

July 17, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary



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 cards 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.** Family Camp Morning Service
(Grand Lake St. Mary's State Park)
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)*
Senior High 2 *(Grades 9-12, leave for Miracle Camp)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim
Jesus is the Best: What's in a Name
(Crossroads Ministry Center)
Scripture: Pastor Jim
Special Music: Sam Brauen
- 12:00 p.m.** Baptism Class *(Schoolhouse)*
- 6:00 p.m.** Young Adult Small Group *(Jaden & Amber August's home)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*
The Cycle of the Judges
- 7:05 p.m.** Small Group *(Pastor Jim & Pat's home)*

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Rachel (Holt) Terlecky, Honolulu.
Scheduled Surgery: Keith Bates, Friday, July 22, Findlay Surgery Center.

Children Choosing Christ needs volunteers to help present the gospel to children attending the Allen County Fair. If you can help, contact Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346, or you can attend training on Tuesday, July 19, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at English Lutheran Church in Bluffton, Thursday, July 28, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Woodlawn Baptist Church in Lima, or Sunday, July 31, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Cable Road Alliance Church in Lima. If you have previously helped you can also contact Kay to get a DVD or the link for online training.

We are producing a new pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. The photography dates are: September 1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10.

There are three ways you can make your appointment.

- 1. Visit Ebenezer website:** www.ebenezermennonite.org to schedule your own appointment by clicking on the Lifetouch link.
- 2. If you do not have internet call the church office** at 419-358-8588 Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- 3. Beginning next Sunday, July 24, someone will assist you in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer or the Church Library** before Adult Bible Fellowship and before the Morning Worship Gathering.

Volunteers are also needed please see the green insert in today's Emissary how you can help with this exciting project.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 9** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner
(5:00 p.m. meet at the church)
- 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)
- Sept. 1, 2, 3, 6,7,8,9,10** Pictorial Directory Photography Dates
- Sept. 15** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner
(5:00 p.m. meet at the church)

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

Wednesday Connections Small Group will begin to meet on July 20, at 7:05 p.m. at the Bluffton McDonald's. A small group study on the book *Jesus Is*, by Judah Smith. This study will run through the month of August. Please contact Pastor Jim at 419-296-0885 or jim.kim@ebenezermennonite.org if you are interested in attending and would like to purchase a book.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Philip & Janice Sprunger. Saturday, July 23, will mark their 50th wedding anniversary!

~ THANK YOU ~

We would like to express our appreciation for your prayers, kind comments, cards, and gifts in the recent loss of our niece and family. We know we live in a fallen world where death still raises its ugly head. But as believers in Christ Jesus, we have a blessed hope that "He has conquered the grave!" The deaths of five young, vibrant, precious people have been defeated through His Life, and now live their eternal reward of Heaven. The sole survivor, Heidi was dismissed from the hospital July 8, to her new adoptive home with Andrea (Christina's sister) & Trent Wengerd of Trinidad, Colorado. Continue prayers as the combined families clear the house and settle final affairs and for the many miles travelled by parents living in Montana (Good) and eastern Ohio (Miller). - *John & Rosemary Good*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on July 10:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	211
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	355

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 18-24

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner (<i>meet at the church</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>) E-giving Committee (<i>Church Library</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>)
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	High School Students (<i>Ron & Tobi Meyer'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,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	11:30 a.m.	Missions Committee Lunch (<i>FH</i>)
	12:00 p.m.	Baptism Class (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Young Adult Small Group Kick-off (<i>meet at the church, Ottawa Metro Park in Lima</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (<i>Pastor Jim & Pat's home</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 24 ~

Infant & Toddler Nurseries: John & Jaime Shaw

Good News Hour: Emily Gladwell, Pat King, Cory & Molly Meyer, Kathy Steiner, Bev Stockman, Lauren Willow

~ CAMP NEWS ~

Senior High– Grades 9&12 (July 17-23)

Lelani Bischoff	Kassandra Bishop	Lillian Burkholder
Leah Conley	Darrien Lim	Rameen Omar
Lewis Schafer	Sarah Schutz	Maria Spallinger
Luke Young		

Driving to camp: Jodi Conley *Home from camp:* Larry Moser

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

College and youth volunteer meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the schoolhouse on Monday, July 25.

High School Students: Our next Wednesday summer session is planned for July 27, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Ron & Tobi Meyer's home (7055 Lugabill Road).

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

New Roof: Thank you for your generous giving towards the replacement cost (\$59,225) of the existing sanctuary roof. We have received \$27,265 designated towards this project, leaving only \$2,347.50 to be received to be halfway to the total which will enable the project to begin. The goal is to complete the project during warm weather.

Sunday Small Group for adults will begin to meet tonight at 7:05 at Pastor Jim & Pat King's home (152 S. Jackson Street) through the month of August.

It's time for this month's Ladies Mystery Dinner! We will meet Wednesday evening July 20, at 5:00 at the church. This outing is a time for ladies of all ages to set aside all the craziness of the day and engage with other women over dinner. It's called a Mystery Dinner because all the planning and decision making is taken care of which means that you don't know where we are going until that evening. All you have to do is show up, and we get in a van and go! This is a great time to invite a friend or neighbor that you would like to get to know a little better. So, join us this Wednesday for an evening out. RSVP to Christy Garmatter by e-mail at garmatterc@gmail.com or phone 419-358-0864 and leave a message! Hope to celebrate July with you!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Mike & Deb Hilty