

May 8, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary



It is with joy that we welcome all worshipers. We are especially happy to welcome mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day and the Christian home. Let us take time to thank God for our families.

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: Goodness
Dedication to the Lord – Samuel Gratz,
Tessa Koogler, Avery Stumbaugh
Scripture Reading: Pastor Jim
Special Music: Jammie Halker
- 11:30 a.m.** Mother's Day Chicken BBQ *(Fellowship Hall for pick up)*
**** No Evening Fellowship Service ****

~ MOTHER'S DAY CHICKEN BBQ ~

Thank you so much to those who reserved Chicken BBQ. Your donations will help send the youth group to serve in New York City, July 3-10. There are a few extra meals/chicken available if you are interested. Please pick up your order following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall.

~ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 5 ~

A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, June 5, immediately following the Worship Gathering to discuss and vote on the following recommendation:

Following a thorough inspection of the roof over the sanctuary portion of the church, it was confirmed that the old roof needs to be replaced within the year. The Trustee Board is recommending replacement in the near future and have solicited bids to install a new roof. They have accepted the lowest bid of \$59,225 from 5-C Roofing Professionals, Inc. of Ada, Ohio. The proposal is to install a 24 Ga. metal roof (titanium 30 synthetic felt) over the existing shingles. The color would match our other metal roofs. The Trustees are requesting approval to move ahead with this project after a sufficient portion of the cost has been raised.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a Trustee.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- May 21** Wild Game Trap Shoot *(8:30 a.m., outside field)*
- May 22** Promotion Sunday *(9:00 a.m., CMC)*
Child Safety Update Session *(11:30 a.m., CMC)*
- May 27-June 7** Ethiopia Missions Trip
- May 29** Graduate Recognition Sunday *(10:15 a.m., CMC)*
- June 5** Congregational Meeting *(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)*
- June 26-July 8** France Missions Trip
- July 3-10** High School Missions Trip to New York City
- July 15-17** Family Camp *(Grand Lake St. Mary's State Park)*
- 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.)*

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): _____

~ 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 online (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.

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

Ebenezer Mennonite Church
 8905 Columbus Grove Road, Bluffton, OH 45817
Phone: 419-358-8588
www.ebenezymennonite.org
E-mail: info@ebenezymennonite.org

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 1:

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| Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship | (9:00 a.m.) | 285 |
| Morning Worship Gathering | (10:15 a.m.) | 453 |
| Evening Fellowship Ministries | (7:00 p.m.) | 29 |

Giving on May 1:

\$16,073.68

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| Benevolent Fund | 75.00 |
| Building Fund | 965.00 |
| Christian Education Fund | 1,000.68 |
| General Fund | 8,664.00 |
| Missions Fund | 5,199.00 |
| New Building Fund | 70.00 |
| Youth Fund | 100.00 |

Memorial for Julia Luginbill – Building Fund \$50.00

~MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK~

Joe & Jeanie Stucky

Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission / Brazil

Rua Antonio Ediberto Matoso, 02

Alto de São Manoel

Mossoro', RN 59631-292

Brazil, SA

jnjstucky@gmail.com

Feel free to take with you missionary newsletters located in the

Missions Center under the large world map.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Sunday, May 15: High School missions trip training time. Meet in the schoolhouse at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18: Junior High summer session #1. Meet at the schoolhouse at 7:00 p.m. Games, food, and God's Word! This is a FREE event! We will be done at 9:00 p.m.

Friday, May 20: College cookout at Dan & Barb Steiner's home (8320 Swaney Road). Food and fellowship!

Tuesday, May 31: Junior High and High School trip to Cedar Point! Cost is \$49 which includes transportation and ticket into the park! You must sign up with Pastor David for this event!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Missions Center: Paul & Cheryl Burkholder

Crossroads Ministry Center: Bart & Joy Moser

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 9-15

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | MOPS (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Christian Education Com. Meeting (<i>103</i>) |
| 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 | 5:00 p.m. | Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner (<i>meet at the church</i>) |
| | 8:30 p.m. | Young Adult Basketball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>) |
| Friday | 7:00 a.m. | Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</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. | Stephen Ministries (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | NYC Missions Trip meeting (<i>Schoolhouse</i>) |

**** No Evening Fellowship Service ****

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 15 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Christy Garmatter, Sarah Shank, Brian & Kendy Young

Good News Hour:

Janet Brauen, Rosemary Carman, Jason & Kim Fritsch,

Kim Gordon, Jessica Robinson, Olivia Spallinger

~CHILD SAFETY~

Mandatory Child Safety Update Session: All volunteers serving those from birth through college age will meet after the morning worship service May 22 for a 30 minute refresher on child safety presented by Hannah Slechter. Volunteers include those serving through VBS, Sunday School, Good News Hour, Wednesday Night ministry, High School and Junior High Youth Group, and College ministry.

~PLEASE NOTE~

It's Mystery Dinner time! Ladies, if you love to go out to eat, then join us on Thursday evening May 12! The Mystery Dinner is an evening of eating out with a group of ladies of all ages. What makes it a "Mystery" is that you don't have to decide where to go, or even drive. We would like to invite you join us throughout the summer for fun, food, and great conversation. Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. and load up in the van! Please RSVP to Christy Garmatter 419-358-0864 or garmatterc@gmail.com so that we can make reservations.

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.

Correct phone numbers for 2016 Directory: John Good 419-420-5698 and Bob Holt 419-303-8228.