

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 _____

~ 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@ebenezymennonite.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.

NATIONAL VETERANS DAY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Let us give thanks to God for the peace and freedom we enjoy and recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans.

Ladies' Christmas Tea: This year's Christmas Tea, *Memories of Christmas Past*, will be Friday evening, December 4, at 6:30. Come join us for a fun evening of fellowship, yummy Christmas treats, and of course tea! Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the Missions Center beginning next Sunday, November 15, for three weeks only. Haven't been to a Christmas Tea? Grab some friends and make this a new holiday tradition!

If you are interested in decorating a table this year for the tea, please come sign up in the Missions Center, or contact Christy Garmatter at garmatterc@gmail.com. We usually need 12-14 tables, so this is a great opportunity to get out the china that you love, or that was passed on to you. Not sure what you need? Check us out in the Missions Center!

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 across from the church kitchen for more information.

~ THANK YOU ~

To My Ebenezer Family: Thank you! For all your prayers, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital. God is good! – *Mike Powell*

~ 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. 4** Ladies' Christmas Tea-*Memories of Christmas Past*
(6:30 p.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 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)



November 8, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary

52ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF MISSIONS



*He is the atoning sacrifice
for our sins, and not only
for ours but also for the
sins of the whole world.*

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Junior High-Adult Bible Fellowship Classes
with Yosef Desta (CMC)
Children Age 3-Grade 6 with Virginia Feldmann
(Sanctuary Foyer)
- 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.** Festival of Missions – Yosef Desta (CMC)
- 12:00 p.m.** All church carry-in lunch with missionaries (CMC)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (118&119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Missionary Message – Yosef Desta (CMC)
Children's Missionary Adventure with
Virginia Feldmann (Sanctuary Foyer)
- 8:15 p.m.** Afterglow, please bring finger foods to share (CMC)

Welcome to each missionary participating in our 52nd Annual Festival of Missions, *From Everywhere to Anywhere*. Also a special welcome to our guest speaker this morning, Yosef Desta.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Emerson Diller, Blanchard Valley. Emerson will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Tuesday, November 10. If you would like to send a card, please mail to the Hilty Memorial Home, 304 Hilty Drive, P.O. Box 359, Pandora, OH 45877.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on November 1:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	304
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	456
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	136

Giving on November 1:

\$32,220.69

Benevolent	90.00
Building Fund	1,370.00
Christian Education Fund	1,032.69
General Fund	19,268.00
Missions Fund	10,390.00
New Building Fund	70.00

~MISSIONS CONFERENCE NEWS ~

Missions Conference All Church Lunch: Everyone is invited to lunch with our missionaries today. There is no cost for this lunch.

There will be afterglows following the evening services tonight through Wednesday during Missions Conference. Please bring finger foods for tonight, 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, next 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.

~YOUTH NEWS ~

Tuesday, 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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Kathy Brauen, Sarah Elsea
Missions Center: Robert & Sue Spallinger

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 9-15

Monday	9:00 a.m. <i>MOPS (FH)</i>
	10:30 a.m. Devotions with Missionaries (103)
	12:00 p.m. Lunch for Missionaries (FH)
	7:00 p.m. Missions Conference (CMC) Children's Missionary Adventure Virginia Feldmann (Sanctuary Foyer)
	8:15 p.m. Missions Afterglow (CMC)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
	10:30 a.m. Devotions with Missionaries (103)
	12:00 p.m. Lunch for Missionaries (FH)
	7:00 p.m. Missions Conference (CMC) Children's Missionary Adventure Virginia Feldmann (Sanctuary Foyer)
	8:15 p.m. Missions Afterglow (CMC)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)
	10:30 a.m. Devotions with Missionaries (103)
	12:00 p.m. Lunch for Missionaries (FH)
	7:00 p.m. Missions Conference (CMC) Children's Missionary Adventure Virginia Feldmann (Sanctuary Foyer)
	8:15 p.m. Missions Afterglow (CMC)
Thursday	8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
Saturday	8:30 a.m. All Church Breakfast, Paul Watson (CMC)
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Junior High-Adult Bible Fellowship Classes, Paul Watson (CMC) Grades 1-6, YFC Ministry Staff (Sanctuary Foyer)
	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. <i>52nd Annual Festival of Missions</i> Paul Watson (CMC)
	5:00 p.m. Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118&119)
	6:00 p.m. Festival of Missions Banquet (CMC)
	7:00 p.m. <i>Celebration of Missions</i> Paul Watson (CMC)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 ~

Nurseries: Sarah Lehman, Christy Garmatter, Seth & Kara Zink
The Good News Hour: Madeline & Allison Burghaze,
Traci Heinze, Mandy & Emma Klinger, Julie McKanna,
Sarah Shank, Renea & Caity Zimmerman

~PLEASE NOTE ~

National Shoebox Collection Week is almost here! That means once again, we are in need of volunteers to welcome those bringing shoeboxes to our relay center. If you are interested in helping in this way, there is a sign-up sheet with available dates and time posted in the Missions Center.

Snow removal bids will be accepted in the church office until Friday, November 20.

Anniversary Celebration: All are invited to the 65th wedding anniversary celebration of Dale & Etta Jo Huber this afternoon from 2:30-4:30 in the Crossroads Ministry Center, hosted by their children. Omission of gifts is requested.

Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio provides an Alzheimer's support group for caregivers. Meetings are the third Monday of each month, except December, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The group meets at Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 W. Elm St., Bluffton. The focus is on mutual support, education, and community resourcing. Call 419-358-1015 for more information and questions.

Thanksgiving Bake Sale! The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Friday, November 20. The bake sale will feature a variety of home baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles, and breads. This annual event will be held in the Mennonite Memorial Home lobby on Friday, November 20, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Be sure to come early for your Thanksgiving baked goods! Donated items may be brought to the Ebenezer church kitchen before 8:30 a.m. Friday, November 20. Please label the items for MMH. Thank you for supporting the Service Group and their mission of serving the residents of MMH.

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.

An outdoor wooden wheel chair ramp 28-34 foot long is available for anyone who may have need of one. Please contact the church office at 419-358-8588 if interested.