

May 1, 2016



Ebenezer Emissary

~ 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: Kindness
Scripture Reading: Susan Hawk
Special Music: Tiffany Rodabaugh
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting *(103)*
- 6:00 p.m.** Junior High and High School Small Groups
(Ron & Tobi Meyer's home)
- 6:30 p.m.** All Small Groups *(Jim & Pat King's home)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service, Pastor Dick *(Sanctuary)*
The Covenant Renewed

~NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IS THURSDAY!~

●Please take time today to stop by the display at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center to sign up to pray for one-half hour during the 24 hours of the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5. As you sign up, you will receive a bookmark and a prayer guide with prayer points to assist you in your prayer time.

●You are invited to gather with the Prayer Action Team on the steps (by the pillars) of the church on Thursday a few minutes before noon. Promptly at noon, we will join thousands across our nation in reciting together the prayer composed by Dr. Tony Evans, NDP Honorary Chairman. In addition, you are welcome to spend time in prayer in the church sanctuary throughout the day Thursday.

●Also, please invite a friend and attend our special National Day of Prayer program at 7:00 Thursday evening in the Crossroads Ministry Center. There will be a variety of persons leading us as we lift up in prayer our nation, our community, and many other prayer focus points. The program will include special music led by our worship team, and we have received confirmation that Representative Bob Cupp from the Fourth District of the Ohio House of Representatives will be with us to uplift our national and state leaders in prayer.

~ VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED ~

Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio is seeking a part-time Volunteer Coordinator. This individual will coordinate the volunteer program on all four campuses including recruiting, orienting, managing, and celebrating volunteers. Submit a resume and application on-line (mhcoliving.org/why-us/careers) or to Doug Luginbill, MHCO, 410 West Elm Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817 or e-mail to dluginbill@mhcoliving.org. Deadline: May 15.

~ CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE – SUNDAY, MAY 8 ~

At our Child Dedication Service, parents commit to raise their child to know Jesus Christ for the glory of God. The church family pledges to support the family with love and encouragement, plus provide opportunities for spiritual development of the family. Any parents who attend Ebenezer are welcome to dedicate their child. The requirement is membership in the family of God, not Ebenezer Mennonite Church. All parents who know Christ as Savior are welcome to participate in this child dedication. To register please call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim for more information.

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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): _____

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- May 22** Promotion Sunday *(9:00 a.m., CMC)*
- May 27-June 7** Ethiopia Missions Trip
- May 29** Graduate Recognition Sunday *(10:15 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)*
- June 26-July 8** France Missions Trip
- 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)*
- Aug. 14** Baptism Service *(6:30 p.m.)*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 24:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	272
Disciple Singers' Choir Spring Musical	(10:15 a.m.)	472
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	53

Giving on April 24:

\$12,831.58

Building Fund	2,275.00
Christian Education Fund	780.58
General Fund	6,975.00
Missions Fund	2,756.00
New Building Fund	45.00

Memorial for Darlyn Sommers - General Fund \$25.00

Missions Giving –

\$640 American World Adoption – Jadyne Barhorst to participate in mission trip to Ethiopia May 26-June 2

~MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK~

Phil & Mindy Steiner

Be2 Live – California/Ghana/Mexico

1139 7th Street

Novato, CA 94945

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

~ MOTHER'S DAY CHICKEN BBQ ~

Today is the last day to order your Chicken BBQ for next Sunday, May 8. Enjoy a great chicken dinner and at the same time, you will be helping send the youth group to serve in New York City, July 3-10. If you desire to reserve your chicken dinners, call or text Pastor David today at 567-204-9777 or e-mail at david.glick@ebenezermennonite.org. Donations only when you pick up your meals.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Missions Center: Steve & Doneta Reigle

Crossroads Ministry Center: Frank & Patty Boehm

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 2-8

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>115</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	National Day of Prayer Event (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	High School (<i>meet at church, Lima Rescue Home</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	11:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (<i>Fellowship Hall for pick up</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 8 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Aaron & Emily Koogler, Jeremy & Christina Lemley

Good News Hour:

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

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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~PLEASE NOTE~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, May 3, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the Columbus Grove Junior High Choir will perform. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

High School and College Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 29, during the morning Worship Gathering at 10:15. Please fill out the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary with the Graduation Information and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

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 ebenezermennonite.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

Donations needed for the week of Vacation Bible School. Stop by the tables in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer to see how you can help. Please mark all donations with VBS and place in the church kitchen by Saturday, June 4. - *Thank you, VBS Committee*

Charter Fishing: The Ebenezer Wild Game Committee is sponsoring a charter boat fishing trip on Lake Erie Saturday, June 11. The cost is \$35 per person. Space is limited to 30 people so if you are interested, call the church office (419-353-8588) soon, as it is filling up quickly.

The Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio newsletter, The Vine, is available at the Information Center in the Missions Center.

Caring Kits: Just a reminder of the caring kit gift bags which have been prepared and are ready for you to give to a neighbor, a newly married couple, someone who is ill, and for someone facing worry and uncertainties. The gift bags can be found in the rack which is located in the Missions Center outside the Conference Room door. Please use this resource in reaching out to those around you!