

~ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~

The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Just fill in the information needed below or e-mail the church office at: info@ebenezermennonite.org. Thank you!

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

College Year: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

~ MISSIONS TRIP OPPORTUNITY ~

**2017 trip to Haiti** with Mission Possible is planned for February 12-19. Volunteers needed are: 2 to help sew, 1 to help cook, 15 to help with construction, 10 for medical (2 doctors, 2 pharmacists, 4 nurses, 2 lay people). This is first-come basis and there may be people from other churches who will go that week. Deadline for application and down payment is October 1. The cost should be around \$1,100 to \$1,200. Interested people can contact Jeff Eiden at 419-230-9457 or Joshua Steiner at 419-234-7041.

Photography dates for our pictorial church directory are:

September 1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10

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.

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. Someone will assist you in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer or the Church Library before Adult Bible Fellowship and before the Morning Worship Gathering.

~ THANK YOU ~

**Dear friends and family at Ebenezer:** Thank you so much for the unexpected gift of the South Asia Bible Commentary. It is a wonderful resource that I will refer to. Thank you for your support of me as I graduated with my M.A. in Professional Counseling. God has blessed me and allowed me to work at a Christian organization counseling individuals struggling with being in the court system. Because I am working at a Christian organization I can share Christ with my clients. Many do not have a relationship with Christ. – Thank you, Bonnie Spallinger

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Aug. 24** Freshman Night at the Schoolhouse (7:00 p.m.)  
**Aug. 27** Wild Game Trap Shoot (8:30 a.m., outside field)  
**Aug. 28** Junior High and High School Small Groups' Kickoff (schoolhouse)
- Sept. 1, 2, 3, 6,7,8,9,10** Pictorial Directory Photography Dates  
**Sept. 3** Living Faith ABF (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)  
**Sept. 4** Pastor Warren's Birthday Party (6:30 p.m., CMC)  
**Sept. 15** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner (5:00 p.m. meet at the church)
- Oct. 9** Christian Education Volunteer Sunday (10:15 a.m., CMC) Chapman "Chap" Clark, Guest Speaker  
**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)  
**Dec. 4** Messiah (4:00 p.m., Bluffton University)  
**Dec. 11** Children's Christmas Program (CMC)



August 14, 2016

# Ebenezer Emissary

We give you a warm welcome. What a delight to have you join in fellowship this morning. May you feel God's presence as you worship.

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)  
**10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering- Pastor Jim (Crossroads Ministry Center) Jesus Is the Best – Champions of Faith  
**11:30 a.m.** Missions Committee (103)  
**6:30 p.m.** Baptism Service (Elnora Stratton's Pond)

~ BAPTISM SERVICE ~

Please join us for a baptism service this evening at 6:30 p.m. The baptism will be at Elnora Stratton's Pond, 6121 Bentley Road (South of Bluffton). Come and encourage Lelani Bischoff, Summer Burkholder, Madi Dulaney, Daniel Klingler, Gabe Meyer, Jared Meyer, Ethan Rodabaugh, Chad Veit, Matthew Walker, and Sarah Walker who will share their testimonies before being baptized. Pray this will be a meaningful experience for all. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair. Please note there will be no regular Evening Fellowship Service.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on August 7:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	252
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	373
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	23

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~ CONNECTING OUR EBENEZER FAMILY & FRIENDS ~

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We are creating a new Ebenezer Pictorial Directory. This project will require some volunteer effort. If you would be willing to learn how you can help with this exciting project, please contact Deb Hilty at 419-358-8588 or e-mail at [info@ebenezermennonite.org](mailto:info@ebenezermennonite.org) or sign up in your ABF class today. Here are two ways you can help:

- **Contact church family by calling to see if they would like to make a photo session appointment.**
- **Greet members during photography sessions. Welcome families, complete check-in paperwork (no computer work involved). Two can work together for 2-3 hour shifts per day.**

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Crossroads Ministry Center: Ralph & Melba Gerber  
Missions Center: Jady Barhorst, Emily Metzger

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 15-21

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</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 home</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Deacon Meeting ( <i>103</i> ) Music Committee Meeting ( <i>Church Library</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball ( <i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Morning Cup of Grace ( <i>103</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship ( <i>Various Classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&amp;5 year olds-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering ( <i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i> )
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Junior High Students and Parents' Meeting ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Pastors and Deacon Retreat ( <i>Chuck &amp; Saun Niswander's home</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> )

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

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 ~

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**Infant & Toddler Nurseries:**

Renea & Caity Zimmerman, Seth & Kara Zink  
**Good News Hour:** Allison & Madeline Burghaze,  
Rosemary Carman, Julie McKanna, Bruce, Cindy, & Rachel Moser,  
Jessica Robinson, Olivia Spallinger

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~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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

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~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

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**Congratulations** to Eric & Cynthia (Guerrero) Stockman who were united in marriage on Saturday, August 6, in Atlanta, Georgia.

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~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

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**Congratulations** to Leon & Donna Lehman. Saturday, August 20, will mark their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

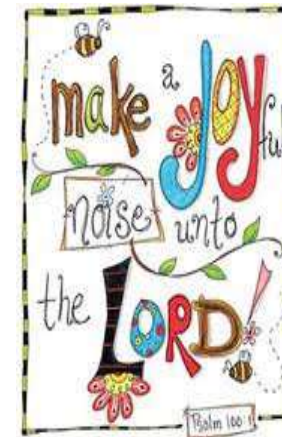
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**High School Students:** Our last Summer Session is Wednesday, August 17, from 7-9 p.m. at Ron & Tobi Meyer's home (7055 Lugabill Road).

**Junior High Students and Parents:** There will be a parents meeting following the Sunday Morning Worship gathering in the Fellowship Hall on August 21.

**Freshman Night at the Schoolhouse:** Wednesday, August 24, 7-8:15 p.m.

**Junior High and High School Small Groups Kickoff:** Sunday, August 28, 6-8 p.m. in the schoolhouse.



**Attention all kids in Grades 1-6:** The Disciple Singers Choir will begin their season on Sunday, September 11, from 7-8 p.m. in Room 118-119. We will start the year like we usually do with fun, games, music, and snacks. Everyone is welcome. For those who wish to join the choir, this will give you an idea on what we are planning to do for the upcoming season (includes the bell choir). So come join the fun! If you have any further questions/ideas, feel free to contact Angela at 567-712-1907 or Renea at 419-348-6110.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Women's Ministry** will be hosting Morning Cup of Grace on Saturday, August 20, from 9-11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. This is an encouraging devotion time for women of all ages! Come for coffee, snacks, and conversation. Child care is provided by our youth. For questions please contact Jaime Shaw at 260-241-0843.

**Special Celebration for Pastor Warren's 95th birthday:** An open house cake and ice cream reception is being planned on Sunday, September 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Please spread the word and come help us celebrate and visit with Pastor Warren!