

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 _____

Transport for Christ Banquet and Concert will be held on Friday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m. in Marbeck Center at Bluffton University. Your meal has been paid, but you must reserve by Monday, February 15, by calling David Lugibihl at 419-230-3294. Seating will be limited to the first 400.

Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio is accepting applications for the Barbara Fleming Memorial Nursing Scholarship. The scholarship is meant to promote the career of nursing and is available to anyone pursuing a degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse, a Registered Nurse, or a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The scholarship is to be used to pay school related expenses toward any of these degrees. The scholarship offers a minimum award of \$500 and will be paid directly to the vocational school or college where the student is enrolled. Applications are available by contacting Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 W. Elm St., Bluffton, OH 45817; 419-358-1015. Applications are also available at mhcoliving.org and clicking on "What's Happening." A completed application must be postmarked and/or returned to the above address by Thursday, March 31.

~ WHO CARES ABOUT YOUR TROUBLE? ~

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV) Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

~THANK YOU~

Dear Ebenezer friends: Thank you for your gift of money to help the Hooper Bay team get away for refreshment, healing, and prayer. We visited all of them in December and heard so many good reports. They were so appreciative for your gift to make it possible and feel encouraged and ready to keep on keeping on! Thank you! – *Don & Brenda Ernst, SEND North, Alaska*

Dear Church family: On Sunday, Pastor Jim reminded us that the church is not a building but the people that meet within it and urged us to live the following quote: "As Jesus is to me, I will be to you." Throughout 2015 as my mom's health declined and in her death in December, my family and I have experienced the very thing that Pastor Jim spoke on. Thank you so very much for all the spiritual and physical support shown in so many ways and by so many. You truly are a blessing to us. – *Gail Schantz and family*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Jan. 31-Feb. 13** SIM Building Maintenance Team
(Charlotte, North Carolina)
- 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)*
- Mar. 5** High School Students *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- Mar. 7** Evening Sew *(6:00 p.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- Mar. 8** All Day Sew *(9:00 a.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- Mar. 27** SonRise Service *(7:30 a.m., CMC)*
SonRise Breakfast *(8:30 a.m., CMC)*
Easter Worship Service *(10:15 a.m., CMC)*
No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service
- Apr. 2** Berean Adult Bible Fellowship Class
(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Apr. 9** Wild Game Event *(5:00 p.m., CMC)*
- Apr. 24** Disciple Singers' Spring Musical *(10:15 a.m., CMC)*
- May 5** National Day of Prayer Event *(7:00 p.m., CMC)*
- May 7** High School Students *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*

~ PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYER LIST ~

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.



January 31, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary

~ 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 – Pastor Jim
Contagious Disciples Seek Solitude (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 11:30 a.m.** Haiti Missions Trip Meeting *(103)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
Small Groups *(Kings & Niswanders)*
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir *(118-119, CMC)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service – *Manna No More*
Pastor Dick *(Sanctuary)*
Junior High and High School Small Groups
(Meet in Schoolhouse)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Sherrill Burkholder. Sherrill, the brother of Marlin, passed away Tuesday, January 26. Visitation is today from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Chiles-Laman Funeral Home, Bluffton. Services will be held at the funeral home tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Our sympathy to the family of Roy Raymond Laws. Roy, the brother of Trudy Baber, passed away on Wednesday, January 27. The funeral service will be held in Cincinnati on Wednesday, February 3.

In the Hospital: Jay Lugibihl, St. Rita's Medical Center.

Remember to pray for the SIM Building Maintenance Team. They left for Charlotte, North Carolina this morning and will return on February 13. On Friday, February 5, another team will leave for Haiti with Mission Possible. They will return on Friday, February 12.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 24:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	307
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	432
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	117

Giving on January 24:

\$10,377.12

Benevolent	25.00
Building Fund	835.00
Christian Education Fund	305.12
General Fund	7,292.00
Missions Fund	1,870.00
New Building	50.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are ****Joel & Nada**. Their ministry location changes tomorrow as they board a plane. Please pray for a safe flight and more importantly a smooth entry as difficulties have arisen for others coming into the country for long term. Some have been denied entry recently. They have 45 days after they arrive to find an apartment before their belongings arrive. They are very grateful for the financial gifts that have helped them to make this transition easier. Please remember them in prayer at this time.

** For more information please refer to a current prayer letter.

~ CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING ~

The 2015 Annual Reports will be handed out by the ushers at the door after the morning service. The congregational business meeting to approve the 2015 Reports and the proposed 2016 Missions Budget is scheduled for Sunday, February 14, following the morning service.

Giving receipts for 2015 are ready and available for you to pick up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Thank you for giving!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jim & Marty Lemley
Missions Center: Robert & Sue Spallinger

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 1-7

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>)
Thursday	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Groups (<i>Bluffton McDonald's & Schoolhouse</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>)
		Junior High and High School Dodgeball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Maranatha Adult Bible Fellowship Class (<i>Lima Rescue Home</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	All Small Groups (<i>Jim & Marti Lemley's</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	High School Super Bowl Party (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
		Junior High Super Bowl Party (<i>Greg & Sue Luginbill's home</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 ~

Nurseries: Deb Hilty, John & Jaime Shaw, Tammy Whitlow
The Good News Hour: Mary Glick, Traci Heinze,
John & Jaime Shaw, Aubrey Snider, Renea & Caity Zimmerman

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Marvin & Marilyn Reigle. Thursday, February 4, will mark their 61st wedding anniversary!

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High Super Bowl Party will be at Greg & Sue Luginbill's home, 506 Hawthorne Drive, Pandora, at 6:30 p.m. next Sunday, February 7. Pizza will be provided. Bring a friend and a snack or drink. For more information please call 419-384-3586.

High School Super Bowl Party will be in the Crossroads Ministry Center, next Sunday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m. Come watch the Super Bowl football game with us! We will have corn hole tournaments and board games set up as well! Any questions, see Pastor David! Cost is \$2 for pizza. Drinks will be provided!

Please note that the Disciple Singers' Choir will not have rehearsal next Sunday, February 7.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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. If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Moser at 567-204-1873. Thank you so much for taking this opportunity to serve our missionaries.

FaithFull Singles: The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and **all** singles age 50 and older to join us for a luncheon on Sunday, February 14, following the morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!

Ladies...Are you wanting to deepen your understanding of God's Word through the Psalms? Join a wonderful group of ladies on Monday evenings as we begin a new Beth Moore study entitled *Stepping Up*. The study runs for eight weeks and we meet in Room 115. We will begin on Monday evening, February 29, at 7:00. Please contact Christy Garmatter (garmatterc@gmail.com) by Sunday, February 14, if you are interested so a book can be ordered for you. We are looking forward to what God has to share with us during this study!

There are a number of items that have been left behind here at the church. Our lost and found cupboards are under the Prayer Counter in the Missions Center.