

September 18, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary



This is the day which the LORD has made. Worship is our opportunity to be glad and rejoice in the LORD's house on the LORD's Day. Let us lay down our burdens and rejoice in the LORD for the LORD is good, the Source of love.

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)*
Marriage Mess
Gideon: Robin Kershner
Scripture: Dan & Barb Steiner
Special Music: Kara Zink
- 6:30 p.m.** Junior High and High School Small Groups
(Schoolhouse)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups *(Kings, Lemleys)*
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir *(Grades 1-6, 118-119)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service, Pastor Dick *(Sanctuary)*

During the Worship Gathering we will have a brief Gideon presentation by Robin Kershner. A special offering for this ministry will be received at the end of the service.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Pastor David & Mary Glick on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Rose, on Friday, September 9, weighing 7 lb. 8 oz.

~ 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: _____

~ 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)
- Oct. 15** Beth Moore Simulcast *(8:30 a.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- Oct. 16** FaithFull Singles Luncheon *(11:30 a.m., FH)*

- Oct. 22** Wild Game Trap Shoot *(8:30 a.m., Outside field)*
- Oct. 24** Evening Sew *(6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., CMC)*
- Oct. 25** All Day Sew *(9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., CMC)*
- 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)*

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.

~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 11:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	262
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	376
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	83

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jim & Marty Lemley

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 19-25

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>)
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 (103) Small Group (115)
	7:01 p.m.	Divorce Group (<i>Sanctuary Overflow</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Groups (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>) Junior High and High School Dodgeball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Engage Ministries Com. Meeting (103) Men's Prayer Time (<i>Sanctuary</i>) Young Adult Small Group (<i>Jaden & Amber August's home</i>)
		8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Junior High & High School Corn Maze (<i>Meet at the church, Pandora Maze</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 ~

Infant & Toddler Nurseries:

Ashley Fry, Ann, Emily, & Amber Gladwell, Karlyn Holt

Good News Hour:

Emily Gladwell, Pat King, Cory & Molly Meyer, Kathy Steiner,
Bev Stockman, Lauren Willow

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Men's Prayer Time: Each Thursday evening at 7:00 men are invited to meet in the Sanctuary for a dedicated time of prayer. Special focus will be placed on personal revival, revival for local churches, and for our nation. Contact Tim Diller at 419-646-3682 or Paul Burkholder at 419-969-4170 for more details. Regular attendance is not required. Please come when you can.

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!

Baby Supplies are needed for Heartbeat of Lima. Next Sunday, September 25, we are asking every family/person to bring diapers (sizes 4&5) and baby shampoo, or lotion. Formula (milk or soybean based) is also needed. All donations will be given to Heartbeat of Lima, a pro-life organization. There will be tables at the front of the Crossroads Ministry Center for your donations.

Wednesday Night Kick-Off will be September 28 at Bill & Joan Steiner's house from 6-7:30 p.m. There is 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. Cost is \$12 for the book and study guide. This same study is offered on Monday evenings.

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. 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.