

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.

~ WILL GOD HEAR YOUR PRAYER? ~

1 John 5:14, 15 (NIV) *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of Him.*

~THANK YOU~

Rally Point students were given an amazing gift to enjoy a weekend in Michigan at Miracle Camp. Thanks to the people of Ebenezer who felt God's leading to help our students financially and practically by inviting us to join your Middle School youth to Ice Camp. What impressed me most about the weekend was how well Rally Point students meshed with Ebenezer students and leaders! It was so good to see Ebenezer students reaching out and including our kids into their circle of friends, and leaders who quickly came alongside our students and loved on them in a way that clearly communicated the love of Christ. Add this to fun activities, God's word challenging us to *Give up anything so that we can have everything in Christ*, and an average of four hours of sleep per night, fantastic! Thank you for this gift! We pray that the relationships formed over this weekend will continue to point our students closer to Jesus. Please pray for our high school students who will be going to Ice Camp, February 26-28! – *Jared Diller, Rally Point Youth Center, Lima*

~ 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. 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)*



February 7, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary

A joyous greeting to all who have come to worship. It is our hope that each of you may find encouragement, inspiration, and direction for living. Above all, we pray that you may sense the loving presence of God.

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 – Pastor Jim *Contagious Disciples Share Jesus (Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- 6:00 p.m.** All Small Groups *(Jim & Marty Lemleys)*
- 6:30 p.m.** High School Super Bowl Party *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
Junior High Super Bowl Party *(Greg & Sue Luginbill's home)*

No Disciple Singers' Choir Rehearsal or Evening Fellowship Service

Our sympathy to the family of Etta Huber. Etta, the mother of Dave, passed away on Friday, February 5. Services are incomplete at time of printing.

~ PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY ~

- *SIM Building Maintenance Team in Charlotte, North Carolina (returning February 13).
- *Team in Haiti with Mission Possible (returning February 12).
- *SIM Work Team left today for Charlotte, North Carolina (returning February 13).

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 31:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	296
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	412
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	119

Giving on January 31:

\$12,645.80

Benevolent	25.00
Building Fund	1,685.00
Christian Education Fund	600.80
General Fund	7,295.00
Missions Fund	2,980.00
New Building	60.00

Memorials for Marcine Geiger – Digital Keyboard Fund \$165.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Jorge & Lynn Mogrovejo** who partner with **SEMBEC in Cuenca, Ecuador**. On January 23, SEMBEC (the seminary) celebrated 20 years since it had opened its doors. Former teachers and graduates were invited for a celebration. They are grateful for our ongoing financial and prayer support. Get in touch with them by writing to: Casilla 01-05-1847, Cuenca, Ecuador, South America or e-mail at: jorgelynn5@hotmail.com.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Christian & April Gratz on the birth of their son, Samuel Isaac, on Friday, January 29, weighing 6 lb. 12 oz.

~ CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING ~

The 2015 Annual Reports are available on the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and in the Missions Center. The congregational business meeting to approve the 2015 Reports and the proposed 2016 Missions Budget is scheduled for next Sunday, February 14, following the morning service.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Gary & Dena Herr
Missions Center: Nicki Biery, Brittany Reigle

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 8-14

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Arby's)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	Family Supper (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Prayer Group (Fellowship Hall)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (115)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6)
		Junior High Meet (B17)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Groups (Bluffton McDonald's & Schoolhouse)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
		Junior High and High School Dodgeball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
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)
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (CMC)
	12:00 p.m.	FaithFull Singles Luncheon (FH)
	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Actors (Crossroads Ministry Center)
		Small Groups (Kings & Niswanders)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
		Junior High and High School Small Groups (Meet in Schoolhouse)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 ~

Nurseries: Sue Epp, Ann Gladwell, Sarah Shank, Bev Stockman
The Good News Hour: Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Krista Lehman,
Marti & Melina Meza, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Today at 6:30 p.m.

Junior High Super Bowl Party will be at Greg & Sue Luginbill's home, 506 Hawthorne Drive, Pandora. 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. 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 ~

FaithFull Singles: The deacons, pastors, and the Ebenezer Youth would like to invite our widows, widowers, and **all** singles age 50 and older to join us for a special Valentine's Day luncheon next 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!

The Women's Ministries Committee would like your help in providing gift cards for our college students. This year we will be asking for monetary donations. The committee buys and sends the gift cards to the students. We would love to uplift and encourage our college students! You may give your donations to Christy Garmatter or the church office. The last day for collections will be Sunday, February 21. Thank you for contributing!

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.