

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 _____

SIM Missions Trip: A work team is scheduled to go to Charlotte, North Carolina from February 5-11 with an additional building maintenance week planned for January 29 – February 4. If you are interested in serving with the team, please contact Frank Boehm at 567-371-9541 by Saturday, December 31.

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.

~ AVAILABLE IN THE MISSIONS CENTER ~

Our Daily Bread: Pick up your copy of the December, January & February 2016-2017 issue at the Information Center in the Missions Center or the wall rack in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Dec. 9** Ladies' Christmas Tea (6:30 p.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)
Dec. 11 Children's Christmas Program (CMC)
Dec. 14 Congregational Meeting (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
Dec. 18 Junior High & High School Small Groups Christmas Caroling (5:30 p.m., meet at the Schoolhouse)
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service (6:00 p.m., CMC)
Dec. 25 Christmas Worship Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
No Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowship, or Evening Service
Dec. 28 Junior High and High School Ice Skating-Findlay (12:30 p.m., meet at the Schoolhouse)
Jan. 7 Living Faith ABF (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
Jan. 13-15 Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
Jan. 29-Feb. 11 SIM Building Maintenance Team (Charlotte, NC)
Feb. 5-11 SIM Work Team (Charlotte, NC)
Feb. 24-26 High School Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)

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November 27, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome to all! The writer of Psalm 42 tells of his spiritual thirst for God. *As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God (24:1-2).* Those who have come with such a need today may surely find satisfaction here in the house of God.

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 David (CMC)
*A Different Kind of Christmas – Shepherds Speak
Special Music: Willow Family*
- 6:30 p.m.** Junior High/High School Small Groups
(Schoolhouse)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119, CMC)

Operation Christmas Child 2016: We are celebrating 20 years of Operation Christmas Child at Ebenezer and the record 815 shoeboxes collected this year! Your shoeboxes are sharing Jesus around the world, and we may never know how one shoebox changed a life for eternity. A big thank you goes out to the church/community for making this happen and praying over the shoeboxes and the children who will receive them. - *Thank you, Tom & Annie Spallinger*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on November 20:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	269
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	397
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	121

~ FAITH PROMISE UPDATE~

The promises presently amount to \$256,740, 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*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Charles & Jayne Huffman
Missions Center: Paul & Cheryl Burkholder

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOV. 28-DEC. 4 ~

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)	
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)	
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)	
	5:30 p.m.	Family Supper (FH)	
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Prayertime for Families (103) Women's War Room (FH)	
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)	
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103) Children's Ministries (Various Classrooms) Junior High Wednesday Night (117) Ladies' Bible Study (Schoolhouse) Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow)	
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen) Dodgeball Junior High/High School (CMC)	
	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary) Young Adult Small Group (Jaden & Amber August's home)
		8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
	Saturday	6:00 p.m.	High School (meet at the church, then go to Lima Rescue Home)
	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (Various Classrooms)
10:00 a.m.		Disciple Singers' Choir Meet (FH) The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)	
10:15 a.m.		Worship Gathering (CMC)	
4:00 p.m.		Messiah (Bluffton University)	
5:00 p.m.		Trustee Meeting (103)	
	6:30 p.m.	Junior High and High School Small Groups Worship Night (Schoolhouse)	
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)	

~ NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 ~

Infant & Toddler Nurseries:

Sue Epp, Deb Hilty, Gail Schantz, Tammy Whitlow

Good News Hour:

Kathy & Kassandra Bishop, Mary Glick, Traci Heinze,
John & Jaime Shaw, Aubrey Snider

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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

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.

The Bluffton University music department will present "Christmas Festival" during Forum at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, in Yoder Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public and will feature University Chorale.

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

Bluffton University's Camerata Singers and University Chorale will headline "A Festival of Lessons and Carols," the university's Christmas choral concert, at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, December 11, in Yoder Recital Hall. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens. They are available online at <http://tickets.bluffton.edu>, or in person at the Marbeck Center information desk.

The annual congregational meeting is Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will discuss the General Fund, Building Fund, and Christian Education Fund proposed 2017 budgets. Ushers will distribute copies next Sunday following the Worship Gathering. Elections will also be held. The Wednesday Night Children's Ministries, Junior High, and Bible Studies will not meet that evening.