

April 30, 2017

Ebenezer Emissary



The Disciple Singers' Choir will present their spring musical called *Kidz Under Construction* this morning. 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. The choir will also share about His grace and His "Master Plan" for each of our lives.

If you are visiting today 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. Please 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)*
Note: Children welcome to attend musical
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering *(CMC)*
Disciple Singers' Musical, *Kidz Under Construction*
- 11:30 a.m.** Congregational Meeting *(CMC)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Junior High/High School Small Groups *(Schoolhouse)*
Small Groups *(Kings, Lemleys)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Ken & Andrea (Wernz) Miller who were united in marriage yesterday Saturday, April 29, in Cincinnati. Their new address will be 8568 Wexford Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

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): _____

Holy Land Study Tour 2018 with Dr. Bur Shilling, February 25-March 9. If you are interested in this 13-Day Biblical adventure please contact Pastor Jim or plan to attend an informational meeting next Sunday, May 7, following the Morning Worship Gathering in Room 103.

2017 Church Directories are available in the Missions Center and on the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

Cheese Sale is Back! The youth will be selling Pearl Valley Cheese on Sundays, May 7 & 14. No preorders. We will have mozzarella, Colby, baby Swiss, and mild Swiss. Each package is 12 oz. Limit of five packages on May 7 per family, on May 14 no limit. Suggested donation of \$5 per package! All funds go to the summer youth trip to Toronto.

The family of Carrol Reichenbach thanks you for your kind expressions of sympathy, prayers, cards, and visits. – *Jim & Sharon (Reichenbach) Shoemaker and family*

Mother's 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 desire to reserve your chicken dinners, call or text Pastor David at 567-204-9777 or e-mail at david.glick@ebenezer mennonite.org. Donations only when you pick up your meals.

High School and College Graduate Recognition Sunday is Sunday, May 28, during the morning Worship Gathering at 10:15. Please fill out the Graduation Information on the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary and place in the offering plate or e-mail the church office at info@ebenezermennonite.org. Thank you!

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

Calling all Fishermen: Sign up for the Fishing Charter at Fisherman's Wharf with Irish Drifters Charters on June 10, 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 419-358-8588 or at 567-204-0647.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- May 14** Mother's Day Chicken BBQ *(CMC)*
- May 20** Wild Game Trap Shoot *(8:30 a.m., outside field)*
- June 3** High School & Agape *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- June 4-9** Vacation Bible School
- June 10** Wild Game Fishing Charter *(Fisherman's Wharf)*
- June 11-17** Middle School 1 *(Miracle Camp, Grades 5-7)*
- June 18-24** Junior High 1 *(Miracle Camp, Grades 6-8)*
- June 24** Wild Game Trap Shoot *(outside field)*
- June 25-July 1** Senior High 1 *(Miracle Camp, Grades 9-12)*
- July 9-17** High School Students *(Toronto, Canada)*
- July 21-23** Family Camp *(Deer Creek Park)*
- July 30-Aug. 2** Grade School 3 Half Week *(Miracle Camp, Grades2-4)*
- July 30-Aug. 5** Grade School 2 Full Week *(Miracle Camp, Grades2-4)*
- Jan. 12-14** Junior High Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*
- Feb. 23-25** High School Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 23:

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| Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship | (9:00 a.m.) | 274 |
| Morning Worship Gathering | (10:15 a.m.) | 442 |

~ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY ~

The Christian Education Committee will present a proposal, following the Morning Worship Gathering, 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.”

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Donita Luginbill & Jean Reichenbach
Missions Center: Janie Wireman

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 1-7

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

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| Tuesday | 6:30 a.m. | Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Engage Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>) |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | Game Time (<i>FH</i>) |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>) |
| | 7:05 p.m. | Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>) |
| | 8:30 p.m. | Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>) Junior High and High School Dodgeball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>) |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | National Day of Prayer Program (<i>CMC</i>) |
| Saturday | 7:00 p.m. | New to Ebenezer ABF (<i>Lima Rescue Home</i>) |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Safe Sanctuary Training (<i>FH</i>) Sunday School & ABF Leadership Communication (<i>Various Classrooms</i>) |
| | 10:00 a.m. | The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11</i>) |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>) |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Leadership Communication Session (<i>FH</i>) Holy Land Trip Meeting (<i>103</i>) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Trustee Meeting (<i>103</i>) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Junior High/High School Small Groups (<i>Schoolhouse</i>) Small Groups (<i>Kings, Lemleys</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) |

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 7 ~

The Infant and Toddler Nursery:

Sue Epp, Deb Hilty, Gail Schantz, Tammy Whitlow

The Good News Hour:

Kathy & Cassandra Bishop, Lillian Burkholder, Ashley Fry,
Traci Heinze, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl

Update on Cemetery Restoration Project: Last fall Homiers Monumental replaced and set 40 old cemetery markers. Recently, 15 gravestone markers were purchased and placed to identify plots of unidentifiable old stones. – *Trustees*

BBQ Chicken Dinners: Today is the last day that tickets will be sold for St. John Mennonite Church's BBQ chicken dinner. The dinner is on Sunday, May 7, from 11:30-1:30. Tickets are \$8.00. The money will help send the Rally Point youth to summer camps and a mission trip. See Bev Stockman for more information.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, May 2, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Jeff Allison, “Medicine of tomorrow; Trends for the future” will speak. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Speaking Swiss: You are invited to a "Swiss Speak" meeting on Tuesday, May 2, at 3:00 p.m. at Maple Crest in Bluffton. Hear the Bernese Swiss being spoken and talked about.

~ NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THIS THURSDAY, MAY 4 ~

Please take time today to stop by the display at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center to sign up to pray for one-half hour during the 24 hours of the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 4. As you sign up, you will receive a bookmark and a prayer guide with prayer points to assist you in your prayer time. Also, please invite a friend and attend our special National Day of Prayer program at 7:00 Thursday evening in the Crossroads Ministry Center. There will be a variety of persons leading us as we lift up in prayer our nation, our community, and many other prayer focus points. The program will include special music led by our worship team, a color guard led by our local cub scouts and boy scouts, and special guests Teresa Fuhrman calling us to prayer with her shofar, Judge David Rodabaugh and businessman Tom Ahl. - *Sponsored by the Prayer Action Team Committee*

~ ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP NEWS ~

Leadership Communication to the ABF Classes is scheduled next Sunday, May 7. The Genesis and Maranatha classes will be combined in the Sanctuary. The Agape (college & career) and the High School classes will meet in the schoolhouse. All other classes will meet in their regular classrooms. A session for those who may not be able to attend during the Sunday School hour are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall following the Morning Worship Gathering that Sunday.