

November 1, 2015

# Ebenezer Emissary



## ~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Haiti Trip Meeting (*Church Library*)  
Stephen Ministries (*112*)  
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 - *Shipwrecks, Snakes, and Supplies* (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (*103*)  
Women's Ministries Committee Meeting (*115*)
- 5:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors (*CMC Stage*)  
Worship U Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 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*)  
*Forgiveness with a Twist*  
Junior High & High School Small Groups (*Schoolhouse*)

**Today is the International Day of Prayer** for the Persecuted Church. Please take some time today to pray with our Christian brothers and sisters whose lives are threatened just for believing in Jesus Christ. For more information, go to *The Voice of the Martyrs* website at [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com).

## ~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

**Our sympathy** to the family of James "Jimmy" Koogler. Jimmy, brother of Nelson, passed away on Friday, October 23. Services were held Wednesday, October 28, at Bluffton Chiles-Laman Funeral Home.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Mary Lou Vercler. Mary Lou, mother of Martha (Barry) Dyck, Carol (Seth) Bixel, and Lisa (Jared) Diller, passed away Tuesday, October 27. Services will be held this afternoon at 2:00 at the First Mennonite Church, Bluffton.

**In the Hospital:** Mike Powell, St. Rita's Medical Center.

## ~ CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 ~

At our Child Dedication Service, parents commit to raise their child to know Jesus Christ for the glory of God. The church family pledges to support the family with love and encouragement, plus provide opportunities for spiritual development of the family. Parents, if you would like to take part in this service, we need you to register your child or children in the following ways:

- \* Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim.
- \* Provide a digital photo of you with the child or children to be dedicated. Send to: [info@ebenezermennonite.org](mailto:info@ebenezermennonite.org).
- \* Please register and have photo turned in by November 15.
- \* There will be a time in the dedication where your child will specifically be prayed for. This prayer can be offered by you, a family member, friend, or pastor. Please let us know who will be praying.

*Any parents who attend Ebenezer are welcome to dedicate their child. The requirement is membership in the family of God, not Ebenezer Mennonite Church. All parents who know Christ as Savior are welcome to participate in this child dedication.*

## ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Nov. 8-11&14-15** Missions Conference – 1 John 2:2  
*From Everywhere to Anywhere*
- Nov. 16-23** Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week
- Nov. 22** Child Dedication Service (*10:15 a.m., CMC*)
- Dec. 5** High School Students (*7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home*)
- Dec. 6** *Messiah* (*4:00 p.m., Bluffton University*)
- Dec. 13** Children's Christmas Program (*6:30 p.m., CMC*)
- Dec. 20** Christmas Worship Service (*10:15 a.m., CMC*)
- Jan. 2** Living Faith Adult Bible Fellowship Class  
(*7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home*)
- Feb. 6** Maranatha Adult Bible Fellowship Class  
(*7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home*)

## ~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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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

**Swiss speaking** is on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at Maple Crest in the Family Room. The next meeting is this Tuesday, November 3.

**If you have a deer** or any type of wild game you are willing to donate for the Wild Game Event (April 9, 2016), please contact Joe Alt at 419-234-1247. Thank you.

**The Bluffton University Nutrition Association (BUNA)** will hold its annual fall dinner, benefiting both the Bluffton Community Assistance Program and the Lima-based Churches United Pantry, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on November 6, at First Mennonite Church, Bluffton. This year's dinner will include homemade soup, bread and dessert. Nonperishable food items will be accepted, as will cash and checks made payable to BUNA. All proceeds will benefit the two food pantries.

**Manager for Ten Thousand Villages Store:** The Et Cetera Shop Board, Inc. is seeking qualified applicants for the vacancy of the store manager of the Ten Thousand Villages Store in Bluffton. Please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center and across from the church kitchen for more information.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on October 25:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	270
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	432
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	102

**Giving on October 25:**

\$15,707.91

Benevolent	55.00
Building Fund	80.00
Christian Education Fund	497.69
General Fund	13,465.22
Missions Fund	1,590.00
New Building Fund	20.00

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~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are **Jared & Amy Diller** who serve through **Rally Point Youth Center in Lima**. On October 14, they kicked off another purpose-filled year of engaging area teens and showing them there is something bigger and better than they have known! In addition to their after-school program, there are programs to interact and impact the Lima youth, like "Revive," a Wednesday night Bible study and service. To find out how you could get involved or to simply encourage Jared & Amy in their ministry write to: P.O. Box 1502, Lima, Ohio 45802 or write by e-mail to: rallypoint@live.com.

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~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

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**Congratulations** to Benjamin & Jennifer (Ford) Lee on the birth of their daughter, Addison Rose, on Monday, October 19, weighing 6 lb. 13 oz.

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**November 6:** Junior High students meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. to leave for bowling at Westgate, Lima. Please bring \$15 for pizza and two games.

**November 6-7:** High School girls M.O.R.E. Retreat. Contact David Glick at 567-204-9777 for more information.

**November 24:** High School students meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. to leave for bowling at Westgate, Lima. Please bring \$15 for pizza and two games.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Richard & Gera Bixel  
*Missions Center:* Steve & Doneta Reigle

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 2-8**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Beth Moore Study Group ( <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> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Women's Prayer Group ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>115</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>Friday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Junior High Students ( <i>Westgate Bowling</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Maranatha Adult Bible Fellowship Class ( <i>Lima Rescue Home</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Junior High – Adult Classes with Yosef Desta ( <i>CMC</i> )
		Age 3-Grade 6 with Virginia Feldmann ( <i>Sanctuary Foyer</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4,5&amp;6 year olds-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Opening of 52nd Annual Festival of Missions</b> – Yosef Desta ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	All Church Carry-in Lunch with Missionaries ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir ( <i>118-119</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Children's Missionary Adventure with Virginia Feldmann ( <i>Sanctuary Foyer</i> )
		Missionary Message-Yosef Desta ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>8:15 p.m.</b>	Afterglow ( <i>CMC</i> )

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 ~

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**Nurseries:** Wes & Mandy Klinger, Jeremy & Christinia Lemley  
**The Good News Hour:** Benji & Sarah Bergstrand, Janet Brauen,  
Ashley Eachus, Jason & Kim Fritsch

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~ MISSIONS CONFERENCE NEWS ~

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**Missions Conference All Church Lunch:** Everyone is invited to lunch with our missionaries next Sunday, November 8. The Missions Committee will provide shredded pork and shredded chicken sandwiches. Please bring salads, breads, and desserts to share. Let us know your participation by signing up at the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center or in the Missions Center. There is no cost for this lunch.

**There will be afterglows** following the evening services Sunday through Wednesday during Missions Conference. Please bring finger foods for Sunday, November 8, only. Snacks will be provided for all other nights.

**All Church Breakfast:** There will be breakfast for all on Saturday, November 14, at 8:30 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Guest speaker will be Paul Watson. There is no cost for the breakfast, but reservations must be made. Sign up today in the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center or in the Missions Center or call the church office at 419-358-8588 during the week.

**Missions Banquet:** Please be sure to stop by the table today in the Missions Center to reserve your ticket for the Missions Banquet, Sunday, November 15, at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per adult and children 10 and under are free. Tickets may also be picked up at the church office during the week.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Souvenir booklets and DVD's** from the Swiss Mennonite 175th celebration are on sale today only in the Missions Center. The booklets are \$5 each and the DVDs are \$20.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon this Tuesday, November 3, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, entertainment will feature Elaine Wehri. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.