

May 15, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary



We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service.

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: Faithfulness
Compassion International Presentation
Scripture Reading: Pastor Dick
Special Music: Mary Glick
- 6:30 p.m.** France Missions Trip meeting *(Jim & Pat King's home)*
- 7:00 p.m.** NYC Missions Trip meeting *(Schoolhouse)*

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

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Collin & Jené (Sommers) Reid who were united in marriage on Friday, May 13, at the Findlay Youth for Christ Lighthouse. May God bless their new home.

~ 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 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.)*

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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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@ebenezermennonite.org. Thank you!

Student Name: _____

Date/Time: _____

High School/College: _____

Degree (if applicable): _____

~ OUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED ~

We see it in the news every day. Stories about the horrors Christians are facing across the globe. Open Doors (Institute of International Education) recently reported that each month, 322 Christians are killed for their faith, 214 churches and Christian properties are destroyed, and 772 Christians are the victim of religious violence all across the world. Much of the persecuted live in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) where Christians face either extreme or severe persecution in much of the region. Yet, we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 8:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	261
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	492

Giving on May 8:

\$20,285.31

Benevolent Fund	90.00
Building Fund	95.00
Christian Education Fund	361.81
General Fund	8,471.00
Missions Fund	11,247.50
New Building Fund	20.00

~MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Caleb & Beth Anne Trim

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

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Today: High School NYC 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), at 6:00 p.m. 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: Robert & Sue Spallinger
Crossroads Ministry Center: Jim & Marty Lemley*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 16-22

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>)
		Junior High Summer Session #1 (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</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>)
	6:00 p.m.	College Cookout (<i>Dan & Barb Steiner's home</i>)
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Wild Game Trap Shoot (<i>outside field</i>)
Sunday	8:35 a.m.	Disciple Singers meet (<i>115</i>)
	9:00 a.m.	Promotion Sunday (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</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.	Child Safety Update Session (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Women Ministries Meeting (<i>115</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Bluffton High School Baccalaureate (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)

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

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 22 ~

Please note:

***The Infant and Toddler Nurseries will be combined in the
Toddler Nursery Room now through Sunday, June 5.***

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Sue Epp, Janeth Magiri, Denise Rex, Tammy Whitlow

Good News Hour:

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



You are invited to an open house for:

Tiffany Rodabaugh

Saturday, May 21 (4-7) Crossroads Ministry Center

~ CHILD SAFETY ~

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

~PLEASE NOTE ~

High School and College Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 29, during the Worship Gathering at 10:15 a.m. 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 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.