

May 28, 2017

# Ebenezer Emissary



Welcome to this service of worship. We remember this weekend, with reverence and thanksgiving, those who gave their lives for our country. Above all, we remember him whose love includes people of all nations, our Lord Jesus who gave his life for all of us. May the remembrance of His death bring reconciliation and peace.

Make yourself at home, you are among friends who would love for you to be part of the family! 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.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School Meet the Teacher & 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 & Graduates (*CMC*)  
*Live in a New Way-Scatter: Devoted to Doing Good*  
*Graduate Recognition Sunday*  
*Scripture: Nicki Biery*  
*Prayer: Brittany Good*  
*Special Music: Janice Althaus*

**\*\*No Evening Fellowship Service\*\***

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

**Our sympathy** to the family of Carol Groman. Carol, the mother of Darrell, passed away on Monday, May 22. A memorial service was held on Friday at St. John’s United Church of Christ, Bluffton.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Beginning in June**, and through the months of July and August, the Bluffton/Pandora Swiss Community Historical Society will be open for self-guided or docent led tours every Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Schumacher Homestead located at 8350 Bixel Road. More information is available on Facebook at Swiss Community Historical Society or contact Gary Wetherill 419-358-1049; wetherillgl@bluffton.edu.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- June 4-9** Vacation Bible School (*6:30 – 9:00 p.m.*)
- 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 21-Aug. 23** Connections Small Group (*7:05 p.m., Bluffton McDonald’s*)
- June 24** Wild Game Trap Shoot (*outside field*)
- June 25-July 1** Senior High 1 (*Miracle Camp, Grades 9-12*)
- July 9-16** 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 – *The Service at Rocky Bluff*
- Aug. 13** Baptism Service (*6:30 p.m., Elnora Stratton’s Pond, 6121 Bentley Road*)
- Jan. 12-14** Junior High Ice Camp (*Miracle Camp*)
- Feb. 23-25** High School Ice Camp (*Miracle Camp*)

**Day for Fishing!** 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.

**Vertical Church Band** with Lysa Terkeurst on Wednesday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Women’s Ministries are inviting all ladies to sign up in the Missions Center if you would like to ride along in the van. General Admission is \$10 (group of 10 or more), doors open at 6:45 p.m. We will have more information to follow.

**Congratulations to our 2017 Graduates**

**Apollo/Bluffton – May 27**

Daniel Huber, Kyle Kirkendall

**Arlington High School – May 28**

Lauren Willow

**Bluffton High School – May 27**

Jadyn Barhorst, Emily Bish, Alton Burkholder,  
Daniel Klingler, Brooke Koontz, Emily Metzger, Levi Mikesell

Jayme Siefer, Levi Smith

**Cory Rawson – May 21**

Nicole Biery, Chloe Garmatter

**Pandora-Gilboa – May 21**

Connor Dawson, Brittany Reigle

**Bluffton University – May 7**

Julie Althaus – *Bachelor of Arts, Food and Nutrition*  
Josiah Conley – *Bachelor of Arts, Social Studies*  
Alissa Garmatter – *Bachelor of Arts, Food and Nutrition*  
Brittany Good – *Bachelor of Arts, Accounting, Math Minor*

**Indiana Wesleyan University – April 29**

Nathaniel Diller – *Bachelor of Science, Athletic Training*

**Ohio State University – May 7**

Alexis Lugibihl – *Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice*  
Michael Sheehan – *Bachelor of Science, Biology*

**Rhodes State University – May 6**

Skyler Noble – *Associates Degree, Criminal Justice*

**University of Dayton – Summer 2017**

Cory Hilty – *Masters in Education in Educational Leadership*

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on May 21:**

Promotion Sunday Activities	(9:00 a.m.)	271
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	393
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	38

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~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS ~

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**Volunteers are still needed** 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. A table with food donations and sign-up forms is in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. #builtforapurpose

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

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Crossroads Ministry Center: Mike & Deb Hilty  
Missions Center: Hanné Burkholder

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 29-JUNE 4

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>** Memorial Day – Church Offices Closed **</b>
<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>6:00 p.m.</b> Connections Small Group ( <i>Home of Tim &amp; Bev Stockman</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> )
<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>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> High School & Agape ( <i>Lima Rescue Home</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship ( <i>Various Classrooms</i> )
	VBS ( <i>Teacher/Volunteer Training Sanctuary</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>5:00 p.m.</b> Trustee Meeting ( <i>Home of Mike Hilty</i> )
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Vacation Bible School ( <i>until 9:00 p.m.</i> )
	<b>** No Evening Fellowship Service **</b>

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 4 ~

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

Sue Epp, Deb Hilty, Olivia Spallinger, Megan Walker

***The Good News Hour:***

Kathy & Cassandra Bishop, Mary Glick, Traci Heinze,  
John & Jaime Shaw, Aubrey Snider

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**Miracle Camp Reminder:** After registering online at <http://www.miraclecamp.com/> please sign up at the Information Center in the Missions Center so we can arrange transportation and approve scholarships. Middle School Campers will leave just two weeks from today!

**Thanks to all who purchased cheese.** We still have Pearl Valley mozzarella and mild Swiss left. A \$5 suggested donation for a 12 oz. package. All funds go to the summer youth trip to Toronto.

**High School Toronto trip meeting** on Sunday, June 21, in the schoolhouse. Volunteers will meet from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Students 7:00-8:00 p.m.



***You are invited to an open house for:***

**Brittany Reigle – Today (4-8 p.m.)**

*Crossroads Ministry Center*

**Levi Smith - Today (2-5 p.m.)**

*Bluffton Campus Life Room (111 W. College Ave.)*

**Daniel Huber – June 3 (3-6 p.m.)**

*Crossroads Ministry Center*

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Join us this summer** as our Connections small group dives into the book “Crossing the Waters,” winner of the 2017 Christianity Today Book of the Year for Christian Living. The author is Leslie Leyland Fields. In the book, she’ll cross the waters of time and culture to take us out on the Sea of Galilee, through a rugged season of commercial fishing with her family in Alaska, and through the waters of the New Testament. This small group will be a ten-week series, beginning Wednesday, June 21, through Wednesday, August 23. We’ll meet at the Bluffton McDonald’s at 7:05 p.m. I can order a book for you for \$10. - *Pastor Jim King*

**Reminder to all ladies:** Women’s Ministry needs you! Please fill out a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R6NSYQJ> or a paper survey available in the Missions Center. We would appreciate your feedback! Please complete the survey by the end of May and give to a member of Women’s Ministry. - *Thanks, Julie McKanna, Kelli Foster, Jaime Shaw, Lisa Shadle, Emily Koogler, Christina Lemley, & Tammy Whitlow*

**Note to Trustees:** Our next scheduled meeting is Sunday, June 4, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Mike Hilty.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on Tuesday, June 6, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Lynn LaRue will perform, *Melodies on the Harmonica*. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the bulletin boards.