

August 13, 2017



Ebenezer Emissary

We welcome you to worship with sincere joy! May God's grace and peace enfold you as we worship together.

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 3 - ABF Elective (*Room 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 – Pastor Jim (*CMC*)
Teach Us to Pray – Pray Like Jesus
Scripture: Pastor Dale
Special Music: Janice Althaus
- 11:30 a.m.** *Hope for Congo (FH)*
Brad Graber and Leonard Kiswangi
Women's Ministry Committee Meeting (*115*)
- 6:30 p.m.** Baptism Service (*Elnora Stratton's Pond*)

~ BAPTISM SERVICE ~

Please join us for a baptism service this evening at 6:30 p.m. The baptism will be at Elnora Stratton's Pond, 6121 Bentley Road (South of Bluffton). Come and encourage Mitch Lhamon, Luke Shadle, Miranda Schutz, Sarah Schutz, and Hannah Willow who will share their testimonies before being baptized. Pray this will be a meaningful experience for all. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair. Please note there will be no regular Evening Fellowship Service.

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**Luke 22:39-42** (NIV)

### Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

<sup>39</sup> Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> On reaching the place, he said to them, *Pray that you will not fall into temptation.* <sup>41</sup> He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup> *Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.*

**Luke 9:23** (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all: *Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.*

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There are a number of items that have been left behind here at the church. Our lost and found cupboards are under the Prayer Counter in the Missions Center.

Meal Ministry: The Adult Bible Fellowship classes have often ministered to members who have had surgeries, families with newborns, etc. by providing full course meals or even just a frozen meal that can be easily prepared when help is needed. The Women's Ministries has formed a list of those who would like to help provide a meal for those who may not be a member of an ABF class. There are two ways that you can be involved in this ministry. If you know of someone who could benefit from some extra help with meals or if you would be willing to have your name on a list to be called upon to prepare a meal, please contact Deb Hilty at 419-358-8588 or send an e-mail to: info@ebenezer mennonite.org or fill out the pink *Caring by Sharing a Meal* form available in the Missions Center.

~ POSTCARDS AND VISITOR INVITES ~

Available in the Missions Center are 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!

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@ebenezer mennonite.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: _____

~ 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*)

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance for Dinner Theatre:

Friday, August 4	(6:00 p.m.)	196
Saturday, August 5	(6:00 p.m.)	184
Sunday, August 6	(6:00 p.m.)	249

Attendance on August 6:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	263
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	383

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Blaise & Brittany (Sheehan) Markey who were united in marriage yesterday here at Ebenezer.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Glenn Turner. Glenn, the brother of Rosie Good, passed away on Thursday, August 10. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, at First United Methodist Church in Van Wert. Visitation will be Tuesday, August 15 from 2:00-8:00 p.m., at Cowan & Son Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Scheduled Surgery: Dick Dukes, Thursday, August 17, at OSU Cancer Center. Yellow prayer bracelets (*No One FIGHTS Alone!*) are available on the prayer counter in the Missions Center.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Larry & Ginny Moser

Missions Center: Wes Brauen

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 14-20

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

- Monday 7:00 p.m.** Christian Education Com. Meeting (*103*)
- 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*)
- 6:30 p.m.** Junior High and High School Summer Session (*home of Jeremy & Ashley Fry*)
- 7:05 p.m.** Connections Small Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)
- Thursday 7:00 p.m.** Deacon Meeting (*103*)
- Men's Prayer Time (*Sanctuary*)
- Young Adult Small Group (*Jaden & Amber August's home*)
- 8:30 p.m.** Young Adult Basketball (*CMC*)
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Week 4 – 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.** Youth Parent Meeting (*FH*)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:

Ella Badertscher, Kim & Jason Fritsch, Jennifer Navarro

The Good News Hour:

Allison & Madeline Burghaze, Rosemary Carman, Deb Huber, Bruce, Cindy, & Rachel Moser, Jessica Robinson, Olivia Spallinger

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High and High School Summer Session: We plan to meet at the home of Jeremy & Ashley Fry (9605 Lugabill Road, Bluffton) this Wednesday, August 16 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Come for great food, swimming, and devos!

All students with projects at the county fairs please give a copy of your schedule to Pastor David. Thank you!

Week 4 - Adult Bible Fellowship Elective

Sunday, August 20, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 115

“Lead – Servant Leadership”

Faith as a Noun and a Verb – Doctrines of the Church

Leader: Pastor Dale Seefeldt

Assistant Receptionist/Secretary: Please welcome Janie Wireman as our new Assistant Receptionist/Secretary in the church office. She will be providing vacation and sick time relief for Deb Hilty.

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.

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will hold a silent auction during the annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 23, at the Mennonite Memorial Home. The service group is seeking donations for this great fund raiser. Donated items in the past have included wood working, quilting, pottery, home canning, antiques, unique crafts, and specialty baskets (such as pet, gardening, movie, etc.). If you have an item that you would like to donate, please contact Benji Bergstrand, MHCO volunteer coordinator, at 419-358-1015, Ext. 248 before Wednesday, August 30. If you are interested in bidding on a silent auction item, the bidding will begin on Monday, September 18, and close at noon on Saturday, September 23. Thank you for your continued support!

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To everyone who helped in any way with the Dinner Theatre. It would not have been a success without you! – *Kevin & Mary Gratz*

~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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