

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### ~ MISSIONS CONFERENCE NEWS - Nov. 6-9 & Nov. 12-13 ~

**Hospitality Opportunities!** Our 53rd Annual Festival of Missions begins soon and we want your help. We have several missionaries that need a place to stay and meals to eat. What a great way to share your heart of hospitality! Please sign up in the Crossroads Ministry Foyer to host and/or provide meals for our missionaries. Thank you and may God be glorified through your generosity!

**Missions Conference All Church Lunch:** The church family is invited to lunch with our missionaries Sunday, November 6. The Missions Committee will provide shredded pork and shredded chicken sandwiches. Please bring salad and dessert to share. Let us know your participation by signing up in your Adult Bible Fellowship class or in the Missions Center. There is no cost for this lunch.

**Missions Conference afterglow** Sunday, November 6. Please bring finger food to share for this afterglow. All snacks will be provided for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening afterglows.

**All Church Breakfast** Saturday, November 12, 8:30 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. The speaker is Jim Smarke from Winebrenner Seminary. There is no cost for this breakfast. Please sign up in the Missions Center.

**Missions Banquet:** Next Sunday be prepared to reserve your ticket for the Missions Banquet, Sunday, November 13, at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per adult and children 10 and under are free.

**Simply Caring**, a short seven-week class which builds on our "Broken Pieces" Series, begins today at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It is an opportunity to learn how to *Carry each other's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.* (Galatians 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.

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Nov. 5** Morning Cup of Grace (9:00 a.m., 103)  
Maranatha ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)  
**Nov. 6-13** Missions Conference-Acts 11:21 (CMC)  
**Nov. 13-20** Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week  
**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

#### ~ Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF) ~

Agape (college & career) - 116

Young Married/Single - 115

Genesis - Sanctuary Foyer

Maranatha - Sanctuary Overflow

Living Faith - 112-114 (Fellowship Hall)

Old Testament in a Year - 103

Berean - 118-119



October 23, 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)  
*Broken Pieces- Do you want to be healed?*  
*Special Music: Sarah Lehman*  
**11:30 a.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting (103)  
**6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers Tryouts (Fellowship Hall)  
**6:30 p.m.** Junior High/High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)  
**6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (Kings, Niswandars)  
**6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)  
**7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

**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. If you have a bicycle you would like to donate and you were not able to bring your bike today, contact Lynn Saunders at 419-236-7121 to make other arrangements.

### ~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

**Congratulations** to Jim & Vera (Basinger) Luginbuhl who were united in marriage yesterday here at the church.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on October 16:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	248
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	401
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	96

**Evening Sew** is tomorrow evening from 6:00-9:00 and the All Day Sew is Tuesday, October 25, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We will be knotting comforters for our missionaries. Everyone is invited. Please bring a hot and cold dish to share for the noon potluck on Tuesday. The potluck is open to all spouses of those working and all widows/widowers to be our guest. Please come and share this evening or day with us.

**Occasionally, e-mail messages** are sent to the church family for weather-related postponements/cancellations, reminders of special meetings or projects, or other announcements. If you did not receive the e-mail last week regarding the used bike collection day and the "Simply Caring" classes and would like to be included in these messages in the future, please e-mail [kathy.brauen@ebenezermennonite.org](mailto:kathy.brauen@ebenezermennonite.org) to be added to the church family group.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Mark & Kay Spallinger  
*Missions Center:* Leah Conley, Emma Klingler

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~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 24-30 ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center (CMC) - Fellowship Hall (FH)*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	MOPS (FH)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Sew (CMC)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Ladies' Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer)
	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	All Day Sew (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Committee (103)
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Family Supper (FH)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Prayer Time for Families (103)
		Women's War Room (FH)
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		Children's Ministries (Various Classrooms)
		Junior High Wednesday Night (117)
<b>Thursday</b>		Ladies' Bible Study (Schoolhouse)
		Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow)
		Small Group (115)
	<b>7:01 p.m.</b>	Divorce Group (Grades 7-12, Pastor David's office)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Groups (Bluffton McDonald's)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
		E-Giving Committee Meeting (103)
		Junior High/High School Dodgeball (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Engage Ministry Committee (103)
		Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
<b>Friday</b>		Young Adult Small Group (Jaden & Amber August's home)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	High School 5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (CMC)
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (Various Classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering - Fellowship of Evangelical Church Sunday (CMC)
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Q&A Session with FEC leaders (CMC)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Junior High/High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)
	<b>6:31 p.m.</b>	Small Groups (Tim & Bev Stockman's home)
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 ~

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**Infant & Toddler Nurseries:**

Patty Geiger, John & Jaime Shaw, Stacy Stumbaugh

**Good News Hour:**

Ashley Eachus, Jammie, Kirby & Keaton Halker, Julie Rieman,  
Lily Shadle, Renea & Caity Zimmerman

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Men's Prayer Time 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 our appreciation to all sponsoring churches, the Et Cetera Shop Inc. stores will host a three hour open house today starting at 2:00 p.m., all three stores – Et Cetera Shop, Ten Thousand Villages, and Book ReViews. Each store will have an enter-to-win and provide refreshments. Come for great deals and a head start on Christmas shopping.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on Tuesday, November 1, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Doug Adams will perform. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

**Hospice Volunteer Training Classes** will be offered on two consecutive Saturdays, October 29 and November 5. The sessions will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Bluffton Hospital second floor Conference Room located at 139 Garau Street, Bluffton. For more information see the bulletin board near the kitchen window.

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

**Women's Ministry** will be hosting Cup of Grace on Saturday, November 5, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room (103). This is an encouraging devotion time for women of all ages! Come for coffee, snacks, and conversation. Child care is provided by our youth. For questions please contact Jaime Shaw at 260-241-0843.