

# Ebenezer Emissary



**We give you a warm welcome. What a delight to have you join in fellowship. May you feel God's presence as you worship today. *Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.* Psalm 95:6**

**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)*  
*Lure of Lust (Due to the sensitivity of the subject, a Children's Church will be offered K-Grade 5, children will be released following Pastor Dick's prayer)*  
*Scripture: Pastor Dick*  
*Special Music: Julie Rieman*
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting *(FH)*
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups *(Kings, Lemleys)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir *(Grades 1-6, 118-119)*  
Evening Fellowship Service – Pastor Dick *(Sanctuary)*  
Junior High and High School Small Groups  
*(Schoolhouse)*

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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

~ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

**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.

**MOPS** is in need of childcare volunteers for the 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.

**Thank you,** dear Ebenezer Mennonite Church family for the benediction of you all and your presence at my birthday party with your cards and loving words. Thank you dear members of church staff, with special thanks to Deb Hilty and Kathy Brauen, for making it happen with the help of many hands and giving hearts. Thank you all for praying and encouraging me not only now, but over the many years (70) of our association, friendship, and fellowship in ministry. With the gift of 95 years to offer my God, I lift my heart and voice to Him with the Psalmist, *Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy Name* (103:1)! – *Pastor Warren*

**To our church family:** Thank you for all your expressions of love and kindness, and for the beautiful anniversary cards. Kevin, we appreciated your special music. To Pastor Warren, we thank you for your blessings and prayers over the years. – *Bob & Dot Gratz*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Sept. 28** Wednesday Night Children's Program Kick Off  
*(6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's, 8161 Columbus Grove Rd., Bluffton)*
- 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)*
- Oct. 11** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner  
*(5:00 p.m. meet at the church)*

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on September 4:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	266
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	414
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	42

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Attention Grades 1-6:** The Disciple Singers Choir will begin their season tonight 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.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Jerry & Vickie Cartwright  
*Missions Center:* Dean & Deb Klingler

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 12-18

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Ladies' Bible Study ( <i>Sanctuary Foyer</i> ) Christian Education Com. Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
<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>5:30 p.m.</b>	Family Supper ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Women's Prayer Group ( <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> ) Junior High Meet ( <i>B17</i> ) Small Group ( <i>115</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Groups ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Bread of Life Ministries ( <i>Church Kitchen</i> ) Junior High and High School Dodgeball ( <i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner ( <i>Meet at the church</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Deacon Meeting ( <i>103</i> ) Pray Action Team ( <i>Church Library</i> ) Young Adult Small Group ( <i>Jaden &amp; Amber August's home</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball ( <i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Wild Game Hunter Safety Course ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.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> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>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>6:31 p.m.</b>	Small Groups ( <i>Kings, Lemleys</i> )
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir ( <i>Grades 1-6, 118-119</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) Junior High and High School Small Groups ( <i>Schoolhouse</i> )

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 ~

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**Infant & Toddler Nurseries:**

Aaron & Emily Koogler, Brian & Kendy Young Family

**Good News Hour:**

Janet Brauen, Rosemary Carman, Jason & Kim Fritsch,  
Kim Gordon, Jessica Robinson, Olivia Spallinger

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Monday Night Ladies Bible Study...The Best Yes**, by Lysa Terkeurst. Join us for this six-week study beginning tomorrow night at 7:00 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](mailto:garmatterc@gmail.com). Cost is \$12 for the book and study guide.

**Mystery Dinner Time!** Ladies only two more Mystery Dinners for this year. We will be going out on Thursday, September 15. Invite a friend and meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Christy Garmatter at 419-358-0864 and leave a message or e-mail me at [garmatterc@gmail.com](mailto:garmatterc@gmail.com). Looking forward to dining with you!

**Mennonite Memorial Home's Fall Festival and Bake Sale** will be held in the MMH lobby on Friday, September 23, and Saturday, September 24, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The bake sale will feature a variety of home-baked goods. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will provide money for items for the residents to be used at MMH. Would you be willing to donate a baked good to this worthy cause? Please mark donations with MMH and either take to MMH or place in the church kitchen by that Friday at 8:30 a.m. Be sure to come early for your homemade baked goods, and thank you for your donation!

**Wednesday Night Kick-Off** will be September 28, at Bill & Joan Steiner's house from 6-7:30 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Missions Center. This event is for children age 3-Grade 6, their families, and Junior High students are welcome. A hotdog supper will be provided and there will be outdoor activities planned. If you have any questions call or text Marti Meza at 419-296-9574.

**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](mailto:steinerhl@gmail.com). Cost is \$12 for the book and study guide. This same study will also be offered on Monday evenings starts tomorrow.