

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 _____

~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~

The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Please e-mail the church office with the name of your college, starting date, your mailing address, and college year to: info@ebenezymennonite.org. You may also fill out the appropriate information below. Thanks so much!

Name of College: _____

Starting Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

College Year: _____

E-mail Address: _____

~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

Ebenezer Mennonite Church

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Phone: 419-358-8588

Website: www.ebenezymennonite.org

E-mail: info@ebenezymennonite.org

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Aug. 27** Engage Luncheon (11:30 a.m., CMC)
Aug. 26 Wild Game Trap Shoot (outside field)
Sept./Oct. Message Series – *Live Generously*
Oct. 30 Evening Sew (6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., CMC)
Oct. 31 All Day Sew (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., CMC)
Nov. 5-12 Missions Conference – *Punching Holes in the Darkness*
For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! – Ephesians 5:8 (NLT)

- 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)

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.



August 6, 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.** Week 2 - ABF Elective (Room 115)
Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
(Various Classrooms)
- 10:00 a.m.** Middle School 2 (Leave for Miracle Camp)
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 Blind Men

Scripture: Kathy Brauen
Special Music: Thomas Eachus

- 11:30 a.m.** Baptism Class (Schoolhouse)
- 6:00 p.m.** Dinner Theatre (CMC)

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Gabe & Hannah (Conley) Meyer who were united in marriage Friday, August 4, at Allen County Farm Park near Lima. May God bless their new home.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Marlin & Kay Burkholder on their 60th wedding anniversary, Wednesday, August 9!

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on July 30:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	215
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	396

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Ralph & Melba Gerber
Missions Center: Cassandra Bishop & Kim Gordon

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 7 - 13

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

- Tuesday 6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*FH*)
6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (*CMC*)
7:05 p.m. Connections Small Group
(*Bluffton McDonald's*)
- Thursday 7:00 p.m.** Young Adult Small Group
(*Jaden & Amber August's home*)
8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (*CMC*)
- Friday 5:30 p.m.** Berean ABF Party (*Maple Crest, Patio Room*)
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Week 3 – ABF Elective (*115*)
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. *Hope for Congo* (*FH*)
Women's Ministry Com. Meeting (*115*)
6:30 p.m. Baptism Service (*Elnora Stratton's Pond,*
6121 Bentley Road)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:

Brett & Kylie Baxter, Mary Glick, Denise Rex

The Good News Hour:

Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Krista Lehman,
Marti & Melina Meza, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

There are a few tickets left for tonight's performance which will be available this morning in the Missions Center or call Mary Gratz at 419-358-6410. *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 tonight. Tickets are \$10 and include dinner at 6:00 and the show at 7:00 p.m.

Week 3 - Adult Bible Fellowship Elective
Sunday, August 13, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 115
"Lead – Servant Leadership"

Practical Skills

Lead a Meeting – Roberts Rules of Order: Mike Hilty
Community Care – Visitation: Kathy Brauen, Pastor Dick
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.

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 before Tuesday, August 8. *Hope for Congo* desires to help communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo break the cycle of poverty. They partner with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission formerly known as the Congo Inland Mission and the churches in Congo. Congolese brothers and sisters know how to fish. What they need is "fishing poles" e.g. tools and resources. They also need "access to the pond" e.g. the opportunity to participate. *Hope for Congo* serves as a conduit for fishing poles and access to the pond.

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@ebenezymennonite.org if you have any questions.

~ THANK YOU ~

We would like to thank the entire church for all the support we have received with the fundraising campaign for Owen's van. The support we received from the church has been amazing and extremely appreciated. We are glad to have found a church where we feel loved and supported and we can call our church. We can't thank everyone enough for their support and words only do so much, but we would like everyone to know that their support is heartfelt and genuinely appreciated by all of us. - *God bless, The Weaver Family: Chad, Melissa, Carsen, Owen, Aiden, and Gaven*

~ MIRACLE CAMP NEWS ~

Middle School 2 - August 6-12

Ethan Ansley Lauren Bassett Ali Hermiller
Luci Hovest Liam Jordan Leah Klinger

Driving to camp: Jon Bassett, Wes Klinger

Driving from camp: Pastor Dick & Cheryl

Sarah Schutz will be serving as a camp aide until August 12.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Dwight Bixel has recently transitioned to the Mennonite Memorial Home. Thank you so much for your continued prayer for Dwight, Clarabeth, and their family. If visiting, brief stays are best, keeping in mind Dwight rests for several hours each afternoon.

Pauline Klingler (mother of Julie Herr) is now receiving nursing care at the Mennonite Memorial Home. Her new address is 410 W. Elm Street, Room 103, Bluffton.