)
 7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
 Junior High & High School
 Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 ~

Nurseries:

Deb Hilty, John & Jaime Shaw, Tammy Whitlow

The Good News Hour:

Jason & Kim Fritsch, Deb and Dan Huber, Krista Lehman,
Karna Marquart, Jared Meyer, Joan Steiner

~PLEASE NOTE~

Available in the Missions Center and the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer are copies of the three sessions (*Learning The Language of Our Longings, Reimagining the American Adolescent, Keeping Your Cup Full*) Chris Schaffner shared last Sunday. Please feel free to pick up a copy and another one to share with someone who may not have been able to attend.

A group of willing servants is needed to join Mission Possible in Haiti February 6-13. Areas of work may include medical clinics, construction, teach sewing, cooking, prayer, and outreach. Anyone over 18 with interest or questions, please contact Joshua Steiner at 419-234-7041 or steinerjd@gmail.com. An informational meeting is planned for this evening at 6:00 p.m. in Room 103.

FaithFull Singles: The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and all singles age 50 and older to our next gathering scheduled for next Sunday, October 4. A luncheon will be provided in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Gathering.

MOPS (mothers of preschoolers) is in need of childcare volunteers! If you have a heart and interest for serving the Lord through caring for and teaching children, MOPS needs you! Please contact Jessica Meyer at 419-303-3190 if you are available to volunteer! We greatly appreciate your willingness to serve and your prayers.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, October 6, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Lauren Brooke & Sisters, will perform. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Rehearsals for Bluffton University's 120th performance of Handel's *Messiah* begin Tuesday, October 6, in the Gilliom Room of Mosiman Hall. Anyone from high school students to adults is welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. each Tuesday except November 24 until the performance, set for 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6, in Founders Hall. Contact the conductor, Dr. Mark J. Suderman, Bluffton professor of music, at sudermanm@bluffton.edu or 419-358-3364 for more information.