

~ 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@ebenezymennonite.org. Thank you!

Name of College: _____
Starting Date: _____
Mailing Address: _____
College Year: _____
E-mail Address: _____

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you: Joyce (Chidester) McGill is so thankful for all your prayer and acts of kindness while she was hospitalized and subsequently underwent treatment and other procedures during the past few weeks. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ to our dear sister.

As we adjust back to life in Kenya, Liz and I just wanted to say thank you for all the words of encouragement and warm embraces we received by you while we were in the States. We felt loved and are grateful to have you as our support team. Your kind words and generous hospitality meant so much to us. We look forward to a year full of new challenges and fruitful ministry in Kenya. We will continue to pray for you and your walk with Christ and certainly appreciate your prayers for our family as we seek to serve Christ and the people of Kenya. - For His Name, Mark & Liz Sisler

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.

Still time to make your appointment!

Photography dates: September 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.ebenezymennonite.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.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Sept. 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. 1 Berean ABF (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)

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)



September 4, 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)
Beautifully Broken
Scripture: Pastor David
Special Music: Kevin Gratz
- 6:30 p.m.** Pastor Warren's Open House Birthday Party (CMC)
- 7:00 p.m.** Junior High and High School Small Groups
(Schoolhouse)
No Evening Fellowship Service

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Paul Terlecky, Honolulu.

~ SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS ~

You are cordially invited to an open house from 2-4 p.m. today in the Crossroads Ministry Center in honor of Robert & Dortha Gratz' 70th wedding anniversary.

Pastor Warren's 95th birthday is today! An open house cake and ice cream reception is this evening beginning at 6:30 in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Please come help us celebrate and visit with Pastor Warren!

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on August 28:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	286
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	407
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	75

~ ETHIOPIA BRUNCH ~

Please invite your friends to attend a non-traditional “Pancake Fundraiser” Saturday, September 10, at noon in the Crossroads Ministry Center. The pancakes called “Bertas” will be served along with Ethiopian tea, for a donation. A missions team of 11 went to Ethiopia this summer, and they will share their experiences in a culture where only half the population has access to clean drinking water. Only 21 percent have access to a sewer system, and more than half of Ethiopia’s 94 million people are malnourished.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Attention Grades 1-6: The Disciple Singers Choir will begin their season 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. 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). If you have any questions/ideas, contact Angela at 567-712-1907 or Renea at 419-348-6110.

~ TODAY’S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Bill & Tammy Spallinger
Missions Center: Wayne & Susan Bixel

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 5-11

Monday	**Church office closed – Labor Day**
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>)
	5:30 p.m. Family Supper (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:00 p.m. Women’s Prayer Group (<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>)
	7:05 p.m. Connections Small Groups (<i>Bluffton McDonald’s</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m. Young Adult Small Group (<i>Jaden & Amber August’s home</i>)
	8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Saturday	12:00 p.m. Ethiopia Brunch (<i>CMC</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, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	6:31 p.m. Small Groups (<i>Kings, Lemleys</i>)
	7:00 p.m. Disciple Singers’ Choir (<i>Grades 1-6, 118-119</i>) Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) Junior High and High School Small Groups (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 ~

Infant & Toddler Nurseries:

Ella Badertscher, Crystal Hanna, Sarah & Jacob Lehman
Good News Hour: Benji & Sarah Bergstrand, Karna Marquart,
Marti & Melina Meza, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon this Tuesday, September 6, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Beth Theisen of Allen County Parks will be the 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 start this 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 next Sunday, September 11.

Monday Night Ladies Bible Study...The Best Yes, by Lysa Terkeurst. Join us for this six-week study beginning September 12, at 7 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.

Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Study...The Best Yes, by Lysa Terkeurst. Join us for this six-week study beginning October 5, at 7 p.m. in the schoolhouse. Sign up in the Missions Center or contact Heidi Steiner at steinerhl@gmail.com. Cost is \$12 for the book and study guide. This same study will also be offered on Monday evenings starting September 12.

The Wild Game Committee is sponsoring a Hunter Safety Course on Saturday, September 17, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you know a hunter needing to take this course be sure to register online for enrollment. Go to <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov> and look for hunter and trapper education. Follow the links for Instructor Led Course and you can click on Allen County and that will take you to the registration page. If you have questions, there is a phone number you can call. Lunch will be provided for all those attending.

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.