

~ 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 _____

Planning to attend the Good Friday Supper: # _____

(March 25, at 6:00 p.m.)

Planning to attend the Easter SonRise Breakfast: # _____

(March 27, at 8:30 a.m.)

The Trustees are now accepting bids for the 2016 mowing of the church and cemetery lawns. Please submit your bid to the church office no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 1.

National Day of Prayer Bite: Because of the faith of many of our founding fathers, public prayer and national days of prayer have a long-standing and significant history in American tradition. The Supreme Court affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer in Marsh vs. Chambers (1983). Please plan now to attend our fifth annual National Day of Prayer event scheduled for Thursday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

In honor of International Women's Day on Tuesday, March 8, Bluffton Ten Thousand Villages and Bluffton University Women's Circle are hosting a Women's Clothing Drive during the month of March. Gently used professional clothing, shoes, and bags will be collected and donated to Hope House in Findlay. Please bring donations to the 115 S. Main Street, Bluffton through March 31.

Job/Ministry Opportunity: The Lima Rescue Mission is looking for a full-time employee to fill their service coordinator position with their men's ministry. If you or someone you know might be interested, please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center for more information.

~ NEW IN THE LIBRARY ~

Family DVD's

War Room

A.D. The Bible Continues

Summer Snow

Woodlawn

Why Biblical Science is Good Science

Adult Books

The Third Target - Joel Rosenberg

Audacious - Beth Moore

Brave New Discipleship - Max Anders

If - Mark Batterson

God Is Just Not Fair - Jennifer Rothschild

Agents of the Apocalypse - David Jeremiah

At the Throne of Grace - John MacArthur

Live Love Lead - Brian Houston

Landmines in the Path of the Believer - Charles Stanley

Twelve Extraordinary Women - John MacArthur

Culture Shock - Chip Ingram

Leading on Empty - Wayne Cordeiro

The Tabernacle - M. R. DeHaan

H. A. Ironside A Biography - E. Schuyler English

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Mar. 20 Congregational Meeting (11:30 a.m., CMC)

Mar. 25 Good Friday Supper/Passover/Communion
(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. 1 Ladies' Fondue Night (CMC)

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)



March 6, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary

We are grateful for your presence today. In this place of worship, let your worries give way to peace and your doubts be changed into hope. Let us remind ourselves that the Lord holds the whole world in His hands.

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 (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Be Like Jesus: Spirit Life
Scripture Reading: Pastor David
Special Music: Brent Zimmerman

6:30 p.m. Disciple Singers' Actors (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Small Groups (Kings & Lemleys)

6:45 p.m. Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119, Crossroads Ministry Center)

7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
How to Live Victoriously
Junior High and High School Small Groups
(Schoolhouse)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Phil Sprunger, Sarasota (FL) Memorial.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on February 28:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	244
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	365
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	66

Giving on February 28:

\$14,898.82

Benevolent Fund	60.00
Building Fund	1,250.00
Christian Education Fund	1,305.82
General Fund	7,987.00
Missions Fund	4,176.00
New Building Fund	20.00
Youth Fund	100.00

Missions Giving:

- \$500 Champions for Life – Prison Ministries
- \$500 Missions Aviation Fellowship, Stan & Ronda Unruh, power supply system for home in Nepal.
- \$150 Jeanie Stucky, Thrive Conference in Colorado in April.

~MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK~

Dan & Cheryl Reisacher

Trans World Radio - North Carolina
P.O. Box 8700, Cary, NC 27512
dreisacher@twr.org

Missionary newsletters are located in the Missions Center under the large world map. The letters give us the opportunity to partner with our missionaries through prayer.

~LODGING NEEDED~

The Choral from Grace University of Omaha, Nebraska will be in concert in Yoder Hall at Bluffton University, at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, March 21. If you would be able to provide lodging for one night (Monday, March 21) and breakfast (Tuesday, March 22) for one or more choir members, please sign up at the table in the Crossroads Ministry Foyer. You will need to pick up the student at Yoder Hall following the concert, then bring them to Ebenezer in the morning on Tuesday, March 22, at 9:00 (church will be open at 7:00 for early drop off). If you have any questions, please contact Susan Bixel at 567-242-9919.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

*Crossroads Ministry Center: Kathy Brauen, Susan Hawk
Missions Center: Steve & Doneta Reigle*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 7-13

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| Monday | 6:00 p.m. | Evening Sew (CMC) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Beth Moore Study Group (115) |
| Tuesday | 6:30 a.m. | Men's Small Group (Arby's) |
| | 9:00 a.m. | All Day Sew (CMC) |
| 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 Group (Bluffton McDonald's) |
| | | Putting God First (Bible Study, 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. | Wild Game Com. Meeting (FH) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Trustee Meeting (103) |
| | | Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (115) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Disciple Singers' Actors (Crossroads Ministry Center) |
| | | Small Groups (Niswanders & Stockmans) |
| | 6:45 p.m. | Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119, Crossroads Ministry Center) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary) |
| | | Junior High and High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse) |



Daylight Savings Time

Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead next Saturday night.

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13 ~

Nurseries: Sue Epp, Wes & Mandy Klinger, Janeth Magiri

The Good News Hour:

Benji & Sarah Bergstrand, Karna Marquart,
Marti & Melina Meza, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

~PLEASE NOTE~

Evening Sew is tomorrow from 6:00-9:00 and the All Day Sew is Tuesday, March 8, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We will knot comforters for our missionaries. Everyone is invited. On Tuesday please bring a hot and cold dish for the potluck meal at noon. The meal is open to all spouses of those working and all widows/widowers to be our guest. Please feel free to come enjoy the evening or day.

Celebrating 10 years of ministry! Rally Point Youth Center (YFC) is holding a supper and celebration on Thursday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m., at the Axis Building at Lima Community Church. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. There is no charge. A free-will offering will be taken. Reserve your place by e-mailing rallypoint@live.com or call 419-229-4444 and leave a message. Thank you for every way you have participated in our continuing ministry. We would not be celebrating ten years of ministry if you had not helped us along the way. – Lynn Thompson, Rally Point Youth Center

Senior Pastor Evaluation: Please complete and turn in the form that was inserted in last Sunday's Emissary by next Sunday, March 13. There are extra forms available in the Missions Center and on the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Deacons will be posted at each of the doors of the Crossroads Ministry Center following today's Morning Worship Gathering and next Sunday to collect the forms.

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 20, following the Morning Worship Gathering. Ushers will distribute copies of the Constitution revision (changes are in bold italic) today following the Worship Gathering.