

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 5-12** Missions Trip with Mission Possible *(Haiti)*
- Feb. 7-13** SIM Work Team *(Charlotte, North Carolina)*
- Feb. 14** Congregational Meeting *(11:30 a.m., CMC)*  
Faithful Singles Luncheon *(noon, FH)*
- Feb. 26-28** Senior High Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*
- April 9** Wild Game Event *(5:00 p.m., CMC)*

### ~ HOW MUCH OF YOU DOES GOD WANT? ~

**Romans 12: 1,2 (NIV)** Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

### ~ SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 A.M. ~

Infant Nursery - 111

Toddler Nursery – 106

#### ~ Sunday School for Children ~

Age 2 - B16

Age 3 - B-10

Ages 4&5 - B-11

Grade 1 - B-12

Grade 2 - B-14

Grade 3 - B-18

Grade 4 - B-13

Grade 5 – Sanctuary 4

Grade 6 - B-15

Grades 7 & 8 *(Junior High)* - B-17

Grades 9 – 12 *(Senior High)* - Schoolhouse

#### ~ Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF) ~

Agape *(college & career)* – 116

Young Married/Single - 103

Genesis - Sanctuary Foyer

Maranatha - Sanctuary Overflow

Living Faith – 112-114 *(Fellowship Hall)*

Old Testament in a Year – Church Library

Berean – 118-119

January 10, 2016

# Ebenezer Emissary



**We extend the hand of Christian fellowship to all who have come to worship. 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.** Stephen Ministries *(115)*  
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 & Communion Service  
*(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- 11:30 a.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting *(Fellowship Hall)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Groups *(Kings & Niswanders)*
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers’ Choir *(118-119)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*  
Junior High & High School Small Groups *(Meet in schoolhouse)*

**New Adult Bible Fellowship Class** begins meeting today at 9:00. Pastor Dale Seefeldt will be teaching, “The Old Testament in a Year: What’s in it Anyway?” Everyone is welcome to meet in the church library.

**Two Small Groups Begin:** This evening at 6:30 p.m. two small groups will begin. One is at Jim & Pat King’s home, 152 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton and one at Chuck & Saun Niswander’s home, 8680 Putnam Road, Pandora. For more information please contact Pastor Jim at 419-296-0885.

**Please note:** All loose offerings taken during the Morning Worship Gathering will go towards the Benevolent Fund (in connection with communion).

### ~AN ACT OF KINDNESS BRIGHTENS THE DAY! ~

**\*We appreciate** and enjoyed the fine group of young people who came to Maple Crest to sing for us. We also enjoyed the delicious baked goods. Your kindness means so much to us. May the Lord greatly bless each of you as you continue to serve Him in the year ahead. – *Betty Cass*

**\*That was so very special** and the rolls were very good too! – *Jan Shields*

**\*You surprised me.** I enjoyed the beautiful carols in harmony. Jesus is the reason for the season. Thanks to all. – *Joan Jones*

**\*Really appreciated** the time the youth spent singing Christmas carols to all of us and our neighbors at Maple Crest. The breakfast rolls were very delicious. Also thank you to all our friends at Ebenezer for so many thoughtful things you do for us; Christmas gifts, devotional books, and dinners at Maple Crest. – *Jo Ann Hilty*

**\*I’m sorry to have missed** your caroling! I’ve heard it was very good! Thanks for the delicious rolls you left. I eat one each morning! I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas and will continue to serve the Lord each day. I thank God for all of you and Pastor Dave & Mary. You are all such a delight and blessing to me. Every Sunday I look and see you in front at church and praise God for you. Thanks again. – *Ruth Anna Bixel*

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on January 3:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	275
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	414
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	51

**Giving on December 31, 2015**

**\$8,785.04**

General Fund	5,200.00
Missions Fund	400.00
Loving Offering for Justus Family	\$3,185.04

