

October 4, 2015

# Ebenezer Emissary



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY!

The members of the CE Committee want to give glory to God and thank Him for moving the hearts of so many people to volunteer and help out in Christian Education all around the church during the past year. We also want to thank our army of volunteers, who helped as teachers, drivers, cooks, snack servers, assistants, nursemaids, game leaders, etc., in Sunday School, youth meetings, Wednesday night meetings, Vacation Bible School, skating parties, dodgeball, Miracle Camp, and a hundred other activities. We thank you for showing up in answer to God's call and for your willing, selfless service in His name--for that is what it was, serving the Lord, not just "activities"! Thank you for carrying out our theme verse for this year: *This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.* John 15:8

### ~ 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.** 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.** Worship U *(112)*
- 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)*

**During the Worship Gathering** we will have a brief Gideon presentation by Peter LaBauve, from Lima. A special offering for this ministry will be received at the end of the service.

**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](http://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.

**Donations needed for Weekday Christian Education:** We need several packages of fruit snacks (Smiles brand with a smile imprinted on the candy). They are found only at Walmart. Also we use lots of white cardstock paper. Any donations can be placed in the box by the church kitchen throughout the school year. Thanks so much! – *Jodi Conley*

### ~ POSTCARDS AND VISITOR INVITES ~

**Available in the Missions Center** are ready made Welcome postcards and also smaller cards with all the church contact information you can use to invite someone to worship. What a blessing a postcard in the mail can be!

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Oct. 13** Ladies' Mystery Dinner *(5:00 p.m., meet at the church)*
- Oct. 24** Wild Game Trap Shoot *(8:30 a.m., field by garage)*
- 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 Adult Bible Fellowship Class  
*(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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ladies:** Our last Mystery Dinner for this year will be Tuesday evening, October 13! If you've wanted to go and just haven't yet, now is the time! We will meet at the church at 5:00, and then be off for great food and even better fellowship. Please RSVP to Christy Garmatter at 419-358-0864 or [garmatterc@gmail.com](mailto:garmatterc@gmail.com).

**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@ebenezermennonite.org](mailto:david.glick@ebenezermennonite.org) to sign up.

**The Wild Game Committee** will host a final Trap Shoot for 2015 on Saturday, October 24, at 8:30 a.m., if the weather cooperates. Please plan to come.

**Mennonite Memorial Home Needs Volunteers:** Currently there is an increased need for volunteers to help in a variety of ways. For a complete list of ways you can help enhance the lives of our elders, check the bulletin board in the Missions Center and also across from the church kitchen window. Please consider becoming a MMH volunteer today!

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on September 27:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	288
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	440
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	111

**Giving on September 27:**

	<u>\$9,362.21</u>
Benevolent	15.00
Building Fund	205.00
Christian Education Fund	374.21
General Fund	6,961.00
Missions Fund	1,737.00
New Building Fund	20.00
Youth Fund	50.00

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~ MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK ~

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**Missionary of the Week** is *Tiffany Bixel* who serves with **Cru** in **Colorado Springs, Colorado**. *The Lord is taking me on a new adventure. He turned the page from the story in College Station, Texas to the page of Colorado Springs, Colorado. It is amazing how difficult a turning in the page can be, but the joy in this journey is worth it. I am pretty well settled into my new home and things are slowly starting. Thank you for all your prayers as I am transitioning!* Send a note to encourage Tiffany in this new season of life by writing to: 6970 Los Reyes Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80918 or e-mail her at: [tiffany.bixel@cru.org](mailto:tiffany.bixel@cru.org).

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~ FAITHFULL SINGLES ~

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**The deacons and pastors** would like to invite our widows, widowers, and all singles age 50 and older to a luncheon today in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Gathering.

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Wednesday Night Children Ministries** begins this week! All children age 3 through Grade 6 are invited to attend. Please sign up your children for the classes in the Missions Center. We meet from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. If you have questions, contact Marti Meza at 419-296-9574 or e-mail at: [m.m.meza@juno.com](mailto:m.m.meza@juno.com).

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Larry & Ginny Moser  
*Missions Center:* Abbey Gambrell, Ariel Schantz

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 5-11

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MOPS</b> ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Beth Moore Simulcast & Discussion ( <i>103</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Small Group ( <i>173 Albert Street, Bluffton</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Arby's</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Family Supper ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
		Women's Prayer Group ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer ( <i>103</i> )
		Children's Ministries ( <i>age 3-Grade 6</i> )
		Junior High Meet ( <i>B17</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Parenting Beyond Capacity Small Group ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's &amp; Church Schoolhouse</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Bread of Life Ministries ( <i>Church Kitchen</i> )
		Junior High and High School Dodgeball ( <i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball ( <i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Stephen Ministries ( <i>112</i> )
		Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship ( <i>Various Classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&amp;6 year olds-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship & Communion Service ( <i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i> )
	<b>5:45 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Actors ( <i>CMC Stage</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Solo Tryouts ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Small Groups ( <i>Kings and Niswandars</i> )
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir ( <i>118-119</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
		Junior High & High School
		Small Groups ( <i>Schoolhouse</i> )

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 ~

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**Nurseries:** Thomas Eachus Family, Josh & Heidi Steiner

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~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ~

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**Congratulations** to Dick & Rosalee Greenway. Wednesday, October 7, will mark their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

**Congratulations** to Don & Dorothy Burkholder. Thursday, October 8, will mark their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary!

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~ SELECTION OF 2016 CHURCH OFFICERS ~

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**Please take some time** to fill out the blue insert that was in the Emissary last Sunday, with your recommendations. There are extra forms available in the Missions Center. Completed forms may be placed in an offering plate, given to an usher, or to any member of the Nominating Committee by next Sunday, October 11.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**31 Days of Praying for our Pastors:** Please stop by the prayer counter in the Missions Center to pick up a brochure to assist you in praying for our pastors, especially during the month of October. What better gift could we give our pastoral staff? Thank you for your prayers.

**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 on Sunday, September 20. 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. Deposits for the trip are due November 1. Anyone over 18 with interest or questions, please contact Joshua Steiner at 419-234-7041 or [steinerjd@gmail.com](mailto:steinerjd@gmail.com).

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on this 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** 120<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sudermanm@bluffton.edu) or 419-358-3364 for more information.