

# 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)*  
*Like Little Children*  
*Dedication to the Lord: Lucy Rose Glick*  
*Special Music: Kara Zink*
- 11:30 a.m.** Haiti missions trip meeting *(103)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Junior High/High School Small Groups  
*(Schoolhouse)*
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir *(Grades 1-6, 118-119, CMC)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

**Our sympathy** to the family of Milton Schutz. Milton, husband of Barbara and father of John, Jennifer, and Jason, passed away on Thursday, November 17. Services are today at 2:00 p.m. at Bluffton Chiles-Laman Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m.

## Financial Report – October 2016

### Giving & Expenses

	General	Missions	C. E.	Building
Budgeted YTD	418,416	222,075	39,542	49,650
Expenses YTD	420,054	196,448	39,761	80,013
Actual Income	378,354	204,302	35,525	88,076

### Cash Balances as of 10/31/16:

General .....	* (\$20,630)
Missions .....	\$83,752
Christian Education .....	\$13,256
Building .....	\$30,698
Cemetery Restoration Project .....	\$6,165
Archive .....	\$4,600
<b>Sanctuary Roof Replacement.....</b>	<b>** (\$11,875)</b>
New Building .....	\$27,749
Benevolent.....	\$7,741
Van .....	\$14,797

\* Please note the General Fund balance made some positive progress during the past month but is still lagging behind actual expenses and budgeted amount. Please continue to prayerfully consider how the Lord will supply to handle this deficit.

\*\* The sanctuary roof project is complete, and the final check has been sent. We still need to raise \$11,875 to completely cover the cost of the roof.

*Thanks for your generous and sacrificial giving.  
God is blessing!*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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)*
- Jan. 29-Feb. 11** *SIM Building Maintenance Team*
- Feb. 5-11** *SIM Work Team*

### Ebenezer Communications Card

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



...at that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.” *Matthew 18: 1-6*

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on November 13:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	362
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	432
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	282

**Giving on November 13:**

**\$18,257.00**

Benevolent Fund	390.00
Building Fund	170.00
Christian Education Fund	1,107.00
General Fund	9,307.00
Missions Fund	7,213.00
New Building	20.00
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~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Andrew & Janae Gonnerman**

**Baptist Mid-Missions, Japan**

5042 Raintree Drive, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

andrewjanae@gmail.com

*Feel free to take missionary newsletters located in the Missions Center under the large world map.*

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~ FAITH PROMISE UPDATE ~

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**The promises presently** amount to \$245,740, towards our goal of \$275,000. Faith Promise pledges will be taken until the end of December. Pledge cards may be picked up in the Missions Center, Crossroads Ministry Center, or the church office. Thank you again for your prayers and pledges that make our missions program a great blessing to many missionaries and ministries. - *Missions Committee*

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~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

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**Congratulations** to Adam and Candice (Jones) Marquart who were united in marriage Saturday, November 12, in St. Louis, Missouri.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Chuck & Saun Niswander

*Missions Center:* Don & Vicki Kirkendall

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~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOV. 21-NOV. 27 ~

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**Tuesday 6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)

**Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*FH*)

**6:15 p.m.** Worship Team Rehearsal (*CMC*)

**Thursday \*\*Church Offices Closed-Happy Thanksgiving\*\***

**Friday \*\*Church Offices Closed\*\***

**Sunday 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*)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 ~

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**Infant & Toddler Nurseries:**

Kim Fritsch, Emily & Amber Gladwell, Ryan & Katie Kruse

**Good News Hour:**

Kathy Steiner, Emily Gladwell, Lauren Willow, Cory & Molly Meyer, Sarah Shank, Rachel Moser, Sarah Walker

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Messiah:** Bluffton University will present its 121st performance of Handel's *Messiah* at 4 p.m. Sunday, December 4, in Founders Hall. The event is free and open to the public; a free-will offering will be taken.

**Snow removal bids** will be accepted in the church office until Friday, December 2.

**Witnessing Martyrdom**, the dramatic art of Jan Luyken, will be exhibited at Bluffton University tomorrow 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 for more details.

**Bluffton University Holiday Concert** featuring the concert band and several instrumental ensembles will be held at 2:30 p.m. today in Yoder Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

**Ladies' Christmas Tea** will be held Friday evening, December 9, at 6:30. Join us for a wonderful evening of season-inspired food, decor, and of course tea. Please get your ticket (\$5) for this year's Christmas Tea in the Missions Center. Talk to friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers and put together a table. Space is limited and tickets will only be sold until Sunday December 4, so don't delay! Hope you'll join us.

**We are looking** for ladies who would like to decorate a table for the Tea. It's a great time to pull out those special settings that you don't get to use often! For more information and details, see us at the ticket area or contact Christy Garmatter at garmatterc@gmail.com

**Attention Family Campers!** Next year's Family Camp will be July 21-23 at Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Mark the dates on your calendar and talk with friends and family over the holidays about attending camp next year! Keep in mind that campsites can be reserved six months ahead of time. This state park also has a lodge and cabins that may be open for reservations earlier, so be sure to check it all out at the park website <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/deercreek>. Be watching for more information about registration in January.

**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.