

June 5, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary



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)
Vacation Bible School Training *(Sanctuary)*
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour *(2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering, Pastor Dick
Jesus is the Best (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Scripture Reading: Pastor Dale
Special Music:
Kevin Gratz, Sarah Lehman, & Kara Zink
- 11:30 a.m.** Congregational Meeting *(CMC)*
- 12:00 p.m.** NYC High School Missions Trip meeting *(FH)*
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting *(Mike Hilty's home)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Vacation Bible School *(ages 4-Grade 6, until 9:00 p.m.)*

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

You are invited to pray any (or each!) evening of Bible School (Sunday through Thursday). Plan to gather in Room 115 from 6:45-7:45 p.m. and/or 8:00-9:00 p.m. to pray for the VBS staff and children. Bible School is a tremendous community outreach opportunity, and we need your prayers! - *Prayer Action Team*

In Rehabilitation: Millie Burkholder, Mennonite Memorial Home.

Scheduled Surgery: Barb Phillips, tomorrow Blanchard Valley.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- May 27-June 7** Ethiopia Missions Trip
- June 19-25** Middle School 1 *(Grades 5&6, Miracle Camp)*
- June 25** Wild Game Trap Shoot *(8:30 a.m., outside field)*
- 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., Elnora Stratton's Pond, 6121 Bentley Road)

Abide With Me

*Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless O abide with me*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not abide with me*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r
Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be
Thro' cloud and sunshine O abide with me*

*I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory
I triumph still if Thou abide with me*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine thro' the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death O Lord abide with me*

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 _____

Baptism: Take your next step in your journey with Jesus. Sign up with Pastor Jim or Pastor David to take three baptism classes that will meet on Sundays July 17, 24, & 31, in the schoolhouse (available for anyone Grade 9 to adult). Classes will meet from noon to 1:00 p.m. and lunch will be included. The baptism service will take place on Sunday, August 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Elnora Stratton's pond.

Miracle Camp Reminder: After registering online at <http://www.miraclecamp.com/> please sign up at the Information Center so we can arrange transportation and approve scholarships. Our first campers (Grades 5&6) leave in just three weeks, June 19!

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, June 7, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Wendy Chappell-Dick will present "The Wonderful Voice of the Dulcimer." PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

~ 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 May 29:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	287
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	453

Giving on May 29:

\$9,353.70

Benevolent Fund	25.00
Building Fund	330.00
Christian Education Fund	596.70
General Fund	6,169.00
Missions Fund	2,208.00
New Building Fund	25.00

~MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK~

Brynden Wiens

Avant Ministries - Alaska

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

Please remember to pray for the missions team in Ethiopia serving in Addis Ababa, through Storyteller Missions. They will return this Tuesday, June 7.

A special congregational meeting today 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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Missions Center: Hunter Garmatter

Crossroads Ministry Center: Larry & Ginny Moser

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 6-12

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School (<i>ages 4-Grade 6</i>)
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer for Vacation Bible School (<i>115</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School (<i>ages 4-Grade 6</i>)
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer for Vacation Bible School (<i>115</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School (<i>ages 4-Grade 6</i>)
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer for Vacation Bible School (<i>115</i>)
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School (<i>ages 4-Grade 6</i>)
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer for Vacation Bible School (<i>115</i>)
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School <i>Closing Program (CMC)</i>
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School <i>(2 year olds-Junior High, Various Classrooms)</i>
		Combined Adult Bible Fellowship Leadership Communication
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 12 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Ella Badertscher, Crystal Hanna, Josh & Heidi Steiner

Good News Hour: Benji & Sarah Bergstrand, Karna Marquart,
Marti & Melina Meza, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

~ ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP NEWS ~

Leadership Communication to the Adult Bible Fellowship Classes next Sunday, June 12. Combined classes will include: Berean will meet in Rooms 118&119, Living Faith, Young Married/Single, and Old Testament Review will meet in the Fellowship Hall, Maranatha and Genesis will meet in the Sanctuary, High School and Agape (College & Career) will meet in the schoolhouse.



You are invited to an open house for:

Ariel Schantz

Today (12-3) at Colonial Golfers Club

Sarah Walker

Saturday, June 11 (1-5) Crossroads Ministry Center

Nathan Willow

Sunday, June 12 (2-5) Crossroads Ministry Center

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Sunday, June 5: NYC High School Missions Trip meeting for team and parents, following the Congregational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We will have final details!

Serve to Send: If you have any projects, the High School youth would love to help! Sign up at the table in the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center or call Pastor David at 567-204-9777.

Sunday, June 12: NYC High School Missions Trip meeting #2 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the schoolhouse.

Wednesday, June 15: Junior High summer session at the schoolhouse from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 21 – 22: Junior High serve trip to Columbus. Sign up with Pastor David. Cost is \$50.

~ SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS ~

Congratulations to Myron & Lou Geiger, Thursday, June 9, will mark their 62th wedding anniversary!

A very special Happy Birthday to Ruth Tschetter! On Tuesday, June 14, Ruth will celebrate her 90th birthday. If you would like to send a card, her address is 562 State Highway 74, Tobias, NE 68453.

~ CHECK IT OUT IN THE MISSIONS CENTER ~

A new focus of missions is being displayed in the Missions Center. Some of the missionaries we support serve in Cambodia, China, Guam, India, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, and South East Asia.