

### 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.

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#### I am interested in information on:

- Ebenezer Mennonite Church    Baptism    Membership  
 Child dedication    Getting involved in ministry  
 Joining a small group    Prayer requests \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remove** items from the church refrigerators and freezers, so that there will be room to store food for the Wild Game Event, Saturday, April 1. Thank you!

**The Trustees** are now accepting bids for the 2017 mowing of the church and cemetery lawns. Please submit your bid to the church office or Trustee no later than 5:00 p.m., Sunday, April 2.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on Tuesday, April 4, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the Ohio Northern University Flute Choral/Quintet will perform. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

**Connections:** Our next Wednesday night small group which meets at Bluffton McDonald's will begin April 5 and run through May 24. The next series will cover the book *Silence* by Shusaku Endo. We're all familiar with martyrs, but what do we do with those who, due to persecution, renounce His name? This book will help explore this issue and many more. The book may be purchased for \$10 from Pastor Jim.

**The Service Group** of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will hold their annual Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, April 8, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. This annual event will feature a variety of home baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, cookies, and breads and will be held in the Mennonite Memorial Home (MMH) lobby. Be sure to come early for your Easter baked goods! If you wish to donate baked goods, please mark with MMH and place in the church kitchen by 8:30 that morning or deliver to the MMH. Thank you for all of your help and support for MMH.

**We are Gearing Up for VBS!** Save the dates of June 4-9 for Vacation Bible School. We are so excited to find out this year how God made us and what we were made to do! Please sign up at <https://vbspro.events/p/c3e1f3> to help as crew leaders, crafts, recreation, KidVid, Bible teacher, kitchen staff, etc. or sign up your children age 4 years old to students leaving Grade 6. You will see tables soon with food donations and sign up forms in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. #builtforapurpose

#### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Apr. 14** Good Friday Service (7:00 p.m., CMC)  
**Apr. 16** SonRise Service (7:30 a.m., CMC)  
SonRise Breakfast (8:30 a.m., CMC)  
Easter Worship Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)  
*No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service*  
**Apr. 26** Wednesday Children's Ministries Skate Night  
(6:00 p.m., Grove Skateland)  
**Apr. 29** Wild Game Trap Shoot (8:30 a.m., outside field)  
**Apr. 30** Disciple Singers, *Kidz Under Construction* (10:15 a.m., CMC)  
**May 4** National Day of Prayer Event (CMC)  
**May 6** High School Students (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)  
**May 14** Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (CMC)  
**June 4-9** Vacation Bible School  
**June 10** Wild Game Fishing Charter  
**June 11-17** Middle School 1 (Miracle Camp, Grades 5-7)  
**June 18-24** Junior High 1 (Miracle Camp, Grades 6-8)  
**June 25-July 1** Senior High 1 (Miracle Camp, Grades 9-12)  
**July 21-23** Family Camp (Deer Creek Park)  
**July 30-Aug. 2** Grade School 3 Half Week (Miracle Camp, Grades 2-4)  
**July 30-Aug. 5** Grade School 2 Full Week (Miracle Camp, Grades 2-4)

#### ~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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March 26, 2017

# Ebenezer Emissary



*Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.* Those are the words of the psalmist in Psalm 5:11. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, we welcome you and we invite you to *be glad* with us about God's goodness and mercy. Let us *ever sing for joy* and praise God with profoundly grateful hearts.

