

June 26, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary



We welcome you to worship this Sunday with sincere joy! 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 year olds-B11)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering, Pastor Jim *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
Hide and Seek
Special Music: Dave, Kathy, & Sam Brauen
- 6:00 p.m.** Agape ABF Small Group *(Jaden & Amber August's home)*
- 7:00 p.m.** NYC Missions Trip Meeting *(Schoolhouse)*

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

Our sympathy to the family of Richard Rogers. Richard, the brother of Noretta Schantz, passed away on Friday, June 17. A memorial service was held on Friday, June 24, at the Greentree Christian Church in Rolla, Missouri.

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Chad & Mikaela (Diller) Martin who were united in marriage yesterday at the home of Bill & Joan Steiner.

American Heritage Girls: Faith/Service/Fun, American Heritage Girls is growing in the Bluffton area! We need additional leaders to make this ministry possible. If interested in serving as treasurer or as a leader/assistant leader this year, please e-mail ahgbluffton@gmail.com or talk to Randa Kinn (419-358-0752) for more information.

Videotaping help needed: We are looking for someone to help with the videotaping on Sunday mornings. This would be one Sunday a month or less depending on how many people respond. Please call or text Jerry Cartwright at 419-303-1542 if interested.

We Are Listening

*Father I long to be wise
To see with new eyes
The truth that was written by Your hands
Father speak
Your truth into me
I still believe
That You will help me understand*

*We are listening to Your word
We are listening to Your word*

*Morning and evening we come
To delight in the words of our God
Give us eyes to see
Give us faith to hear
That Your Word has come
That Your Word is here*

*Father I long to see Christ
The truth and new life
The Word that made the universe*

*Father speak
'Cause now I believe
I have been set free*

By the Word that lived and died for me

by Jeremy Quillo

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

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- June 26-July 8** France Missions Trip
- July 3-10** High School Missions Trip to New York City
- July 10** FaithFull Singles *(11:30 a.m., FH)*
- 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)*
- July 30** Wild Game Trap Shoot *(8:30 a.m., outside field)*
- 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. 13** Cup of Grace *(9:00 a.m., 103)*
- Aug. 14** Baptism Service
(6:30 p.m., Elnora Stratton's Pond, 6121 Bentley Road)

Open invitation to church family and friends, swimming and Bible life lesson, every Wednesday (noon till 5:00 p.m.) until school starts and weather permitting, at the home of John & Rosie Good, 401 County Road 33 (just east of County Line Road). Welcome to bring snacks and pool toys. Life lesson will begin around 2:00 p.m.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on June 19:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	226
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	360

Giving on June 19:

\$18,804.01

Benevolent Fund	150.00
Building Fund (\$7,580 towards roof replacement)	8,120.00
Christian Education Fund	481.01
General Fund	7,913.00
Missions Fund	2,010.00
New Building Fund	5.00
Youth Fund	125.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Kerris Jr. & Krista Wright

Converge Midamerica - Kentucky

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Feel free to take their missionary newsletter located in the Missions Center under the large world map.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Gary & Dena Herr. Today marks their 50th wedding anniversary!

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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.

Special prayer reminder cards for our NYC youth missions team are located on the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Please feel free to take one home with you today. The team will be leaving next Sunday, July 3, and return on Sunday, July 10.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Missions Center: Lelani Bischoff, Lillian Burkholder

Crossroads Ministry Center: Donita Luginbill, Jean Reichenbach

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 27-JULY 3

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>) High School Summer Session (<i>Ron & Tobi Meyer's home</i>)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</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,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Agape ABF Small Group (<i>Jaden & Amber August's home</i>)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 3 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Sue Epp, Deb Hilty, Gail Schantz, Tammy Whitlow

Good News Hour:

Kathy & Kassandra Bishop, Lillian Burkholder, Ashley Fry,
Traci Heinze, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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~ LEAVING TODAY ~

Please remember to pray for the 13 members of our adult missions team who will leave this afternoon for France. They will be serving the Evangelical Church at Burnhaupt in the Alsace Region of France and return Friday, July 8.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

The Swiss Community Historical Society will celebrate the life of John U. Amstutz, a prominent local farmer, entrepreneur, and community servant at its annual June Swiss Day. The public is invited to attend the event today in the Crossroads Ministry Center. There will be displays of local artifacts at 12:30 p.m. prior to a potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. Bring table service with a hot and cold dish. The presentation on John U. Amstutz will follow, beginning at 2:00 p.m. At the conclusion of the program, the Schumacher homestead located at 8350 Bixel Road will be open for visitors.

Attention Family Campers: It is almost time for Family Camp 2016! This year our theme is "Going Themeless"! There will be a few things that are a little different this year. The first difference is that we are going paperless with the packets! You should have received an e-mail this week with all the pertinent Family Camp information about group meals and devotion times. If you did not, please e-mail Christy Garmatter (garmatterc@gmail.com) to have one resent to you. Be sure to look at your packet ahead of time for other changes with meals! Looking forward to seeing you there! - *The Family Camp Committee*

FaithFull Singles: The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and **all** singles age 50 and older to join us for a luncheon Sunday, July 10, following the morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Special music will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Baptism: Take your next step in your journey with Jesus. Sign up with Pastor Jim or Pastor David to take three baptism classes meeting 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.