

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 _____

Year-end reports for 2016 are due on Sunday, January 22. All boards and committees should submit their annual reports to the church office for inclusion in the 2016 Annual Report.

2017 Birthday/Anniversary calendars are available in the Missions Center. Please use these calendars as reminders to pray for and encourage members of our church family.

New Pictorial Directories: If you had your photo taken you receive a free directory. Please see Deb Hilty for your copy today or anytime through the week. Extra copies are available at \$5 each.

A sewing team is going to Haiti in February and is in need of white spools of thread. There is a box in the Crossroads Ministry Center foyer until next Sunday, January 15 for your donations. Thank you for helping!

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!

~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Jan. 21 Ebenezer Cleaning Day (8:00 a.m., - noon, Various Rooms)

Jan. 22 FaithFull Singles Luncheon (11:30 a.m., FH)

Jan. 29-Feb. 11 SIM Building Maintenance Team (Charlotte, NC)

Feb. 4 Maranatha ABF (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)

Feb. 5-11 SIM Work Team (Charlotte, NC)

Feb. 24-26 High School Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)

Mar. 4 High School Students (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)

Apr. 1 Berean ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)

From a *Diary of Private Prayer* by John Baillie

O heavenly Father, give me a heart like the heart of Jesus Christ, a heart more ready to minister than to be ministered unto, a heart moved by compassion towards the weak and the oppressed, a heart set upon the coming of Thy kingdom in the world of men.

I would pray tonight, O God, for all those sorts and conditions of men to whom Jesus Christ was wont to give special thought and care;

For those lacking food or drink or raiment:

For the sick and all who are wasted by disease:

For the blind:

For the maimed and lame:

For lepers:

For prisoners:

For those oppressed by any injustice:

For the lost sheep of our human society:

For fallen women:

For all lonely strangers within our gates:

For the worried and anxious:

For those who are living faithful lives in obscurity:

For those who are fighting bravely in unpopular causes:

For all who are laboring diligently in Thy vineyard.

Grant, O Father, that Thy lovingkindness in causing my own lines to fall in pleasant places may not make me less sensitive to the needs of others less privileged, but rather more incline me to lay their burdens upon my own heart. And if any adversity should befall myself, then let me not brood upon my own sorrows, as if I alone in the world were suffering, but rather let me busy myself in the compassionate service of all who need my help. Thus let the power of my Lord Christ be strong within me and His peace invade my spirit. Amen.



January 8, 2017

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 & Communion Service – Pastor Jim *(CMC)*
Body Life: Together
Scripture: Pastor Dick
Special Music: Jammie Halker

5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting *(103)*

6:15 p.m. Disciple Singers' all musical actors meeting *(119)*

6:30 p.m. Junior High/High School Small Groups *(Schoolhouse)*
Small Groups *(Kings, Lemleys)*

6:45 p.m. Disciple Singers' Choir *(Grades 1-6, 118-119)*

7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*

Please note: All loose offerings taken during the Morning Worship will go towards the Benevolent Fund (in connection with communion).

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Trevor & Molly (Moser) Meyer who were united in marriage yesterday at Litzenberg Memorial Woods near Findlay. May God bless their new home.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Marvin Reigle, St. Rita's Medical Center.

Temporary Move: Judy Rodabaugh, Mennonite Memorial Home.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 1:

New Year's Day Worship Service (10:15 a.m.) 313

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jerry & Vickie Cartwright

Missions Center: Steve & Doneta Reigle

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 9-15

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

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | MOPS (FH) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Christian Education Com. Meeting (103) |
| Tuesday | 6:30 a.m. | Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Missions Com. Meeting (103) |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | Game Time (FH) |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103) |
| | | Children's Ministries (Various Classrooms) |
| Thursday | | Junior High Wednesday Night (117) |
| | | Ladies' Book Study (Schoolhouse) |
| | | Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow) |
| | 7:05 p.m. | Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's) |
| | 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) |
| Friday | 4:00 p.m. | Junior High Ice Camp (Leave for Miracle Camp) |
| 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) |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Worship Gathering (CMC) |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Wild Game Com. Meeting (FH) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Junior High/High School Small Groups
(Schoolhouse) |
| | | Small Groups (Kings, Lemleys) |
| | 6:45 p.m. | Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary) | |

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 ~

The Infant and Toddler Nursery:

Ashley Fry, Karlyn Holt, Bev Stockman, Tammy Whitlow

The Good News Hour:

Janet Brauen, Rosemary Carman, Jason & Kim Fritsch,

Kim Gordon, Jessica Robinson, Olivia Spallinger

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

An Open House will be held this afternoon from 2-4 in the Crossroads Ministry Center to honor Wilda Hanthorn on her 90th birthday. No gifts please.

Disciple Singers will have an all musical actors meeting at 6:15 p.m. in Room 119 today.

Attention Grades 1-6: All kids in Grades 1-6 are welcome to join Disciple Singers as we begin practicing this evening for the Spring Musical *Kidz Under Construction*. Choir practice will start at 6:45 p.m. in Rooms 118&119. Contact Renea Zimmerman at 419-369-4543 or Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907 if you're interested in joining the choir or have any other questions.

Rehearsals for Bluffton University's Masterworks performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria" will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning January 10, in the Gilliom Room of Mosiman Hall on campus. Anyone interested in singing, from high school students to adults, is invited to join the chorus. For more information, contact Dr. Mark J. Suderman at sudermanm@bluffton.edu or 419-358-3364.

The Wednesday Night Family Supper, Women's War Room, and Men's Prayertime for Families will not meet until January 18.

Starting on Wednesday, January 11, there will be a six week ladies book study at 7:00 p.m. in the schoolhouse. We will be discussing Lysa TerKeurst's *Uninvited: Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out and Lonely*. We will also spend time in prayer and fellowship encouraging each other. Please contact Heidi Steiner at 419.358.0116 or steinerhl@gmail.com for more details. Cost for book/study guide is \$16.

Ebenezer Cleaning Day: The Trustees are looking for several volunteers who can join us on Saturday, January 21, from 8:00 a.m. until noon to do some extra cleaning around the church. Please bring cleaning rags, buckets, and Murphy's oil soap (optional).

FaithFull Singles: The deacons, pastors, and High School youth would like to invite our widows, widowers, and **all** singles age 50 and older to our next gathering scheduled for Sunday, January 22. A luncheon will be provided following the Worship Gathering. Hope to see you there!

~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY IN BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA ~

Daniel & Lynn Plett have expressed a desire to have 2-4 individuals come to Slovakia to do some repairs/maintenance to the TWR office. These could include, but not limited to, carpet replacement, linoleum replacement on a stairway, painting, faucet/toilet repairs, sealing a flat-metal roof and other minor repairs. There are two guest rooms available in the office building. Public transportation is quite good and inexpensive, and easy to use. TWR would require proof of insurance. An estimated cost of the materials needed for the various repairs is: carpet \$900, linoleum \$900, and painting \$200. Please contact Barb Steiner at 419-358-6783 for more information or see the bulletin boards.