

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 _____

~ CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE ~

Sunday, November 20

At our Child Dedication Service, parents commit to raise their child to know Jesus Christ for the glory of God. The church family pledges to support the family with love and encouragement, plus provide opportunities for spiritual development of the family.

Parents, if you would like to take part in this service we need you to:

* Register your child or children in one of the following ways:

Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim.

* Provide a digital photo of you with the child or children to be dedicated. Send to: info@ebenezymennonite.org.

* Please register and have photo turned in no later than Sunday, November 13. There will be a time in the dedication where your child will specifically be prayed for. This prayer can be offered by you, a family member, friend, or pastor. Please let us know who will be praying.

Any parents who attend Ebenezer are welcome to dedicate their child. The requirement is membership in the family of God, not Ebenezer Mennonite Church. All parents who know Christ as Savior are welcome to participate in this child dedication.

NATIONAL VETERANS DAY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Let us give thanks to God for the peace and freedom we enjoy and recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans.

Nacer USA invites you to join us for a potluck supper Tuesday, November 15, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet for supper in the Fellowship Hall, then hear an informal presentation of a new ministry, Corazon Nueva, founded by Lilian & Freddy of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. If you have been part of a mission trip to Bolivia in the past, you have met Lilian as she was the administrator of Cristo Viene Ninas. Bring a hot and cold dish to share and learn of this new ministry to the girls of Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

The Wild Game Committee is in need of any kind of wild game for our annual Wild Game Event. If you have some and would like to donate it, call Joe Alt at 419-234-1247. Thank you.

~ THANK YOU ~

Dear Friends: Words cannot express our gratitude to all of you for all the generous support, prayers, and love for our family. Thank you sincerely for accommodating the funeral service for Kay Miller and furnishing and serving the meal afterwards. You are a loving and gracious church family. We have all felt your continuous love and prayers of comfort. God bless you all! *Love and thanks, Dave, Teri, Cathy, Mary, and families*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Nov. 13-20 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week

Dec. 3 High School (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)

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)

~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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November 6, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary

53RD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF MISSIONS

*The Lord's
Hand Was
With Them*
Acts 11:21



~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Junior High-Adult Bible Fellowship Classes with Ray Hutchison (CMC)
Grades 1-6 with Ed & Jane Skowron (Sanctuary Foyer)
Sunday School (ages 2-6, Various Classrooms)
- 10:00 a.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir Meet (118&119)
The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)
- 10:15 a.m.** Festival of Missions – Ray Hutchison (CMC)
Special Music: Brent Zimmerman
- 12:00 p.m.** All church carry-in lunch with missionaries (CMC)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (103)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (118&119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Missionary Message – Ray Hutchison (CMC)
Children's Missionary Adventure with Ed & Jane Skowron (Grades 1-6, Sanctuary Foyer)
- 8:15 p.m.** Afterglow, please bring finger foods to share (CMC)

Welcome to each missionary participating in our 53rd Annual Festival of Missions, *The Lord's Hand Was With Them*. Also a special welcome to our guest speaker this morning, Ray Hutchison, SIM East Central Regional Director.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on October 30:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	296
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	402
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	94

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

Missions Conference All Church Lunch: Everyone is invited to lunch with our missionaries today. There is no cost for this lunch.

There will be afterglows following the evening services tonight through Wednesday during Missions Conference. Please bring finger foods for tonight, only. Snacks will be provided for all other nights.

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

Missions Banquet: Reserve your ticket today for the Missions Banquet, next Sunday, November 13, at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per adult and children 10 and under are free.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jerry & Vickie Cartwright
Missions Center: Steve & Doneta Reigle

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOV. 7-13 ~

Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF), Crossroads Ministry Center (CMC) - Fellowship Hall (FH)

Monday	10:30 a.m.	Devotions with Missionaries (103)
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch for Missionaries (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Conference (CMC) Children's Missionary Adventure Ed & Jane Skowron (Sanctuary Foyer)
Tuesday	8:15 p.m.	Missions Afterglow (CMC)
	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	10:30 a.m.	Devotions with Missionaries (103)
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lunch for Missionaries (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Conference (CMC) Children's Missionary Adventure Ed & Jane Skowron (Sanctuary Foyer)
	8:15 p.m.	Missions Afterglow (CMC)
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	10:30 a.m.	Devotions with Missionaries (103)
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch for Missionaries (FH)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Missions Conference (CMC) Children's Missionary Adventure Ed & Jane Skowron (Sanctuary Foyer)
	8:15 p.m.	Missions Afterglow (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary) Young Adult Small Group (Jaden & Amber August's home)
Saturday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
	8:30 a.m.	All Church Breakfast, Jim Smarkel (CMC)
	Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	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.	53rd Annual Festival of Missions Gracia Burnham (CMC)
	5:00 p.m.	Festival of Missions Banquet (CMC)
Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Celebration of Missions Gracia Burnham (CMC)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 ~

Infant & Toddler Nurseries:

Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Renea & Caity Zimmerman

Good News Hour:

Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Karna Marquart, Marti & Melina Meza,
Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Congratulations to Matthew & Bethany (Sharrock) Cook who were united in marriage on Friday, October 21, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Congratulations to Corey & Andrea (Stockman) Leichty on the birth of their son, Beckett Lee, on Tuesday, November 1, weighing 10 lb.

Today is the SAT-7 Annual Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Please take some time this week to pray with our Christian brothers and sisters whose lives are threatened just for believing in Jesus Christ. For more information see today's insert or go to sat7usa.org.

Witnessing Martyrdom, the dramatic art of Jan Luyken, is now on exhibit at Bluffton University through November 22. Exhibits and events series featuring Luyken's original copper etching plate illustrating the story of Jacques D'Auchy in the 1685 Martyrs Mirror will be on display. More information is available in the Crossroads Ministry Foyer or see Chuck Niswander.

Dinner to benefit food pantries: The Bluffton University Nutrition Association (BUNA) will hold its annual Harvest Dinner, benefiting both the Bluffton Community Assistance Program and the Lima-based Churches United Pantry, from 5-7 p.m. Friday, November 11, at First Mennonite Church, Bluffton. This year's dinner will include homemade soup, bread, and dessert. Nonperishable food items will be accepted, as will cash and checks made out to BUNA. All proceeds will benefit the two food pantries.

~ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2016 ~

National Collection Week is November 14-20 here at Ebenezer! If you would like to volunteer (greet people, collect shoeboxes, and do simple paperwork) please sign up in the Missions Center for available dates: Monday-Friday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 1-3 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Tom or Annie Spallinger at 419-358-0140. *Thank you for praying and volunteering with Operation Christmas Child!*