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 ones 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.** Membership Class (115)  
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)  
*Philemon: Forever*  
*Scripture: Pastor Dick*  
*Special Music: Sam Brauen*  
**11:30 a.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting (FH)  
**6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir & Actors (Grades 1-6, CMC)  
**6:30 p.m.** Junior High/High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)  
Small Groups (Kings, Lemleys)  
**7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

**In the Hospital:** Ron Steiner, Cleveland Clinic.

**Easter Reflections:** Stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and pick up a special edition of *Our Daily Bread* to help you anticipate and prepare for Resurrection Sunday on April 16. Included are ten reflections designed to help you in your spiritual journey during this most holy time. Allow this devotional booklet to strengthen, comfort, and encourage you and your friends this Easter season.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on March 19:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	263
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	409
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	94

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~ WILD GAME EVENT NEWS ~

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**Tickets are still available** for the Wild Game Night Event, Saturday, April 1, in the Crossroads Ministry Center. All tickets are pre-sold for \$15 which includes exhibits at 5:00 p.m., appetizers at 5:30 p.m., and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Our guest speaker is Joe Martin of Runnin'N Gunnin' Productions, a hunting show on YouTube and HuntTv with tree and bay dogs. If interested, contact Tina Alt at 419-410-4205.

**The Wild Game Committee** is looking for volunteers to help serve our guests. If you can help, please sign up on either bulletin board or in your Adult Bible Fellowship class. Thank you.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Missions Center: Wayne & Susan Bixel

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 27-APRIL 2

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	MOPS (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Ladies' Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's) Missions Committee Meeting (103)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Family Supper (FH)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Prayertime for Families (103) Women's War Room (FH)
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	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)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen) Junior High and High School Dodgeball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Prayer Time at Converge (Elida)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Deacon Meeting (103) Young Adult Small Group (Jaden & Amber August's home)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Wild Game Event (CMC) Joe Martin of Runnin N Gunnin Productions
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Berean ABF Class (Lima Rescue Home)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (Various Classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering-Joe Martin (CMC)
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Youth Missions Trip Meeting (FH)
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Trustee Meeting (103)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir & Actors (Grades 1-6, CMC)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Junior High/High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)
		Small Groups (Kings, Lemleys)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 2 ~

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**The Infant and Toddler Nursery:** Sue Epp, Deb Hilty, Gail Schantz, Tammy Whitlow  
**The Good News Hour:** Kathy & Kassandra Bishop, Mary Glick, Traci Heinze, John & Jaime Shaw, Aubrey Snider

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Junior High and High School Students -**

Friday, March 31-Saturday, April 1 - Converge Conference at Elida Fieldhouse. This is for any students Grade 8-12. Cost is \$50. Please sign up with Pastor David.

Tuesday, April 11- Youth serving at Guiding Light in Lima. Come and help with the ladies of the homes at their monthly craft night. To sign up please contact Jodi Conley at 419-358-9929 or Makayla Smith at 419-230-0437.

**High School Students -**

Sunday, April 2 - Toronto trip meeting in the Fellowship Hall after the Morning Worship Gathering. This is for all parents, students, and volunteers going on the trip.

Friday, April 7- Parents Night Out - Childcare for parents so they can go out on a date! All donations go to the Youth missions trip. To register your children, please see Hanné Burkholder

Friday, April 14 - High School youth watching the movie "Risen" in the schoolhouse. Movie starts at 3:00 p.m. Please bring \$2 for supper!

**Agape Adult Bible Fellowship Class (College & Career) -**

Friday, April 7-Saturday, April 8 - Spring service trip to Columbus. Sign up with Pastor David or Dan & Barb Steiner. We will leave the church at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7, and return late afternoon on Saturday, April 8. Cost is \$30.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Facing Darkness** a Samaritan's Purse film will be shown one day only on Thursday, March 30, in Lima and Findlay theaters. The movie takes you into the fight against the Ebola pandemic in West Africa. This film features Dr. Kent Brantly, Franklin Graham, Nancy Writebol, and other Samaritan's Purse team members who with determination and prayer witnessed God perform miracles.

**The Thursday men's prayer group** will be traveling to Elida on Thursday, March 30, to pray at the Converge prayer rally. Prayer rally begins at 6:00 p.m. at Elida Fieldhouse. Please contact Paul Burkholder at 419-969-4170 or Tim Diller at 567-242-9357 with any questions.