

July 2, 2017



# Ebenezer Emissary

***We welcome you to worship! 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.** The Good News Hour *(2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship & Communion Service – Pastor Jim *(CMC)*  
*Teach Us to Pray – Pray like Hannah*  
*Scripture & Prayer: Pastor Dale*  
*Special Music: Jammie Halker*
- 11:30 a.m.** FaithFull Singles Luncheon *(FH)*  
Youth/Parent Toronto Meeting *(Schoolhouse)*
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting *(103)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Group *(Pastor Jim's home)*  
Youth Volunteer Toronto Trip Meeting  
*(Schoolhouse)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Youth Toronto Trip Meeting *(Schoolhouse)*

**Gratitude for Pastor Warren:** A basket is available in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer today 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, and his phone number is 309-397-4070.

**Scheduled Surgery:** Jim Bish, tomorrow at Lima Memorial Hospital.

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

**For those newer to our fellowship** and college age are invited to stay for lunch shortly after the Worship Gathering Sunday, August 27. This is an opportunity to get to know one another better! Lunch will be provided all we need is you! Contact Pastor Jim at jim.king@ebenezermennonite.org if you have any questions.

**~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~**

- 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.)*
- Aug. 27** Engage Luncheon *(11:30 a.m., CMC)*
- Jan. 12-14** Junior High Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*
- Feb. 23-25** High School Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*

### 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.*

**~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~**

**Ebenezer Mennonite Church**

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on June 25:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	244
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	359
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	22

**White Christmas in July:** The month of July is the time to remember and honor our Ebenezer-member missionaries with our White Christmas giving. This annual offering is to help make Christmas a little more special for our missionaries. Please use the small envelope that was inserted in the Emissary last Sunday for your gift and place in the offering plate. There are extra envelopes in the Missions Center at the Information Counter. (Since Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS, no tax-deductible receipts will be issued.) - *The Missions Committee*

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Jerry & Vickie Cartwright  
*Missions Center:* Dave & Lydia Huber

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 3-9

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

- Tuesday** \*Church office closed \*Fourth of July Holiday\*
- 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)  
Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)  
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)
- 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)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 9 ~

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

Brett & Kylie Baxter, Grant & Emily Warner

***The Good News Hour:***

Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Kathy & Cassandra Bishop,  
Karna Marquart, Marti & Melina Meza

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~ AVAILABLE IN THE MISSIONS CENTER ~

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**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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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Today:** The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and **all** singles age 50 and older to a luncheon following the morning Worship Gathering. Aaron Antrim, a representative from Life Flight, will join us and share some of his experiences and how God has worked through this medical ministry in the lives of the patients it serves as well as in the lives of those who provide the emergency services.



**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, Raymond Harner, and Dave Brauen. A portion of the proceeds will be given to our Small Town Super Hero: Owen Weaver.

**Assistant Receptionist/Secretary:** We are searching for a person to provide vacation and sick-time relief for Deb Hilty. This person needs to be proficient with telephone communication, computer applications including Word and Excel, scheduling, database entry, and e-mail correspondence. Stop by Kathy Brauen's office to pick up a job description and job application. Thank you to Deb Huber who has so ably filled this position over the past few years.



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***Dinner Theatre News***

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**Ticket sales  
begin next  
Sunday, July 9, at  
8:00 a.m. in the  
Missions Center**