



Ebenezer Emissary

May all who have gathered, sense the warmth of God's presence and the encouragement which comes from genuine worship of our Creator.

We welcome you to worship this Sunday with sincere joy! 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 Work for Justice (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Haiti and SIM Mission Trip Reports
- 11:30 a.m.** NYC Missions Trip Parent Meeting *(Schoolhouse)*
- 12:00 p.m.** Stephen Ministries *(Fellowship Hall)*
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting *(103)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
Junior High and High School Small Groups
(Schoolhouse)
Small Groups *(Kings & Niswanders)*
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir *(118-119, Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*
The Lessons of Defeat

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Aaron & Emily Koogler on the birth of their daughter, Tessa Marilynn, on Wednesday, February 17, weighing 8 lb.

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 – January 2016

Giving & Expenses

	General	Missions	C. E.	Building
Budgeted YTD	41,842	22,208	3,954	4,965
Expenses YTD	33,297	1,880	5,320	0
Actual Income	36,063	21,549	2,575	6,985

Cash Balances as of 1/31/16:

General.....	\$23,830
Missions.....	\$98,319
Christian Education	\$14,748
Building	\$18,450
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$5,360
Digital Keyboard	\$4,550
Archive	\$1,050
New Building.....	\$25,942
Benevolent.....	\$8,996

National Day of Prayer Bite: The NDP theme for 2016 is *Wake Up America*, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to return to the God of Fathers in reverence to His Holy Name. To further highlight this theme, Isaiah 58:1a has been chosen as this year's Scripture: *Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.* Let us join together in prayer for our nation, state, and community on Thursday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

Meal Ministry: The Adult Bible Fellowship classes have often ministered to members who have had surgeries, families with newborns, etc. by providing full course meals or even just a frozen meal that can be easily prepared when help is needed. The Women's Ministries has formed a list of those who would like to help provide a meal for those who may not be a member of an ABF class. There are two ways that you can be involved in this ministry. If you know of someone who could benefit from some extra help with meals or if you would be willing to have your name on a list to be called upon to prepare a meal, please contact Deb Hilty at 419-358-8588 or send an e-mail to: info@ebenezermennonite.org or fill out the pink *Caring by Sharing a Meal* form available in the Missions Center.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 25** Good Friday Service
(6:00 p.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)*
- May 8** Mother's Day Chicken BBQ *(11:30 a.m., CMC)*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on February 14:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	296
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	392
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	86

Giving on February 14:

\$14,468.94

Benevolent Fund	485.00
Building Fund	1,397.28
Christian Education Fund	1,419.66
General Fund	7,499.00
Missions Fund	3,356.00
New Building Fund	312.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Dave & Marj Patrick* who partner with **The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) at Carver College in Atlanta, Georgia.** Please lift them up as they minister to many students at the college and within their church. Pray also for opportunities for them to witness at high school college fairs. To send them a message of encouragement, please send an e-mail to: davemarj.dp@gmail.com.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

New York City missions trip parent meeting will be held today following the Morning Worship Gathering in the schoolhouse. Come with your questions about the high school missions trip.

~ SUMMER CAMP DATES ~

Camp information will be passed out on Sunday, March 13, in the Sunday School classrooms. Grade levels are based on the grade the camper will be entering this upcoming school year.

June 19-25	Middle School 1 (Grades 5&6, Miracle Camp)
July 17-23	Senior High 2 (Grades 9-12, Miracle Camp)
July 24-30	Junior High 2 (Grades 7&8, Miracle Camp)
Aug 7-13	Grade School 2 (Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)
Aug 7-10	Grade School 3 (Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)
Aug 10-13	Grade School 4 (Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

*Crossroads Ministry Center: Ginny & Larry Moser
Missions Center: Lelani Bischoff, Leah Conley*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 22-28

- Monday 9:00 a.m.** MOPS (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Tuesday 6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Arby's*)
7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting (*103*)
- 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 7:00 pm.** Engage Committee Meeting (*103*)
8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Friday 7:00 a.m.** Youth Prayer Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)
4:00 p.m. High School Students (*Leave for Ice Camp*)
- 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*)
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7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
Junior High Small Groups (*Schoolhouse*)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 ~

*Nurseries: Ashley Fry, Janeth Magiri, Seth & Kara Zink
The Good News Hour: Emily Gladwell, Deb & Dan Huber, Jared Meyer, Rachel Moser, Sarah Shank, Kathy Steiner, Sarah Walker, Hannah Willow*

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

All reports from 2015 and the proposed Missions Budget for 2016 were approved last Sunday.

Our Daily Bread: Pick up your copy of the March, April, & May 2016 issue at the Information Center in the Missions Center or the wall rack in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

Uplift and encourage our college students: The women's ministries committee would like your help by providing monetary donations so gift cards can be purchased for our college students. The committee buys and sends the gift cards to the students. Today is the last day for collections; please give your donations to Christy Garmatter or the church office. Thank you!

Seven week Bible study on 1 Samuel: *Putting God First*, on Wednesday nights beginning February 24, from 7:05 - 8:00 in the schoolhouse. Childcare is provided. Anyone high school age and up is welcome to attend. Please contact Josh or Heidi Steiner at: steinerhl@gmail.com or 419-358-0116, for study materials.

~ THANK YOU ~

I want to thank the church people for all the cards and prayers. Thank you also to Pastor Dick for visiting me at the hospital. – *Jay & Janet Lugibihl*

~ HOW MUCH DOES GOD LOVE YOU? ~

Romans 5:8 (NIV) *But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

~ CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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