

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 _____

The annual congregational meeting is Wednesday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will discuss the General Fund, Building Fund, and Christian Education Fund proposed 2016 budgets. Elections will also be held. An information packet will be distributed today following the Worship Gathering. The Wednesday Night Children's Ministries, Junior High, and Bible Studies will not meet that evening.

Sewing needs: In February, we will be teaching the ladies in Haiti to make quilts, rugs, and hot pads. We are in need of the following items for these sewing projects: fabric (all sizes), thread of any color (partial or full spools), safety pins (1 1/2 to 2 inches), needles (size 7 or 8), and seam rippers. Please place the donated items in the box placed in the Crossroads Ministry Center foyer. Contact Bev Stockman at 419-234-8278 for further details. Thank you! We appreciate any and all contributions!

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.

SIM Missions Trip: A work team is scheduled to go to Charlotte, North Carolina February 7-13 with an additional building maintenance week planned for January 31-February 6. If you are interested in serving with the team, please contact Frank Boehm at 567-371-9541 by December 31.

~ THANK YOU ~

Ebenezer Youth Group and all involved in making *Rolls for Rally Point*, thank you for sharing your time and talents to benefit the lives of others! We have been more than blessed by this and wanted to make sure you know our gratitude. Thank you! - *For His glory, Jared Diller, Rally Point Director*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Dec. 9** Congregational Meeting (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
No Adult Bible Study & Prayer, Children's Ministries, & Junior High
- Dec. 13** Children's Christmas Program (6:30 p.m., CMC)
- Dec. 20** Christmas Worship Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
No Adult Bible Fellowship, Sunday School, and Evening Fellowship Service
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Jan. 2** Living Faith Adult Bible Fellowship Class
(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Jan. 31-Feb. 13** SIM Building Maintenance Team
(Charlotte, North Carolina)
- Feb. 6** Maranatha Adult Bible Fellowship Class
(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Feb. 7-13** SIM Work Team (Charlotte, North Carolina)

~ NEW IN THE LIBRARY~

Adult Reading

The God Who Is There – D. A. Carson

The Legacy Journey – Dave Ramsey

Cross Roads – Colin Creel

Margins – Richard Swenson M. D.

Too Small to Ignore – Dr. Wes Stafford

The Calling. A Challenge to Walk the Narrow Road – Brother Andrew

George Muller of Bristol – A. T. Pierson

Home-Making on Raising a Christian Family – J. R. Miller

Social Issues

Dreams and Visions – Tom Doyle

A Wind in the House of Islam – David Garrison

Persecuted. The Global Assault on Christians – Paul Marshall, Lela Gilbert, Nina Shea

Culture Shift – R. Albert Mohler, Jr.



November 29, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary

We welcome you to worship this Sunday with sincere joy! Make yourself at home, you are among friends who would love for you to be part of the family! 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.** 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 (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Shattered Joy: Crazy Chains - Pastor Jim
New Members Received – Benjamin Carman,
Paul & Ann Gladwell, Ronald & Tobi Meyer,
Roger & Nancy Rhodes, Jessica Robinson,
Barry & Amanda Schneck, Janice Sprunger
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors (CMC Stage)
- 6:30 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
The Good Samaritan – Pastor Dick
Junior High & High School
Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Carl Lieb. Carl, the grandfather of Jaden August, passed away on Saturday, November 21. Services were held on Wednesday, November 25, at Coldren-Crates Funeral Home in Findlay.

Scheduled Surgery: Julie Motter, Tuesday, December 1, at Lima Memorial Hospital.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on November 22:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	308
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	534
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	166

Giving on November 22:

\$15,051.91

Benevolent	325.00
Building Fund	680.00
Christian Education Fund	581.91
General Fund	9,192.00
Missions Fund	1,873.00
Youth Fund – Rally Point	2,400.00

~MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK~

Missionary of the Week: *Margaret Edmondson* serves with *Life in Messiah International in Tampa, Florida*. The tract distribution outside the University of South Florida library continues to go well. She takes time to engage others and give them literature to reach out to them with the truth of Christ. Margaret hasn't kept count of how many she has given out, but it's been a lot. Most of the times the students are happy to get them and some even thank her for what she is doing. Margaret is also ministering with students and Jewish women in Florida. Continue to pray for her and send a note of encouragement to Margaret at: 14813 Carnation Drive, Tampa, FL 33613 or e-mail at: singertoo8@hotmail.com.

~ FAITH PROMISE UPDATE~

The promises presently amount to \$237,230, towards our goal of \$250,000. Faith Promise pledges will be taken until the end of December. Pledge cards may be picked up in the Missions Center or the church office. Thank you again for your prayers and pledges that make our missions program a great blessing to many missionaries and ministries. - *Missions Committee*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jim & Marty Lemley
Missions Center: Wayne & Susan Bixel

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOV. 30-DEC. 6

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Beth Moore Study Group (<i>103</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	5:30 p.m.	Family Supper (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Prayer Group (<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>) Children's Ministries (<i>age 3-Grade 6</i>) Junior High Meet (<i>B17</i>)
8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>)	
	Junior High and High School Dodgeball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)	
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Ladies' Christmas Tea- <i>Memories of Christmas Past</i> (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	High School Students (<i>meet at the church, Lima Rescue Home</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	9:30 a.m.	Kindergarten-Grade 12 Classes (<i>Meet in the Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	11:30 a.m.	Berean Adult Bible Fellowship Christmas Luncheon (<i>FH</i>)
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Messiah</i> (<i>Bluffton University</i>)
	5:30 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Actors (<i>CMC Stage</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (<i>118-119</i>)
6:30 p.m.	All Small Groups Christmas Party (<i>Jim & Marty Lemley's</i>)	
7:00 p.m.	Junior High & High School Small Groups (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)	

No Evening Fellowship Service

~ NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 ~

Nurseries: Deb Hilty, John & Jaime Shaw, Tammy Whitlow
The Good News Hour: Kathy & Cassandra Bishop,
Rosemary Carman, Marti & Melina Meza,
Olivia Spallinger, Bev Stockman

~PLEASE NOTE~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, December 1, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the Bluffton High School Show Choir and Chamber Choir 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.

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 today. 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!

Transport For Christ Second Chance Chapel Christmas carry-in and concert. Please bring a friend or neighbor on Saturday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. The concert will feature, The Jericho Road. Please bring one hot and one cold dish to share. Table service and drink will be provided.

Sunday School classes (Kindergarten – Grade 12): We will be practicing the song *Twelve Days of Christmas* during Sunday School hour next Sunday, December 6, at 9:30 a.m. You will have Sunday School in your regular classrooms until 9:30 a.m. and then come to the Crossroads Ministry Center stage to practice.

Living Faith Adult Bible Fellowship: Because of the Sunday School classes practicing on the stage in the Crossroads Ministry Center on December 6, the Living Faith class will meet in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday morning only.

Berean Adult Bible Fellowship: On Sunday, December 6, following the Morning Worship Gathering you are invited to a Christmas luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. You do not need to bring anything just let Ginny Moser know you are planning to come and enjoy a meal and Christmas music.