**Giving on January 3:**

**\$20,212.07**

Benevolent	70.00
Building Fund	335.00
Christian Education Fund	1,001.07
General Fund	8,171.00
Missions Fund	10,585.00
New Building	50.00

**Missions Giving:**

*\$1,000 SEND North to assist with flight expenses for Don & Brenda Ernst-missionary retreat in McGrath, Alaska.*

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~MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are **Andy & Pam LaBreche** who are serving in **Romania** with **United World Mission**. They praise God for the historic opportunity to reach the unreached as they come to Europe, and for believers who have committed to serve. Pray for more workers for the harvest, for access to those in need, and for demonstrations of Christ's love to bear fruit. They are also thankful that Andy has been referred to a good cardiologist who is working to find the right course of treatment for Andy's heart issues. Pray that he will regain some energy and that the medication will work to keep his heart beating regularly. Send some love their way by writing to: str. Gospodarilor nr. 9, 300778 Timisoara, Romania or by e-mailing them at: [alabreche@gmail.com](mailto:alabreche@gmail.com).

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Who Wants to be a Superhero?** All kids in Grades 1-6 are welcome to join Disciple Singers as we begin practicing this evening for the Spring Musical, *The Agape League*. Choir practice will start at 6:45 p.m. in Rooms 118&119. Contact Renea Zimmerman or Angela Steiner if you're interested in joining the choir or have any other questions.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center: Chuck & Saun Niswander  
Missions Center: Wayne & Susan Bixel*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 11-17**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MOPS</b> ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Beth Moore Study Group ( <i>115</i> ) Christian Education Com. Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Arby's</i> ) Missions Com. Meeting ( <i>103</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>	Connections Small Groups ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's &amp; 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>7:00 a.m.</b>	Youth Prayer Group ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Junior High Ice Camp ( <i>Leave for Miracle Camp</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship ( <i>Various Classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&amp;6 year olds-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering ( <i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i> )
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Small Groups ( <i>Kings &amp; Niswandars</i> )
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir ( <i>118-119</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) High School Small Group ( <i>Meet in schoolhouse</i> )

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 ~

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**Nurseries:** Christy Garmatter, Sarah Shank, Brian & Kendy Young

**The Good News Hour:**

Janet Brauen, Rosemary Carman, Jason & Kim Fritsch,  
Kim Gordon, Jessica Robinson, Olivia Spallinger

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~PLEASE NOTE~

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**Learning through the Hymns:** A small group study will begin to meet this Wednesday, January 13, from 7:05-8:00 p.m. in the schoolhouse for six weeks. Anyone high school age and up are invited to attend. Please contact Heidi Steiner at 419-358-0116 for more information.

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

**Thank you for the generous** donations of fabric for the Haiti projects. We have collected more than we could possibly use this year. Thank you so much! We are still in need of thread, straight pins, and safety pins if you would still like to donate items. Thank you for your generosity! – *Bev Stockman*

**Cookie Time Is Here Again:** Cookie dough or mixes are needed for the SIM Missions Trip (February 7-13). Make a cookie recipe dough, form into logs or balls, and freeze on a cookie sheet. **Please do not bake.** Then place in plastic bags marked with the kind and temperature to bake. Put in the church freezer. If you prefer to buy cookie or cake mixes there will be a labeled box in the kitchen for those. Thank you for your help in supplying these items as they are greatly appreciated by the staff and workers at the mission. If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Moser at 567-204-1873.

**Mistaken Identity?** A shiny black quilted, mid-length men's jacket with black gloves in the pockets was missing from the coat rack last Sunday. If this description sounds familiar, please contact the church office at 419-358-8588.

**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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~ THANK YOU ~

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**Thank you** to Pastor Warren, Pastor Jim, Pastor Dick, Kathy and all who prayed, sent cards, gave food, and visited mom in the hospital during her recent short illness and going to her heavenly home. We greatly appreciate your kindness and love all of you have shown to us. – *Weldon Geiger, Keith Geiger, Rodney Geiger, Teresa Schutz & Families*