

March 27, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary



Welcome this
Resurrection Sunday!
Let us greet one another with,

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

We joyously greet all worshipers in the name of the risen Lord. Easter is the most glorious day in the Christian calendar. On this day we rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. Praise God with great enthusiasm. Christ is risen indeed!

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 7:30 a.m.** SonRise Service – Pastor David (CMC)
- 8:30 a.m.** SonRise Breakfast (CMC)
- 9:55 a.m.** Special music led by the Worship Team
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (2-year olds-B10)
- 10:15 a.m.** Resurrection Sunday Service – Pastor Jim (CMC)

~No Sunday School, ABF, Evening Fellowship Service, Small Groups, or Children's Choir ~

Good News Hour: There will be Children's Church for the 2-year-olds only today. Visitors are welcome to attend! There will be no classes for 3,4,5,6-year-olds. Please have your little ones from these classes worship with you in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

2016 Church Directories are now ready and will be handed out today by the ushers following the Worship Gathering.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Darlyn "Darly" Sommers. Darly, wife of Dean, father of Bill and Tom, passed away on Sunday, March 20. Services were held here at the church on Wednesday, March 23.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Apr. 9** Wild Game Event (3:30 Seminar in Sanctuary, 5:00 p.m. Exhibits & Appetizers, 6:00 p.m. Meal 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Charles Alsheimer, CMC)
- Apr. 24** Disciple Singers' Spring Musical (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Apr. 27** Wednesday Children's Ministries Skate Night (6:00 p.m., Grove Skateland)
- Apr. 30** Wild Game Trap Shoot (8:30 a.m., outside field)
- 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)
- 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)

~ STAFF ~

James King, Senior Pastor

jim.king@ebenezymennonite.org

Dale Seefeldt, Pastor of

Christian Education and Family Ministries

dale.seefeldt@ebenezymennonite.org

David Glick, Pastor of Student Ministries

david.glick@ebenezymennonite.org

Richard Potter, Assistant Pastor

dick.potter@ebenezymennonite.org

Charles Warren, Pastor Emeritus

cewarren21@gmail.com

Kathy Brauen, Church Administrator

kathy.brauen@ebenezymennonite.org

Deb Hilty, Secretary

info@ebenezymennonite.org

~ POSTCARDS AND VISITOR INVITES ~

Available in the Missions Center are ready-made welcome postcards and also smaller cards with all the church contact information you can use to invite someone to worship. What a blessing a postcard in the mail can be!

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 _____

~ GRADUATION INFORMATION ~

Please fill in the information needed below or e-mail the church office at: info@ebenezymennonite.org. Thank you!

Student Name: _____

Date/Time: _____

High School/College: _____

Degree (if applicable): _____

Ebenezer Church Family: I want to thank you for the Panera gift card I received in the mail. I really appreciate all the support I have received over the past four years I have been here at Eastern Mennonite University. It means a lot to me to know I have people thinking about and praying for me. Ebenezer has played a significant role in my faith journey. Thanks! – *Carissa Luginbill*

~ 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.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on March 20:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	285
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	452
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	99

Giving on March 20:

	<u>\$14,365.66</u>
Benevolent Fund	10.00
Building Fund	580.00
Christian Education Fund	255.66
General Fund	9,790.00
Missions Fund	3,680.00
New Building Fund	50.00
Memorial for Richard "Butch" Gladwell	\$140.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Nick & Debbie Siemens

Trans World Radio, Germany
Martinskirchweg 20
35638 Leun
Germany
nickanddebbsiemens@gmail.com

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.

~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY ~

Looking for a way to encourage Emily & Gary Crawfis and Phil & Janice Sprunger as both families remain in Florida? Emily continues at Leesburg Regional Medical Center, and Phil is facing a major surgery Tuesday at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Please take a moment today to stop by the table in the CMC Foyer to sign cards which have been prepared for them and/or to jot down greetings to be included in their cards. We desire these families to know that, even though they are far from us geographically, they are close to us through our love, thoughts, and prayers.

~ LOOKING AHEAD ~

The youth missions team will have a Chicken BBQ on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, to raise support for their trip to New York this summer. Beginning next Sunday, April 3, you may reserve your chicken dinners in the Missions Center.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Rhody Hartman, Mike & Deb Hilty
Missions Center: Paul & Cheryl Burkholder

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 3-10

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Beth Moore Study Group (Sanctuary Foyer)
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 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)
	6:30 p.m.	Ladies' Fondue Night (CMC)
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Berean Adult Bible Fellowship (Lima Rescue Home)
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 Committee Meeting (103)
	12:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministries (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (103)
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir and Actors (118-119, Crossroads Ministry Center)
	6:30 p.m.	Small Groups (Kings & Niswanders)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary) Junior High and High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 3 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Deb Hilty, John & Jaime Shaw, Tammy Whitlow

Good News Hour:

Kathy & Cassandra Bishop, Mary Glick, Traci Heinze,
John & Jaime Shaw, Aubrey Snider

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

The revised church constitution was approved (91%) during last Sunday's congregational meeting.

Ready for a Ladies Night Out? Women's Ministry is hosting a Fondue Night on Friday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Seating will be limited and tickets are sold on a first come basis. Tickets are \$10 each and include multiple courses! Tickets are available in the Missions Center today. Fondue pots are needed! If you have an electric pot we could borrow, please mark your name on it and put it above the coat racks outside the kitchen. We do not need to use your dipping sticks. Thank you and we hope to see you for a fun evening of fellowship!

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.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, April 5, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, sacred music on piano will be performed. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Schoolhouse Chairs: In order to facilitate our growing youth ministry, we would like to purchase chairs to be used in the schoolhouse for Sunday morning classes and other youth events meeting weekly. The Trustees have approved the purchase of (70) stackable chairs for \$2,000, provided this amount is raised through donations and not from the trustee budget. If you would like to support this project, you can do so by marking your giving envelope, "Schoolhouse Chairs" under Special Giving.

National Day of Prayer Bite: *Fasting and prayer are religious exercises; the enjoining them an act of discipline. Every religious society has a right to determine for itself the time for these exercises, and the objects proper for them, according to their own particular tenets; and right can never be safer than in their hands, where the Constitution has deposited it.* (Thomas Jefferson, 1808)
Let us plan to join together in prayer for our nation, state, and community on Thursday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center.