

July 24, 2016

# Ebenezer Emissary



Welcome! May God's grace and peace enfold you as you join in church fellowship and worship. *Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* 1 Corinthians 1:3

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.** 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)*  
Junior High 2 *(Grades 7&8, leave for Miracle Camp)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- 11:45 p.m.** Baptism Class *(Schoolhouse)*
- 5:00 p.m.** Young Adult Small Group Kick-off  
*(meet at the church, Ottawa Metro Park in Lima)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Group *(Pastor Jim & Pat's home)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*

### ~ NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY ~

**Do you know the names** of the people sitting around you? 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. Sign up early!

**There are three ways you can make your appointment.**

1. **Visit Ebenezer website:** [www.ebenezermennonite.org](http://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. 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 contact Deb Hilty at 419-358-8588 if you can help greet members during photography sessions or help with contacting church family.

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 14** Baptism Service  
*(6:30 p.m., Elnora Stratton's Pond, 6121 Bentley Road)*
- Aug. 20** Cup of Grace *(9:00 a.m., 103)*
- 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)*
- Oct. 11** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner  
*(5:00 p.m. meet at the church)*
- Oct. 15** Beth Moore Simulcast *(8:30 a.m, Crossroads Ministry Center)*

### ~ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Hebrews 6:9-10 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation.<sup>10</sup> God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on July 17:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	214
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	325
Family Camp Weekend at Grand Lake St. Mary's State Park		56

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~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

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**Congratulations** to Andrew & Rachel (Holt) Terlecky on the birth of their son, Paul Wasył, on Friday, July 15, weighing 3 lb. 12 oz.

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 25-31**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	College and Youth Volunteer Meeting <i>(Schoolhouse)</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group <i>(Bluffton McDonald's)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Committee Meeting <i>(103)</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal <i>(Crossroads Ministry Center)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer <i>(103)</i> High School Summer Session <i>(Ron &amp; Tobi Meyer's)</i>
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group <i>(Bluffton McDonald's)</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball <i>(Crossroads Ministry Center)</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Wild Game Trap Shoot <i>(outside field)</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship <i>(Various Classrooms)</i>
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	<b>11:45 p.m.</b>	Baptism Class <i>(Schoolhouse)</i>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Small Group <i>(Jaden &amp; Amber August's home)</i>
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Small Group <i>(Pastor Jim &amp; Pat's home)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service <i>(Sanctuary)</i>

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 31 ~

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**Infant & Toddler Nurseries:**

Ann, Emily, & Amber Gladwell, Joshua & Heidi Steiner

**Good News Hour:**

Ashley Eachus, Jammie, Kirby, & Keaton Halker, Julie Rieman  
Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles, Lily Shadle

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~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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**In the Hospital:** Paul Terlecky, Honolulu.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Weldon Geiger. Weldon, the father of Keith (Terry), Rodney (Linda), and Teresa (Jonathan) Schutz, passed away on Saturday, July 16. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 20, here at the church.

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~ CAMP NEWS ~

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**Junior High 2 – Grades 7&8 (July 24-30)**

Bella Angel	Isabella Basinger	Cora Bischoff
Wes Brauen	Maddy Hall	Ellie Hoffmann
Grant Klinger	Clara Matthews	Josh Mehaffie
Reagan Mittendorf	Lauren Rhodes	Jacob Schutz
Luke Shadle	Olivia Spallinger	Jeremy Sturgeon
Cara Young	Bryan Zimmerman	
<i>Driving to camp:</i> Kathy Bishop, Wes & Mandy Klinger, & Larry Moser. <i>Home from camp:</i> Sam Brauen & Levi Shadle		

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**College and youth volunteer** meeting at 7:00 in the schoolhouse tomorrow evening.

**All High School Students** are invited this Wednesday, July 27, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for a summer session at Ron & Tobi Meyer's home (7055 Lugabill Road).

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**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 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.

**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.