

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 _____

~ GRADUATION INFORMATION ~

Just fill in the information needed below or e-mail the church office at: info@ebenezermennonite.org. Thank you!

Student Name: _____
Date/Time: _____
High School/College: _____
Degree (if applicable): _____

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 – 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.

Bluffton University's 2017 Spring Instrumental Concert will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 23, in Yoder Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public. The concert, under the direction of Dr. Roy Couch, will feature the concert band, wind chamber ensembles, and a special combined piece.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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)
Congregational Meeting (10:15 a.m., CMC)
May 4 National Day of Prayer Event (7:00 p.m., 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)
July 9-17 High School Students (Toronto, Canada)
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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April 16, 2017

Ebenezer Emissary

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Ebenezer as we celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

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 ~

- 7:30 a.m.** Easter SonRise Service (CMC)
8:30 a.m. Easter SonRise Breakfast (CMC)
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. Easter Worship Service – Pastor Jim
(Crossroads Ministry Center)
From Duty to Delight
Scripture: Kathy Brauen
*Special Music: Sarah Lehman, Kara Zink,
Kevin Gratz, Sam Brauen*
No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service

2017 Church Directories are now ready and will be handed out today by the ushers following the Morning Worship Gathering.



Living Crosses: Women's Ministries invites you to place flowers on the crosses in the Crossroads Ministry Center foyer to celebrate Easter, life created anew through Christ. As you place a flower, reflect on the beautiful gift we have been given, praise God for His victory, and pray for a loved one.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 9:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	298
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	442
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	113

Giving on April 9:

\$10,713.97

Benevolent Fund	80.00
Building Fund	395.00
Christian Education Fund	683.82
General Fund	6,875.15
Missions Fund	2,660.00
New Building Fund	20.00

~MATTHEW 28: 5-10~

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Carrol Reichenbach. Carrol, mother of Sharon Shoemaker, passed away Wednesday, April 12. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 17 at Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services, Bluffton. Visitation will be Monday, April 17 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. at the funeral home.

~ THANK YOU ~

We want to thank you for your prayers, notes, cards, concern, and Bibles to the Gideon ministry on behalf of my sister, Roberta Chesebro, who recently passed away. Your remembrances have been an encouragement and blessing to us. May the Lord richly bless you all as well. – *Pastor Dick and Cheryl*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Rhody Hartman, Arlene Garmatter
Missions Center: Chad Veit

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 17-23

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

Monday	6:00 p.m.	Legacy & Investment Committee (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.	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
		Junior High and High School Dodgeball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
		Young Adult Small Group (Jaden & Amber August's home)
		Deacons Meeting (103)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
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)
		Disciple Singers' Choir (FH)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	11:30 a.m.	Wild Game Com. 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)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 23 ~

The Infant and Toddler Nursery: Tammy Whitlow, Karlyn Holt, John & Jamie Shaw

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

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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!

Mothers Day Chicken BBQ: Sunday, May 14, we can all make our mothers happy with some great chicken and no cooking. At the same time, you will be helping send the youth group to serve in Toronto. You can reserve your BBQ now through Sunday, May 7. If you have any questions or desire to reserve your chicken dinners, call or text Pastor David at 567-204-9777 or e-mail at david.glick@ebenezymennonite.org. Donations only when you pick up your meals.

The Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio newsletter, The Vine, is available in the Missions Center. This issue is dedicated to the more than 400 volunteers who share generously of their time, talents, and energy to make the lives of the elders living at MHCO brighter.

Calling all Fishermen: Sign-up for the Fishing Charter at Fisherman's Wharf with Irish Drifters Charters on June 10, 2017 from 7 a.m.–2 p.m. before we get filled up! The cost is \$35/person and includes all bait. To sign up, contact Pastor Dick Potter here at the church or at 567-204-0647.

~ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 30 ~

The Christian Education Committee will present a proposal to purchase and install a large playground set east of the maintenance building. The new playground has the support of the Deacons and Trustees. Motion to be voted on: "The Trustees move that the congregation accept the proposed plans of Christian Education for the large playground set to be installed east of the maintenance building. The proposed cost of the project is budgeted at \$17,000.00 which will be paid for out of the Building Fund."