

April 17, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary



We welcome you to worship! 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.** Disciple Singers' Choir *(meet in Fellowship Hall)*
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 Dale *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
Be Like Jesus: Patience
Special Music: Ashley Eachus
- 11:30 a.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting *(FH)*
- 5:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Meeting *(115)*
- 5:30 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- 6:30 p.m.** All Sunday Small Groups *(Tim & Bev Stockman's)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service – Pastor Dick *(Sanctuary)*
The Covenant Renewed
Junior High and High School
Small Groups *(Schoolhouse)*

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In Rehab: Rella Augsburg, St. Rita's Medical Center.

In the Hospital: Phil Sprunger, Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Florida.

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as an annual event signifies that prayer is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning. Let us join together to pray as a church and as a 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. 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.

Financial Report – March 2016

Giving & Expenses

| | General | Missions | C. E. | Building |
|---------------|---------|----------|--------|----------|
| Budgeted YTD | 125,525 | 66,623 | 11,862 | 14,895 |
| Expenses YTD | 116,178 | 58,756 | 13,680 | 0 |
| Actual Income | 113,240 | 55,225 | 11,453 | 13,839 |

Cash Balances as of 3/31/16:

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| General..... | \$18,132 |
| Missions..... | \$75,120 |
| Christian Education..... | \$15,265 |
| Building..... | \$21,902 |
| Cemetery Restoration Project | \$6,425 |
| Digital Keyboard..... | \$4,715 |
| Archive..... | \$1,270 |
| Schoolhouse Chairs (\$1,289 balance as of 4/10) | \$500 |
| New Building..... | \$26,829 |
| Benevolent | \$9,801 |

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@ebenezermennonite.org. Thank you!

Student Name: _____
 Date/Time: _____
 High School/College: _____
 Degree (if applicable): _____

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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 5-10** Vacation Bible School *(6:30 p.m – 9:00 p.m.)*
- June 19-25** Middle School 1 *(Grades 5&6, Miracle Camp)*
- July 3-10** High School Missions Trip to New York City
- 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)*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 10:

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| Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship | (9:00 a.m.) | 284 |
| Worship Gathering | (10:15 a.m.) | 424 |
| Evening Fellowship Ministries | (7:00 p.m.) | 99 |

Giving on April 10:

\$19,036.86

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| Benevolent Fund | 631.00 |
| Building Fund | 1,249.00 |
| Christian Education Fund | 330.86 |
| General Fund | 13,094.00 |
| Missions Fund | 3,712.00 |
| New Building Fund | 20.00 |

Missions Giving:

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| \$500 | Cru – Andrew Winebrenner mission trip to Ecuador |
| \$50 | Gideons – Memorial for John Hill, former missionary |

~MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK~

Chuck & Naomi Smith

New Tribes Mission – Paraguay (WI)

915 N. Hartwell Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186

chuck_smith@ntm.org

Feel free to take with you missionary newsletters located in the Missions Center under the large world map.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Mothers Day Chicken BBQ - Sunday, May 8, we can all make our mothers happy with some great chicken and no cooking. At the same time, you will be helping send the youth group to serve in New York City, July 3-10. You can reserve your BBQ now through Sunday, May 1. If you have any questions or desire to reserve your chicken dinners, call or text Pastor David at 567-204-9777 or e-mail him at david.glick@ebenezymennonite.org. Donations only.

~ SPRING CLEANING ~

There are a number of items that have been left behind here at the church. Please look over the items today on the counter and in the cupboard below in the Missions Center. Our lost and found cupboards are full, so after today items left will be removed.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Missions Center: Rachel Moser, Ariel Schantz

Crossroads Ministry Center: Marvin & Karen Garmatter

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 18-24

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| Monday | 6:00 p.m. | Legacy & Investment Com. Meeting (103) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Church Council 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 Group (Bluffton McDonald's) |
| | 8:30 p.m. | Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen) |
| | | Junior High and High School Dodgeball (Crossroads Ministry Center) |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Deacon Meeting (103) |
| | | Prayer Action Team (Church Library) |
| | 8:30 p.m. | Young Adult Basketball (CMC) |
| Friday | 7:00 a.m. | Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's) |
| Saturday | 8:30 a.m. | Disciple Singers' Choir and Actors (Crossroads Ministry Center) |
| 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. | Disciple Singers' Spring Musical (Crossroads Ministry Center) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Women's Ministries Meeting (115) |
| | 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 24 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Ashley Fry, Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Janeth Magiri

Good News Hour:

Emily Gladwell, Pat King, Cory & Molly Meyer, Kathy Steiner, Bev Stockman, Hannah Willow

~PLEASE NOTE~

Disciple Singers' Choir will present a spring musical called, *The Agape League*, next Sunday morning April 24, at 10:15 in the Crossroads Ministry Center. This story unfolds in the impenetrable Agape Fortress, where General Agape has called the mighty Agape League together to solve a crisis in Suburbia City! Calling on the super-powered Fruits of the Spirit available to every follower of Christ, these superheroes soon find themselves facing a problem within their own ranks when Ironblade forgets his superhero identity (self-control) and becomes entangled in the pervasive worldly culture. Things worsen when they learn that unless each member continues to exhibit their gifts, the entire group faces the same fate! Will the League recover their powers? Will the citizens of Suburbia City be saved? Will the source of true power – God's Word – finally be utilized before time runs out? Come to the musical and find out! Everyone is welcome, please invite your family and friends!

Vacation Bible School is Coming! It is time to start thinking about VBS at Ebenezer. It will be June 5-10, from 6:30-9:00 each night. We have over 200 children register each year! Registration is now open online for participants and for volunteers. Go to ebenezymennonite.org and follow the link for VBS. You can register all of your children there and also sign up to volunteer. We appreciate this church body making VBS possible. - *God bless from your VBS committee. Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from Him.* Psalm 127:3

St. John Mennonite Church is hosting a BBQ chicken dinner on May 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to support the Rally Point youth. Tickets are \$8.00 and are on sale today and next Sunday in the Missions Center. The dinner includes 1/2 chicken, green beans, applesauce, roll, and drink. Dessert will be available for an extra charge. See Bev Stockman for more information.