



April 2, 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 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.** 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-Joe Martin *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*  
*The Burden of Sin*  
*Scripture: Pastor Jim*  
*Special Music: Brent Zimmerman*
- 11:30 a.m.** Youth Missions Trip Meeting *(FH)*
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting *(103)*
- 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)*

**Please welcome** our guest speaker today, Joe Martin of Runnin'N Gunnin' Productions, a hunting show on YouTube and HuntTv with tree and bay dogs. Joe spoke at the Wild Game Event held last evening.

### ~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

**In the Hospital:** Max Rodabaugh, Bluffton Hospital.

**College Spring Service Trip:** College students/young adults leave for Columbus Friday, April 7, and return Saturday, April 8.

### ~ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Planning to attend the Easter SonRise Breakfast:

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Plan now to attend** the SonRise Breakfast on Sunday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m. Fill in the number attending on the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary and place in the offering plate or sign up in the Missions Center.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon this 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.

**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.

**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.

**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

**BBQ Chicken Dinners:** St. John Mennonite Church is having a BBQ chicken dinner on Sunday, May 7, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. You may dine in or carry out. Tickets will be on sale for \$8 in the Missions Center on April 9, 23, and 30. The meal includes half a chicken, green beans, apple sauce, butter roll, and drink. The money will help send Rally Point's youth to summer camps and a mission trip. See Bev Stockman for more information.

**The Trustees** are 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. today.

### ~ 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)*
- May 20** Wild Game Trap Shoot *(8:30 a.m., outside field)*
- 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)*

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on March 26:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	237
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	374
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	105

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~ THANK YOU ~

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**Ebenezer Mennonite Church:** Your financial partnership has helped interrupt the hurt of young people with the love of Jesus being shared with many for the first time. Our desire is, through this partnership with YFC, that we will all grow in our relationship with God. Your support is not only giving life to a new-believing young person but also is giving life to your story! It is our privilege to have faithful partners like EMC serving alongside us. – *Thank you, Don & Ann Leader and the staff of YFC of NWOH*

**I would like to give** a great big thank you to the wonderful ladies that planned and hosted my surprise birthday party. Thank you to all the guests that came and brought cards for me to enjoy. You are all a blessing, a 95 year old gets a lot of perks and I love you all! May God richly bless you and keep you! A “million” thanks! - *Trudy Baber*

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center: Ralph & Melba Gerber  
Missions Center: Wes Brauen, Jacob Schutz*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 3-9**

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Ladies' Bible Study ( <i>Sanctuary Foyer</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Family Supper ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Prayer Time for Families ( <i>103</i> ) Women's War Room ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer ( <i>103</i> ) Children's Ministries ( <i>Various Classrooms</i> ) Junior High Wednesday Night ( <i>117</i> ) Ladies' Book Study ( <i>Schoolhouse</i> ) Men's Bible Study ( <i>Sanctuary Overflow</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Bread of Life Ministries ( <i>Church Kitchen</i> ) Junior High and High School Dodgeball ( <i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Prayer Time ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) Young Adult Small Group ( <i>Jaden &amp; Amber August's home</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Parent's Night Out ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Cup of Grace ( <i>103</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship ( <i>Various Classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&amp;5 year olds-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Wild Game Com. Meeting ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir & Actors ( <i>Grades 1-6, CMC</i> )
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Junior High/High School Small Groups ( <i>Schoolhouse</i> ) Small Groups ( <i>Kings, Lemleys</i> ) Women's Ministries Com. Meeting ( <i>115</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 9 ~

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***The Infant and Toddler Nursery:***

Josh & Heidi Steiner, Sarah & Jacob Lehman

***The Good News Hour:*** Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Krista Lehman,  
Marti & Melina Meza, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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***Junior High and High School Students***

*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***

*Today:* 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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***Disciple Singers Choir*** will present their spring musical called Kidz Under Construction on Sunday morning, April 30, at 10:15 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Join the Kids Crew Cast as they deliver breaking news and behind-the-scenes coverage of the New Site Community Church construction project. As the team works hard to finish the construction of the church, problems arise. However, throughout the process, they learn how to build their lives in a way that pleases God and how to trust in His plan. This construction-based musical is filled with biblical principles that demonstrate the importance of building our lives on the strong foundation of Christ's truth and love. We are also sharing the truth of God's love, His grace, and His “Master Plan” for each of our lives. Everyone is welcome. Please invite your family and friends!