

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@ebenezymennonite.org. Thank you!

Student Name: _____

Date/Time: _____

High School/College: _____

Degree (if applicable): _____

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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 VBS Teacher/Volunteer Training (Sanctuary)

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, Grades 2-4)

July 30-Aug. 5 Grade School 2 Full Week (Miracle Camp, Grades 2-4)

Aug. 4,5,6 Dinner Theatre

Jan. 12-14 Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)

Feb. 23-25 High School Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)

Titus 1:1-4 (NIV)

¹Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—²in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, ³and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior, ⁴To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

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 at the church 419-358-8588 or at 567-204-0647.

~ AVAILABLE IN THE MISSIONS CENTER ~

Ready-made welcome postcards and also smaller cards with all the church contact information you can use to invite someone to worship. What a blessing a postcard in the mail can be!

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May 7, 2017

Ebenezer Emissary

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. Safe Sanctuary Training (FH)
Sunday School & ABF Leadership Communication
(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)

New Member Reception: Jaden & Amber August,

Dean & Deb Klingler, Mitch Lhamon,

Andy & Karna Marquart, Skyler Noble,

Christian & Amy Schedler, Makayla Smith,

Rich Streicher, Tammy Whitlow

Special Music: Mary Glick

11:30 a.m. Leadership Communication Session (FH)
Holy Land Trip Meeting (103)

6:30 p.m. Junior High/High School Small Groups
(Schoolhouse)

Small Groups Combined (Kings)

7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

Leadership Communication in the ABF Classes today. 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. Sessions 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.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 30:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	258
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	407
Congregational Meeting	(11:30 a.m.)	179
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	47

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Thelma Bucher. Thelma, the sister of Dortha Gratz, passed away on Monday, May 1. A memorial service was held on Friday, May 5, at Pandora United Methodist Church.

Motion was made to approve the purchase of playground equipment. The vote taken Sunday, April 30, was done with the Robert's Rules of Order in place as our constitution states for a congregational meeting. So with 88 yes and 56 no, it passed as majority rules. In addition: The Trustees would like to apologize for any misinformation about the voting results.

Donations for Playground: If you are interested in assisting with the cost of the new playground equipment, please give to the Building Fund and designate "Playground" on your donation. Thank you!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Richard & Gera Bixel
Missions Center: Steve & Doneta Reigle

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 8-14

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

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary) Young Adult Small Group (Jaden & Amber August's home)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
Friday	5:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out (until 9:00 p.m., 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)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	11:30 a.m.	Mother's Day BBQ (pick up in kitchen)
		No Evening Fellowship Service

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 14 ~

The Infant and Toddler Nursery:
Ella Badertscher, Crystal Hanna, Kevin & Melissa Hilty
The Good News Hour:
Jaden & Amber August, Ben & Sarah Bergstrand,
Karna Marquart, Marti & Melina Meza

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 attend an informational meeting today following the Morning Worship Gathering in Room 103

Infant nursery will be closed until after Vacation Bible School week. Infants and toddlers will be combined in the Toddler nursery.

Note to Trustees: There will be no Trustee meeting today. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 4, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Mike Hilty.

Cheese Sale: The youth are selling Pearl Valley Cheese today and next Sunday, 14. We have mozzarella, Colby, baby Swiss, and mild Swiss. Each package is 12 oz. Limit of five packages today per family, on May 14 no limit. Suggested donation of \$5 per package! All funds go to the summer youth trip to Toronto.

Parents' Night Out: Youth will be providing childcare on Saturday, May 12, from 5-9 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Sign up your family with Hanné Burkholder at 567-204-4772. All donations will go towards the summer youth trip to Journey Church, Toronto Canada (July 9-17).

Last day to order Mother's Day Chicken BBQ for next Sunday, May 14. We can all make our mothers happy with some great chicken and no cooking. You can reserve your BBQ today in the Missions Center, call or text Pastor David at 567-204-9777, or e-mail at david.glick@ebenezermennonite.org. Donations only when you pick up your meals. All donations will help the youth group to serve at Journey Church in Toronto, Canada.

~ HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES ~

Graduate Recognition Sunday is 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

Vacation Bible School teacher/volunteer training will be held Sunday, June 4, at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All those volunteering for VBS need to attend this training. Donuts will be provided.