

Ebenezer Communications Card

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Ebenezer Mennonite Church Baptism Membership

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A New Year's Prayer

Author Unknown

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Jan. 10** New Adult Bible Fellowship Class
Worship & Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Jan. 15-17** Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
- 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)
- Feb. 26-28** Senior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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December 27, 2015

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 ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Living Faith Adult Bible Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
Rick & Pat Shaner, speakers
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 Service – Pastor Jim (CMC)
The Work of Christmas
No Evening Fellowship Service today

2016 Birthday/Anniversary Calendars are ready. The ushers will hand them out following the Morning Worship Gathering

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Marcine Geiger. Marcine, the wife of Weldon and mother of Keith, Rodney, and Teresa Schutz, passed away on Monday, December 21. Visitation is scheduled 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday at Bluffton Chiles-Laman Funeral Home, and services are planned for 11 a.m. on Wednesday here at the church.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Dianna Burkhart. Dianna, the sister of Doneta Reigle, passed away on Wednesday, December 23. Visitation is scheduled 2-6 p.m. on Monday at Hartman Sons Funeral Home in Columbus Grove, and services are planned for 6 p.m. immediately following the visitation.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on December 20:

Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 522

Giving on December 20:

\$21,555.02

Benevolent 185.00

Building Fund 880.00

Christian Education Fund 1,299.02

General Fund 13,986.00

Missions Fund 5,205.00

~MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK~

Missionaries of the Week are **Steve & Belva Rae Kotlarczyk** who serve with **SEND International in Tokyo, Japan**. At the beginning of December, Steve attended the annual Japanese Christian Camp Retreat. He spent three days there with about 35 other Christian Camp staff from around the country. It was a huge blessing and encouragement. In late November, 153 pastors, church members, and missionaries gathered at camp to celebrate SEND's 70th anniversary. They were able to reflect on where God has brought them and share their visions of where He may be leading them in the future to reach the next generation for Christ. Please take the time to encourage Steve & Belva Rae by sending a note to: Excellent Mori #103, Daimon 1-760-2, Ome Shi, Tokyo, Japan 198-0014 or email them at: theks4jesus@yahoo.com.

The Faith Promises presently amount to \$241,830, towards our goal of \$250,000. Thank you again for your prayers and pledges that make our missions program a great blessing to many missionaries and ministries. - *Missions Committee*

~ ALL JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ~

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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Ralph & Melba Gerber
Missions Center: Jadyen Barhorst, Hannah Conley

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 3

Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (*Arby's*)
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (*Fellowship Hall*)
1:00 p.m. Junior & Senior High Ice Skating (*Meet at the schoolhouse*)
6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (*CMC*)
Thursday 8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (*CMC*)
Friday **Church Office Closed – Happy New Year!**
Saturday 7:00 p.m. Lima Rescue Home (*Living Faith*)
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*)
5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (*103*)
7:00 p.m. Junior High & High School Small Groups (*Meet in schoolhouse*)
Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
7:30 p.m. **MOPS** Steering Committee Meeting (*Library*)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 ~

Nurseries: Deb Hilty, John & Jaime Shaw, Tammy Whitlow

The Good News Hour: Ashley Fry, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Kathy and Cassandra Bishop

~PLEASE NOTE~

New Adult Bible Fellowship Class: Pastor Dale Seefeldt will be teaching a new class beginning January 10, "The Old Testament in a Year: What's in it Anyway?" Visitors welcome! The location will be announced at a later date.

Living Faith Adult Bible Fellowship class will meet in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour beginning today.

Our thanks to all who come early to set up the chairs in the Crossroads Ministry Center. A few more volunteers are needed in the rotation. If you would be willing to help with this very special ministry please contact Bill Spallinger at 419-233-3258.

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) 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.

~ THANK YOU ~

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your gift of \$1,000 to help cover our airplane tickets when Lee's dad passed away. Your concern and generosity have really blessed and encouraged us. We are so thankful that the Lord provided for all of our needs. Thank you for your part in the Lord's provision for us. We are looking forward to having TJ & Lee's mom here with us for Christmas. It is hard to believe it's that time of year already. Thank you for your faithful partnership with us! We look forward to our next home assignment and sharing with you what the Lord is doing in Africa through Reach Beyond. Merry Christmas! In Him, Lee & Michelle Sonius

Merry Christmas! Thank you for the blessing you are to us. Chuck and Naomi Smith

Dear Ebenezer Family, Thank you so much for your continued support and prayer for YFC in Van Buren. I really appreciate all that you do to help make this ministry happen. As you celebrate Jesus this season, I pray that you draw closer to Him. Thanks so much. Lyn Loewen