

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 _____

Simply Caring is a short seven-week class that builds on our “Broken Pieces” series. It is an opportunity to learn how to “Carry each other’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Gal. 6:2) Many people who come to us simply need a friend with a listening ear. Yet at times we are at a loss as what to do or say after listening to our friend’s concerns. This class will provide skills and ways of **simply caring** for those to whom we are listening and help us gain confidence in being an encouragement to them. Join us beginning next Sunday, October 23, at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Simply Caring** is for all God’s people.

Wednesday Night Children’s Ministry Helpers still needed! The Lord has graciously provided teachers for each class, however several teachers are still in need of assistants. Volunteers can be in high school or older. 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.

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. Your willingness to serve makes the MOPS ministry possible! Substitute teachers and helpers are needed for the one and two year olds. Contact Jessica at 419-303-3190.

FEC Sunday: A team from the Fellowship of Evangelical Church (FEC) will be with us on October 30. They will bring the morning message followed by a Q&A session immediately following the worship service.

~ THANK YOU ~

Ebenezer Family: Thank you so much for your most generous White Christmas gift. We always forget about it and are pleasantly surprised every year! We are so encouraged by your faithfulness and generosity. Our time at Ebenezer was such an excellent stepping stone to what God had in store for us next at Encounter. We are so thankful for the foundation many of you helped to lay. God is so good. Thank you! - *Kerry & Krista Wright*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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)
Oct. 30 Fellowship of Evangelical Church Sunday
(11:30 a.m. question and answer session with FEC leaders)
Nov. 5 Maranatha ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
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)

~ SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 A.M. ~

Infant Nursery - 111

Toddler Nursery – 106

~ Sunday School for Children ~

Age 2 - B16

Age 3&4 - B-10 a&b

Ages 5&6 - B-11

Grade 1 - B-12

Grade 2 - B-14

Grade 3 - B-18

Grade 4 - B-13

Grade 5 – Sanctuary 4 (Upstairs)

Grade 6 - B-15

Grades 7 & 8 (Junior High) - B-17

Grades 9 – 12 (High School) - Schoolhouse



October 16, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary

Worship is our opportunity to be glad and rejoice in the Lord’s house on the Lord’s Day. We come as the children of God, knowing that we are welcomed here where all are meant to be one in the Lord. 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)
Broken Pieces- Sit with the Broken
Scripture: Pastor Dick
Special Music: Tiffany Rodabaugh
11:30 a.m. FaithFull Singles Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Disciple Singers Tryouts (Fellowship Hall)
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 (Sanctuary)

FaithFull Singles: The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and **all** singles age 50 and older to our gathering today. A luncheon will be provided following the Worship Gathering. A special guest speaker will describe how his faith helped him during times of historical significance in our country’s past.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on October 9:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	292
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	428
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	63

Giving on October 9:

\$16,158.00

Benevolent Fund	300.00
Building Fund (\$445 towards roof replacement)	590.00
Christian Education Fund	3,245.00
General Fund	7,121.00
Missions Fund	4,762.00
New Building Fund	40.00
Youth Fund	100.00

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Bring Your Unused Bicycle to Church Day: Ebenezer is participating as a partner in a Christian Bicycle Cooperative (CBC) with six other area churches through the establishment of a bicycle service project focusing on repairing bicycles for those in need of transportation. Relationships will be built between the volunteers and the bike recipients as they work together to make any necessary repairs. *The Need:* If you have a bicycle you would like to donate, please bring it to church with you on Sunday, October 23. Arrangements have been made to collect the bikes and transport them to a storage area in Lima. If you are not able to bring your bike with you that day, please contact Lynn Saunders at 419-236-7121 to make other arrangements.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Darin & Jaime (Green) Hefner on the birth of their daughter, Claire Rose, on Monday, October 10, weighing 8 lb. 3 oz.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Marvin & Karen Garmatter
Missions Center: Jared Meyer, Chad Veit

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 17-23 ~

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>)
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Prayertime for Families (<i>103</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Children's Program (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
		Junior High Wednesday Night (<i>117</i>)
		Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
		Ladies' Bible Study (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
		Men's Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary Overflow</i>)
	Small Group (<i>115</i>)	
	7:01 p.m.	Divorce Group (<i>Grades 7-12, 102</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	6:30 p.m.	EMC Community Meal (<i>Senior Citizens Center</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Small Group (<i>Jaden & Amber August's home</i>)
		Deacons Meeting (<i>103</i>)
		PAT Meeting (<i>Church Library</i>)
Saturday	7:00 a.m.	Trap Shoot (<i>Trap Shoot Area</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
		Simply Caring Class (<i>Fellowship Hall</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>)
	11:30 a.m.	Wild Game Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers Tryouts (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Junior High and High School Small Groups (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Groups (<i>Kings, Lemleys</i>)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (<i>Grades 1-6, 118-119</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 ~

Infant & Toddler Nurseries:

Tammy Whitlow, Karlyn Holt, Ashley Fry, Bev Stockman

Good News Hour:

Kathy Steiner, Emily Gladwell, Hannah Willow, Deb Huber, Dan Huber, Jared Meyer, Sarah Shank, Rachel Moser, Sarah Walker

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Men's Prayertime for Families: Any men interested in praying for the families of our church are invited to join us in the Conference Room (103) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Questions? Call Pastor Dale at 419-358-8588.

A New Men's Bible Study will be meeting in the Sanctuary overflow each Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.

Annual Open House: As a token of appreciation to all sponsoring churches, the Et Cetera Shop stores will host a three-hour open house on Sunday, October 23. Starting at 2:00 p.m., all three stores – Et Cetera Shop, Ten Thousand Villages, and Book ReViews – will offer substantial savings to shoppers. Et Cetera Shop – save 50% off on everything in the store. Ten Thousand Villages – save 25% off regular priced items and Book ReViews – save 40% off on all Theology and Religion and 30% off on all other books. Each store will have an enter-to-win contest and provide refreshments. Come for great deals and a head start on Christmas shopping. Mark your calendar, one day only and for only three hours (2-5 p.m.)!

Bluffton University's Fall Concert featuring the Camerata Singers, University Chorale, and Concert Band will be held at 2:30 p.m. today, in Yoder Recital Hall. The performance is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken for music scholarships during intermission.

Hospitality Opportunities! Our 53rd Annual Festival of Missions begins soon: November 6-13, and we need your help. We have several missionaries who need a place to stay and meals to eat. What a great way to share your heart of hospitality! Please sign up in the CMC lobby to host and/or provide meals for our missionaries. Thank you, and may God be glorified through your generosity!