

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 _____



January 15, 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 Gathering-Pastor Jim *(CMC)*
Body Life: Gifted-Why the Gifts?
Special Music: Thomas Eachus
- 11:30 a.m.** Wild Game Committee 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)*

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Recent Move: Marvin Reigle, Mennonite Memorial Home.

In the Hospital: Maedelyn Ann Giles, infant daughter of Andrew & Cassi (Seeley), Ann Arbor. Maedelyn was born on Saturday, January 7, weighing 7 lb. 13.7 oz.

Please pray for the junior high students and their leaders as they return from Ice Camp at Miracle Camp in Michigan this afternoon.

Our sympathy for the family of Maxine McCafferty. Maxine, the grandmother of Ashley (Jeremy) Mummert, passed away Monday, January 9. Services were held at Chiles-Laman Funeral Services in Bluffton on Thursday, January 12.

Our sympathy for the family of Ernest Gary. Ernest, the brother-in-law of Corky Huffman (husband of Corky's sister Diane). Ernest passed away on Tuesday, January 10. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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.

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 ~

To our friends at Ebenezer: With joy I am writing to thank you for your amazing partnership and involvement with Mission Possible in 2016! We have much to thank God for. Pam Macke informed me you folks collected \$1,800 worth of vitamins for our school kids in Haiti, simply amazing! We are confident your sacrifice will literally improve the health of our students and save lives! Working together to make 2017 our best year of service to our Lord! – *Yours and His, Kurt Bishop*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Jan. 27 Agape (college & career) ABF *(6:00 p.m., Dan & Barb Steiner's)*

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)*

Wild Game Event *(5:00 p.m., CMC)*

~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 8:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	258
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	393
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	86

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

► **High School Students**

Saturday, January 21, meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. for a Thrift Store Scavenger Hunt. Bring \$5 for pizza.

Sunday, January 29, Missions trip parent meeting in the Fellowship Hall following Worship Gathering.

Sunday, February 5, at 6:20 p.m. Super Bowl Party in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

February 24-26 Ice Camp

► **Junior High Students**

Sunday, February 5, at 6:20 p.m. Super Bowl Party at Greg & Sue Luginbill's home (506 Hawthorne Drive, Pandora)

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jim & Marty Lemley

Missions Center: Robert & Sue Spallinger

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 16-22

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

Monday	6:00 p.m.	Legacy Investment Com. Meeting (103)
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (103)
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' Book Study (Schoolhouse)
		Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow)
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (103)
		Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
		Prayer Action Team (Church Library)
		Young Adult Small Group (Jaden & Amber August's home)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Ebenezer Cleaning Day (Various)
	4:00 p.m.	High School Scavenger Hunt (Meet at the church)
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.	FaithFull Singles Luncheon (FH)
	5:00 p.m.	Deacon/Trustee Meeting (103)
	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 22 ~

The Infant and Toddler Nursery: Ella Badertscher, Crystal Hanna, John & Jaime Shaw

The Good News Hour: Jaden & Amber August, Emily Gladwell, Cory & Molly Meyer, Kathy Steiner, Lauren Willow



The Trustees are looking for several volunteers next 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 next Sunday, January 22. A luncheon will be provided following the Worship Gathering.

Ladies! Are you ready to explore the book of James? You are invited to a Beth Moore study entitled, *James-Mercy Triumphs*. The study is eight sessions and we will begin on Monday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Foyer. Cost of the book is \$16. So we can have the books for our first night they need to be ordered by Sunday, January 29. Please contact Christy Garmatter at garmatterc@gmail.com if you are interested. Looking forward to studying with you!

Cookie dough time again for SIM: Please bring cookie dough or mixes anytime and put in the church kitchen freezer marked with a note for SIM. Label with cooking time and oven temperature. This will be our 30th year to go and the need keeps increasing. Call Ginny Moser at 567-204-1873 if you have questions or need her to pick them up. All are so much appreciated.

Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio is accepting applications for the Barbara Fleming Memorial Nursing Scholarship. The scholarship is meant to promote the career of nursing and is available to anyone pursuing a degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse, a Registered Nurse, or a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The scholarship offers a minimum award of \$500. Applications are available at www.mhcoliving.org or MMH at 410 W. Elm St., Bluffton, OH 45817 or call 419-358-1015. A completed application must be postmarked and/or returned to the above address by Friday, March 31.