

# Ebenezer Emissary



For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise...wrote the psalmist (Psalm 96:4). We welcome everyone who has come to worship today. Let us sing for joy to the God of all nations who has revealed love and truth and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 10:15 a.m.** Christmas Worship Service – Pastor Jim (CMC)  
*Shattered Joy: Crazy Worry*
- 12:00 p.m.** Agape ABF Class Party (Dan & Barb Steiner's)
- 6:00 p.m.** Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
- 6:30 p.m.** Junior High and High School Students -  
Small Groups Christmas Party (Meet at the schoolhouse)

**No Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowship, or Evening Fellowship Service today**

~ CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ~

**All are invited** Thursday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Bring your family and friends for the evening as we worship the Newborn King!

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Jan. 2** Living Faith Adult Bible Fellowship Class  
*(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- Jan. 10** Worship & Communion Service *(10:15 a.m., CMC)*
- 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)*
- Feb. 14** Faithful Singles Luncheon *(11:30 a.m., FH)*

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

**Ebenezer Mennonite Church**  
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**I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day their old familiar carols play.  
And wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*I thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom.  
Had rolled along the unbroken song of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;  
the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Till, ringing singing, on its way, the world revolved from night to day,  
a voice, a chime, a chant sublime, of peace on earth, good will to men!*



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

*Financial Report – November 2015*

**Giving & Expenses**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Missions Fund</b>	<b>C. E. Fund</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>
Budgeted YTD	484,321	246,495	41,800	63,571
Expenses YTD	451,107	187,997	40,983	23,381
Actual Income	443,136	215,601	32,399	24,041

**\*\* Fund Cash Balances as of 11/30/15:**

General.....	\$1,919
Missions.....	\$82,870
Christian Education .....	\$14,943
Building .....	\$12,041
Cemetery Restoration Project .....	\$13,337
New Building.....	\$25,267
Benevolent.....	\$9,775

**\*\* The Lord is providing** and answering prayer! During the month of November, the General Fund deficit was erased, praise the Lord! We endeavor to end the year strong in all of our funds – each one is important! Thank you to all who have been sacrificially giving.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on December 13:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	327
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	460
Children's Christmas Program	(6:30 p.m.)	397

**Giving on December 13:**

\$12,111.56

Benevolent	285.00
Building Fund	80.00
Christian Education Fund	589.99
General Fund	7,856.57
Missions Fund	3,280.00
New Building Fund	20.00

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~MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are *Tim & Tiffany Gallant* who serve with **Global Partners in Cambodia**. They praise the Lord for His continued guidance through the multiple meetings they had this past October and that the pastors were encouraged and their reputations were boosted through the clinics provided by Global Partners Health Network. To connect with them and uplift them send an email to: [tntgallant@hotmail.com](mailto:tntgallant@hotmail.com).

**The Faith Promises** presently amount to \$241,230, 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*

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~ RECENT MOVE ~

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**New Address:** Max Rodabaugh, 410 W. Elm Street, Bluffton, OH 45817.

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~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

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**Congratulations** to Max & Judy Rodabaugh. Saturday, December 26, will mark their 61st wedding anniversary!

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Larry & Ginny Moser  
*Missions Center:* Daniel Klingler

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: DECEMBER 21-27**

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- Tuesday 6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Arby's*)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Thursday 6:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service (*CMC*)
- Friday \*\*Merry Christmas – Church Offices Closed\*\***
- 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.** Worship Gathering (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- \*No Evening Fellowship Service\**
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 ~

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*Nurseries: Seth & Kara Zink*

*The Good News Hour: The Halker Family, Julie Rieman, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles, Lily Shadle*

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~ ALL JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ~

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**Small groups Christmas party:** Please meet at the schoolhouse tonight at 6:30. Free event! Free food, games, and Christmas caroling!

**Wednesday, December 30:** Ice skating at the Cube in Findlay. Meet at the church at 1:00 p.m., cost is \$5. You may bring extra money for the snack shop. Please sign up with Pastor David by this Tuesday, December 29.

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~ THANK YOU ~

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**Dear friends:** Thank you for your ongoing support of our ministry both financially and in prayers. – *Dan, Cheryl, & Miriam Reisacher*

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~PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Agape Adult Bible Fellowship** class party (aka College & Career). Please join us for lunch today at 12:00 noon, at Dan & Barb Steiner's home – 8320 Swaney Road, Bluffton.

**New address:** Pastor Warren will be staying with his daughter Beth for a time this winter. His address will be C/O Gordon & Beth Baker, 1924 Liberty Court, Pekin, IL 61554.

**Living Faith Adult Bible Fellowship class** will meet in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour beginning next Sunday, December 27.

**Year-end reports** for 2015 are due on Sunday, January 17. All boards and committees please submit their annual reports to the church office ([info@ebenenezermennonite.org](mailto:info@ebenenezermennonite.org)) for inclusion in the 2015 Annual Report.

**Lost and found is full!** Please look over the items we have placed on the rack across from the kitchen in the Crossroads Ministry Center and in the cupboards in the Missions Center for anything that may belong to you or someone you know. Thanks for checking!

**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.

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~ WHY SHOULD WE LOVE EACH OTHER? ~

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**John 13:34, 35 (NIV)** *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

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~ PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYER LIST ~

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**Please call the church office** for any names or concerns that you want listed in the Weekly Prayer List or prayed for during our Worship Services. To have a prayer e-mail sent, call or text Kathy Brauen at 419-234-7808 or call the church office at 419-358-8588.

**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.