

June 25, 2017

Ebenezer Emissary



We welcome you to worship this Sunday with sincere joy! 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 & Adult Bible Fellowship
(Various Classrooms)
- 10:00 a.m.** Senior High 1 *(Miracle Camp, Grades 9-12)*
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)*
Teach Us to Pray – Pray like Moses
Scripture & Prayer: Jared Lehman
Special Music: Jean Bash
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Group-*Teach Us to Pray (Bluffton McDonald's)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*

~ CAMP NEWS ~

Senior High 1 – Grades 9-12 (June 25-July 1)

Olivia Amstutz	Kassandra Bishop	Kaitlyn Clymer
Elijah Conley	Leah Conley	Ashley Eachus
Ben Eiden	Tayton Kleman	Grant Klinger
Connor Lee	Darrien Lim	Julia Smallcombe
Maria Spallinger	Olivia Spallinger	Jeremy Sturgeon
Caity Zimmerman		

Driving to camp: Joel & Jodi Conley, Jeff & Leah Eiden
Driving home: Wes & Mandy Klinger, Coral & Nathan Lamb

My dear Ebenezer church family,

Grace and peace to you...I thank God for you...your faith and love...is increasing – 2 Thessalonians 1:2-3.

By God’s grace you have given me with my family the honor of serving you in India as your missionary; in America as your Senior Pastor and Pastor Emeritus, (from November 1991). Thank you for this long history of confidence and generous support. To God be the glory!

My family and I have observed the decline in my health and mobility over the past several months. We have come to the conclusion this is the time to make some adjustments in my care and residence. It was long ago planned that when this would be needed, Beth Baker, my eldest, and her husband, Gordon, would take responsibility for my care and hospitality, and I will be transitioning to their home in Pekin, Illinois in early July. Pastor Dale and my daughter, Ruth Seefeldt, have been gracious caregivers, and I am thankful for them and their love.

Yes, I will miss being with you all, your families, the church, the community, along with all the great times of celebration, and the hard times of disappointment, sickness, and sorrow. I carry with me cherished memories of many years together. Thank you, God; thank you, Ebenezer Mennonite families! It is not “goodbye,” but, “until we meet again.”

For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when He comes? Is it not you? Indeed you are our glory and joy.”
1 Thessalonians 2:19-20.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen!
1 Thessalonians 5:28.

With love and prayer, Rev. Charles Warren, Pastor Emeritus.

Gratitude for Pastor Warren: Next Sunday, July 2, a basket will be available in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer for you to place a card or note of gratitude, memory, prayer, or best wishes for our dear Pastor Warren as he relocates to Illinois. We are certain he will very much enjoy and treasure these keepsakes from you. Pastor Warren’s new address will be: 1924 Liberty Court, Pekin, IL 61554.

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 _____

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- July 2** FaithFull Singles Luncheon *(11:30 a.m., FH)*
- July 9-16** High School Students *(Toronto, Canada)*
- July 21-23** Family Camp *(Deer Creek Park)*
- July 27** Ladies Mystery Dinner *(meet at church at 5:15 p.m., will go to Hollander On Main in Lima)*
- July 29** Wild Game Trap Shoot *(outside field)*
- 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)*
- Aug. 4,5,6** Dinner Theatre – *The Service at Rocky Bluff*
(6:00 p.m. each night, CMC)
- Aug. 13** Baptism Service *(6:30 p.m.)*
- Jan. 12-14** Junior High Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*
- Feb. 23-25** High School Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*

~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on June 18:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	232
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	363
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	22

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Scheduled Surgery: Barb McClurg, tomorrow at Blanchard Valley Hospital.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Parents' Night Out: Youth will be providing childcare on Friday, June 30, 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).

The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and *all* singles age 50 and older to our gathering scheduled for next Sunday, July 2. A luncheon will be provided following the morning Worship Gathering. A Life Flight representative will join us and share some of their experiences.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Marvin & Karen Garmatter

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 26-JULY 2

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

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i>
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group <i>(Bluffton McDonald's)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i> Missions 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> Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i> Junior High Summer Session <i>(Schoolhouse)</i>
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group <i>(Bluffton McDonald's)</i>
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Engage Committee Meeting <i>(103)</i> Men's Prayer Time <i>(Sanctuary)</i> Young Adult Small Group <i>(Jaden & Amber August's home)</i>
	8:45 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball <i>(CMC)</i>
Friday	5:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out <i>(until 9:00 p.m., CMC)</i>
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship <i>(Various Classrooms)</i>
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour <i>(2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)</i>
	10:15 a.m.	Worship & Communion Service <i>(CMC)</i>
	11:30 a.m.	FaithFull Singles Luncheon <i>(FH)</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting <i>(103)</i>
	6:30 p.m.	Small Group- <i>Teach Us to Pray</i> <i>(Bluffton McDonald's)</i> Youth Volunteer Toronto Trip Meeting <i>(Schoolhouse)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service <i>(Sanctuary)</i> Youth Toronto Trip Meeting <i>(Schoolhouse)</i>

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 2 ~

The Infant and Toddler Nursery:

Sue Epp, Mary Glick, Gail Schantz, Tammy Whitlow

The Good News Hour: Lillian Burkholder, Ashley Fry,
Traci Heinze, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

~ DINNER THEATRE NEWS ~

The Service at Rocky Bluff a two-act musical comedy, by Scott Icenhower, is the biennial Dinner Theatre presented by the Ebenezer Drama Ensemble in the Crossroads Ministry Center August 4, 5, 6. Tickets sales begin July 9, at 8:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10 and include dinner at 6:00 and the show at 7:00 each evening. A genuinely funny and tender play with plenty of familiar songs, like *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*, *The Unclouded Day*, *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*, *A Wonderful time Up There*, *I'll Fly Away*, and many more. The cast includes Kara Zink, Mary Glick, Sarah Lehman, Sam Brauen, Shawn Stevens, and Kevin Gratz. Band members are Janie Wireman, Roger Rhodes, Ray Harner, and Dave Brauen. A portion of the proceeds will be given to our Small Town Super Hero: Owen Weaver.
