

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Sept./Oct.** Message Series – *Live Generously*  
**Sept. 23** Hunter Safety Class (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., FH)  
Wild Game Trap Shoot (8:30 a.m., outside field)  
**Sept. 28** Women’s Ministries Mystery Dinner  
(5:15 p.m., meet at the church)  
**Oct. 19** Women’s Ministries Mystery Dinner  
(5:15 p.m., meet at the church)  
**Oct. 21** Wild Game Trap Shoot (8:30 a.m., outside field)  
**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*  
**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)

**What might happen** if you pray for your students the first 31 days of school? You can receive a daily e-mail from the National Prayer Room for a prayer reminder with suggestions of prayer topics for your students. Sign up at: www.prayingforstudents.com - *Prayer Action Team*

#### Matthew 5:10-12 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

#### Acts 12:1-5 (NIV)

*Peter’s Miraculous Escape From Prison*

<sup>12</sup> It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. <sup>3</sup> When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup> After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. <sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

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August 27, 2017

# Ebenezer Emissary

**With genuine gladness, we welcome all who have come to praise God. May all our hearts be open to our Creator and one another as we share in 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 5 – 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 – Pastor Jim (CMC)  
*Teach Us to Pray – Pray Like the Persecuted Church*  
*Miracle Camp Representative - Jonathan Hyde*  
*Special Music: Dave & Kathy Brauen, Kevin Gratz*  
**11:30 a.m.** Engage Luncheon (FH)  
**6:30 p.m.** Small Group (Pastor Jim & Pat’s home)

**Those newer to our fellowship** and college age are invited to stay for lunch shortly after the Worship Gathering today. This is an opportunity to get to know one another better! Lunch will be provided - all we need is you!

#### ~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

**In the Hospital:** Dick Dukes, OSU James Center.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Ron Chidester. Ron, the brother of Deb (Phil) Luginbuhl, passed away on Wednesday, August 16. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, August 23, near Perrysburg, OH.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on August 20:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	244
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	384

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 3**

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Youth Volunteer Meeting ( <i>Schoolhouse</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>	Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner ( <i>meet at the church</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Prayer Time ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Week 6 – ABF Elective ( <i>115</i> ) Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship ( <i>Various Classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4&amp;5 year olds-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering ( <i>CMC</i> )

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 ~

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***Infant and Toddler Nurseries:***

Sue Epp, Deb Hilty, Gail Schantz, Tammy Whitlow

***The Good News Hour:***

Kathy & Kassandra Bishop, Lillian Burkholder,  
Ashley Fry, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner:** Please meet at the church or notify [womens.ministry@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:womens.ministry@ebenezymennonite.org) if you need picked up and we will drive you to a restaurant. If you want to know where we are going you can contact the church office, but no telling others. RVSP to the church office at 419-358-8588 or at the above e-mail address.

- Thursday, August 31 - meet at 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday, September 28 - meet at 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday, October 19 - meet at 5:15 p.m.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on Tuesday, September 5, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the Morse Family Gospel will perform. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

**MOPS News:** On Saturday, September 9, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon, we will have our Mom2Mom Sale in the Crossroads Ministry Center. We will have a bake sale by donation and will be collecting non-perishable food for the Bluffton Food Pantry. For more information please contact Lydia Steiner at 419-606-3230.

**Hunter Safety Class:** The Wild Game Committee is sponsoring a Hunter Safety Education Class on Saturday, September 23. You can sign up online at <http://ohiodnr.gov>, look under Programs – Classes. Youth 10 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

**A Ladies' Wednesday Evening** Bible/book study will begin September 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the room beside the Sanctuary Foyer (Room S4) using Chip Ingram's book, *The Real Heaven*. This study will run for 11-12 weeks. Please contact Linda Sommer at [sommerlin295@gmail.com](mailto:sommerlin295@gmail.com) or call 419-358-0054 to sign up for the study or if you have questions.

**Electronic giving** (E-giving) is a viable way to give your tithes and offerings. You may go to Ebenezer's website at (<http://ebenezymennonite.org>) and click on the Online Giving link (bottom left) to receive information and instructions which will lead you through the process of registering to consistently give to the church or to make one-time gifts. If you desire assistance with the set-up process or have questions or problems, please contact Kathy Brauen at the church office 419-358-8588.

**Please stop by** the Information Center in the Missions Center. There you will find ready-made welcome postcards and also smaller cards with all the church contact information you can use to invite someone to worship. Also junior high and high school fall calendars and information on how to stay connected with our Ebenezer youth activities via text alerts. There are a wide variety of pamphlets, Daily Bread booklets, ministry opportunities, and building reservation forms.

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~ THANK YOU ~

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**Our Dear Ebenezer Family:** Thanks to those who prayed and visited my brother (Glenn), his wife (Crisanne), and son (Scott) during Glenn's battle with cancer. Crisanne's mother was (is) Roberta (Stepleton) Miller. Her mother, Grandma Stepleton, attended Ebenezer and Glenn played the organ for her funeral. They in turn are (were) related to the Gratz Family. Small world! During times of bereavement, everyone becomes the hands and feet of Jesus. This became very effective between First Methodist and Ebenezer for the funeral lunch. – *In Christ, Rosie & John Good*

**Week 6** - Adult Bible Fellowship Elective  
Sunday, August 27, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 115  
“Lead – Servant Leadership”  
*Christian Home*  
*Deuteronomy 6; Ephesians 5:21-6:4*  
*Leader: Pastor Dick Potter*

**Note from Women's Ministry Committee:** If you would like to be contacted by e-mail to be informed about upcoming Women's Ministries activities, please RSVP to their e-mail address as follows: [womens.ministry@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:womens.ministry@ebenezymennonite.org)

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Jean Reichenbach, Dean Sommers  
*Missions Center:* Bella Basinger, Olivia Spallinger