

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### I am interested in information on:

- Ebenezer Mennonite Church     Baptism     Membership
- Child dedication     Getting involved in ministry
- Joining a small group     Prayer requests \_\_\_\_\_

**Hope for Congo:** On Sunday, August 13, following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall, we have the opportunity to hear from Brad Graber (former Ebenezer youth pastor) and Leonard Kiswangi, (representative from *Hope for Congo, Providing Hope to the Next Generation*). Lunch will be provided, so if you plan to attend please contact Barb Steiner at [dlbasteiner@twc.com](mailto:dlbasteiner@twc.com) before Tuesday, August 8.

**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@ebenezer mennonite.org](mailto:jim.king@ebenezer mennonite.org) if you have any questions.

#### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Aug. 11** Berean ABF Class Party (5:30 p.m., Maple Crest)
- Aug. 13** Baptism Service (6:30 p.m., Elnora Stratton's Pond, 6121 Bentley Road)
- 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)
- July 27-29** Family Camp 2018 (Whitewater Memorial State Park, Indiana)

#### ~ THANK YOU ~

**Dear Ebenezer Church:** Thank you for your generous VBS offering donation to Echo Ranch Bible Camp to help with building the new chapel! This new chapel will help us tell more children about Jesus! Thank you for sharing! – *God bless you, Echo Ranch Staff*

#### HELP FOR THE BLUFFTON COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Bluffton Area Food Pantry has distributed food and other essential supplies to approximately 50 area families this summer. The pantry's supplies are running a bit low and could use some reinforcements, according to Ed Yeager, board president of the Bluffton Community Assistance Program. Items may be delivered to St. John's United Church of Christ in Bluffton. You can drop off donations anytime here at Ebenezer in the blue tub that is located under the coat rack across from the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for considering these needs. Below is a list of items the food pantry welcomes as donations:

- *Personal items:* lotions, creams, hair care products, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bath and soft soaps
- *Paper items:* paper towels, toilet paper, tissue paper, napkins
- Breakfast cereals and instant oatmeal
- Macaroni and cheese
- Chunky soups – Progresso, Campbells
- SpaghettiOs and similar canned foods
- Canned peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, and fruit cocktail
- Canned meats, including tuna, chicken, beef, and pork
- Hamburger and tuna helper
- Crackers, cookies, and cake mixes
- Spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce
- Baked Beans
- Peanut butter
- Rice and Noodles
- Jello and pudding mixes
- Tortillas and salsa
- NO canned green beans, corn, or peas are needed at this time.

*The pantry is grateful to the Bluffton community and churches for being willing to pitch in and help out when help is needed. – Ed Yeager*



July 30, 2017

# Ebenezer Emissary

#### ~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Week 1 - ABF Elective (Room 115)  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship  
(Various Classrooms)
- 10:00 a.m.** Grade School 3 Half Week (Miracle Camp, Grades2-4)  
Grade School 2 Full Week (Miracle Camp, Grades2-4)  
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 Daniel*  
*Toronto, Canada Youth Service Report*  
*Scripture: Pastor David*  
*Special Music: Mary Glick*
- 11:30 a.m.** Baptism Class (Schoolhouse)
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Group–*Teach Us to Pray* (Pastor Jim & Pat's home)
- 7:00 p.m.** Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)  
Trustee Meeting (103)

#### ~ CAMP NEWS ~

##### Grade School 2

##### July 30 – August 5

Isaiah Ansley  
Declan Dunifon  
Adam Fritsch  
Cora Hovest  
Ava Huffman  
Ty Huffman  
Eli Lehman  
Micah Lemley  
Xavier Navarro  
Lily Schneck  
Wilson Steiner  
Calvin Willow

##### Grade School 3

##### July 30 - August 2

Zach Adkins  
Judah Keller  
Lyla Schneck  
Ethan Suter  
Isaac Yoder  
Zane Yoder

*Sarah Schutz will be serving as a camp aide from July 30 - August 12.*

*Driving to camp: July 30*

*Barry & Mandy Schneck  
Josh & Heidi Steiner*

*Driving from camp: August 2 - Dennis & Pat Bassett*

*Driving from camp: August 5 - Jason & Kim Fritsch*

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on July 23:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	135
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	281
Family Camp Weekend at Deer Creek Park		92

**White Christmas in July:** Today is the last Sunday 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. There are small envelopes in the Missions Center at the Information Counter for your gift and may be placed in the offering plate. (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: Bart & Joy Moser  
Missions Center: Kathy Brauen

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 31-AUGUST 6

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
		Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
		Young Adult Small Group (Jaden & Amber August's home)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre (CMC)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre (CMC)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (Various Classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Baptism Class (Schoolhouse)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre (CMC)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 ~

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**Infant and Toddler Nurseries:**

Janet Brauen, Sue Epp, Deb Hilty, Gail Schantz

**The Good News Hour:**

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

**Baptism classes begin today:** Class will meet today and next Sunday, August 6, right after Worship in the schoolhouse until 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be included. Available for anyone Grade 9 to adult. The baptism service will take place on Sunday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Elnora Stratton's Pond, 6121 Bentley Road.

**Servers are needed** for all three nights of the Dinner Theatre. If you are available any or all evenings August 4,5,& 6, please sign up in ABF, Missions Center, or contact Mary Gratz at 419-358-6410.



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**A Musical Comedy  
Dinner Theatre  
next weekend!**

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**Get your tickets today in the  
Missions Center. They may be also  
purchased in the church office  
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**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 are \$10 and include dinner at 6:00 and the show at 7:00 each evening. Dinner menu consists of an appetizer, bread, Henry's skinless boneless baked chicken, baked potato, green beans, slaw, and Anita's apple pie. The drama is 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.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on Tuesday, August 1, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Matt Keeler will perform historical folk music from Europe and America on various instruments. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

**Week 2** - Adult Bible Fellowship Elective  
Sunday, August 6, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 115

"Lead – Servant Leadership"

*Discipling Others - With and Word*

**Leader:** Pastor Jim

*Available to anyone 18 years and older*

**Berean ABF Class Party:** On Friday, August 11, come to the Patio Room at Maple Crest at 5:30 p.m. for a light supper. Bring a sandwich or salad.