

~ 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: _____
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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: _____

Make your appointment today!

Photography dates begin this week for our pictorial church directory: 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.

The Bluffton Area Food Pantry has distributed food and other essential supplies to approximately 50 area families this summer. The pantry supplies are running a bit low and could use some reinforcements. Items may be delivered to St. John's United Church of Christ. The next distribution day is Saturday, September 17. The pantry is grateful to the Bluffton community and churches for being willing to pitch in and help out when help is needed. Here is a list of items the food pantry welcomes as donations:

- Tuna, baked beans, hamburger and tuna helper
Peanut butter, cereals of all kinds
Canned fruits - especially mandarin oranges
Macaroni and cheese, spaghetti products - both noodles and sauces, Spaghettios and similar products
Chunky soups such as Progresso or Campbell's Chunky
Kleenex tissues, paper towels, lotions

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Sept. 1, 2, 3, 6,7,8,9,10 Pictorial Directory Photography Dates
Sept. 10 Ethiopia Brunch (12:00 p.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)
Sept. 15 Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner (5:00 p.m. meet at the church)
Sept. 17 Wild Game Trap Shoot (8:30 a.m., Outside field)
Oct. 2 Worship & Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Oct. 8 Chapman "Chap" Clark-Sticky Faith and Hurt 2.0: Nurturing the Long-Term Faith of Adolescents (7:00 p.m., CMC)
Oct. 9 Christian Education Volunteer Sunday (10:15 a.m., CMC) Chapman "Chap" Clark, Guest Speaker Parenteen: Understanding Today's Young...A seminar for parents and other caring adults (following noon potluck)
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)
Nov. 6-13 Missions Conference-Acts 11:21 (CMC)
Dec. 4 Messiah (4:00 p.m., Bluffton University)
Dec. 9 Ladies' Christmas Tea (6:30 p.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)
Dec. 11 Children's Christmas Program (CMC)

August 28, 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. 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 - Counter Cultural Lifestyles Scripture: Pastor Jim Special Music: Nancy Diller
11:30 a.m. Stephen Ministries Meeting (103)
6:00 p.m. Junior High and High School Small Groups' Kickoff (Schoolhouse) Young Adult Small Group (Jaden & Amber August's home)
6:30 p.m. Small Group (Pastor Jim & Pat's home)
No Evening Fellowship Service

~ SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS ~

Congratulations to Robert & Dortha Gratz: They will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary with an open house next Sunday, September 4, from 2-4 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

Pastor Warren's 95th birthday: An open house cake and ice cream reception is being planned next 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!

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on August 21:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	271
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	392

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

All students with projects at the county fairs please give your schedule to Pastor David at david.glick@ebenezer mennonite.org or text to 567-204-9777. Thank you!

Junior High and High School Small Groups Kickoff: This evening, 6-8 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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Donita Luginbill, Jean Reichenbach
Missions Center: Nicki Biery, Brittany Reigle

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 4

- Tuesday 6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:15 p.m.** Worship Team Rehearsal
(*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Adult Bible Study & Prayer (*103*)
- Thursday Pictorial Directory Photography Sessions Begin**
(*Fellowship Hall*)
- 8:30 p.m.** Young Adult Basketball
(*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Saturday 7:00 p.m.** Living Faith ABF (*Lima Rescue Home*)
- Sunday 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 (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Young Adult Small Group
(*Jaden & Amber August's home*)
- 6:30 p.m.** Pastor Warren's Birthday Party (*CMC*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Junior High and High School Small Groups (*Schoolhouse*)
- *No Evening Fellowship Service***

~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 ~

Infant & Toddler Nurseries:
Sue Epp, Deb Hilty, Gail Schantz, Tammy Whitlow
Good News Hour: Pat King, Bev Stockman

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Paul Terlecky, Honolulu.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, September 6, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Beth Theisen of Allen County Parks will be our guest speaker. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Come join us to pray for our youth: The Women's Prayer War Room will be starting again, Wednesday, September 7. Every Wednesday night we will start with a simple supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by prayer from 6-7 p.m. We are excited to see our Heavenly Father moving in answer to prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Seefeldt at 404-788-9079 or Saun Niswander at 419-615-5621.

Church Officer Recommendations: Please remember to fill out the yellow form with your recommendations. Extra forms are in the Missions Center. Forms may be placed in the offering plate, given to an usher, or to any member of the Nominating Committee listed on the form by Sunday, September 11.

Ladies Bible Study...The Best Yes, by Lysa Terkeurst. Join us for this six week study beginning Monday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Foyer as Lysa shows us how to make decisions that are best for ourselves and our families without feeling guilty! Sign up in the Missions Center or contact Christy Garmatter at garmatterc@gmail.com. Cost is \$12 for the book and study guide.

~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

MOPS is in need of childcare volunteers for our MOPPET (kids) program 9-11 a.m. every second and fourth Monday from October 2016 to May 2017. Please contact Jessica at 419-303-3190 if you have a passion for teaching and caring for young children! Your willingness to serve makes the MOPS ministry possible! Substitute teachers and helpers are needed for the one and two year olds.

The Christian Education Committee is looking for five or six volunteers for this year's Wednesday Night Children's Ministry. Volunteers can be in high school or older and would work with children who are age 3 through Grade 6. Teachers are especially needed for the Grade 2 class and the Grades 3&4 boys' class. If you have any questions, want more information, or would like to volunteer, please contact Marti Meza at 419-296-9574 or real.meza4@gmail.com.

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.