

Ebenezer Emissary



Welcome friends! We hope you find the worship meaningful and the fellowship enjoyable. Your presence is a blessing to us all.

We are so excited about our new message series entitled, *Generous Living*. If you are here for the first time this morning we would like to give you a gift. Please stop by the welcome table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and drop off your completed Ebenezer Communications Card (helps our Body stay connected) which is part of the Emissary to receive Andy Stanley's book, *How to be Rich*.

~ 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 Gathering – Pastor Jim *(CMC)*
Generous Living: My Deepest Desire
Scripture: Pastor David
Special Music: Jean Bash
- 4:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting *(103)*
- 6:00 p.m.** Junior High and High School
(Small Groups Kick Off, Schoolhouse)
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Groups *(Kings, Lemleys)*

Sunday Evening Bible Study: Beginning next Sunday Pastor Dick would like to invite everyone to a Bible study from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. each Sunday in the sanctuary foyer. It will be a time of study, discussion, and learning together from the Word of God. We will study the book of Ecclesiastes. King Solomon encourages us to contemplate the meaning of our lives in light of the presence of God our Creator. Our world is bent on squeezing out the sacred so that it can live for the world's vanity. Solomon demonstrates his theme with his own life and shares insights as to how secularism proves to be ultimately false and unfulfilling.



Electric fondue pots are needed for the Fondue Night on Friday, September 29. Please place pots with your name on the coat rack across from the kitchen by Sunday, September 24. – Thanks, Women's Ministries *(Kelli Foster)*

Fondue Night is back! Ladies come relax and enjoy some food and fellowship with each other. Seats are limited so get your tickets today! Are you new to fondue? Well check it out and bring a friend on Friday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Tickets will be sold for \$10 in the Missions Center on Sundays, September 10, 17, and 24. Any questions please contact Kelli Foster at 419-234-3559.

MOPS is in need of childcare volunteers for the MOPPET (kids) program 9-11 a.m. every second and fourth Monday from October 9 to May 2018. Your willingness to serve makes the MOPS ministry possible! Substitute workers are needed also. Contact Tobi Meyer at 419-303-2899.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 27** See You at the Pole *(7:15 a.m., BHS flag pole)*
Wednesday Night Children's Program Kick Off
(6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's, 8161 Columbus Grove Rd., Bluffton)
- Sept. 28** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner
(5:15 p.m., meet at the church)
- Sept. 29** Ladies' Fondue Night *(6:30 p.m., CMC)*
- Oct. 7** Berean ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- 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. 22** Area Mennonite Church Hymn Sing *(4 p.m., Yoder Hall)*
- 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. 4** Maranatha ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- Nov. 5-12** Missions Conference Week *(Punching Holes in the Darkness)*
- Dec. 2** Youth Group *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- Dec. 8** Ladies' Christmas Tea *(6:30 p.m., CMC)*
- Jan. 12-14** Junior High Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*
- Feb. 11-17** SIM Work Team *(Charlotte, NC)*
- Feb. 11-24** SIM Building Construction Team *(Charlotte, NC)*

Ebenezer Communications Card

Please take a moment to complete the information below. You may place in the offering plate. Thank you!

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 _____

Disciple Singers' Choir is gearing up for another fun year! Join us on Sunday evening, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. as we kick off a new choir season with a hayride and bonfire (complete with s'mores)! We will meet in Room 118 and then head outside for some fun! Come meet other potential choir members and see what is in store this fall. Disciple Singers' choir is open to kids in kindergarten through Grade 6 and will continue to meet on Sundays from 7-8 p.m. throughout the fall. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call or text Katie Kruse at 419-998-0108 or Sarah Lehman at 419-957-3607.

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.

Wednesday Night Kick-off Party will be Wednesday, September 27, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bill & Joan Steiner. Children ages 3 – Grade 6 and their families are invited to come for a time of food and fun. Please sign up for this in the Missions Center. If you have any questions, contact Marti Meza 419-296-9574 (voice and text).

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 3:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	281
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	415

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Come join us to pray for our youth: The Women's Prayer War Room meets at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday. We are excited to see our Heavenly Father moving in answer to prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Seefeldt at 404-788-9079 or Saun Niswander at 419-615-5621.

Men's Prayer Time for Families: Any men interested in praying for the families of our church are invited to join us in the Conference Room (103) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Call Pastor Dale at 419-358-8588 if you have any questions.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Janie Wireman
Missions Center: Wayne & Susan Bixel

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 11-17

(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.	Men's Prayertime for Families (103) Women's War Room (FH) Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Junior High Dodgeball & Devos (CMC)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Groups (Bluffton McDonald's)
	8:30 p.m.	High School Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen) High School Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Junior High Corn Maze (meet at the schoolhouse)
	Sunday	9:00 a.m.
	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.	Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (115)
	6:00 p.m.	Junior High & High School Small Groups (Meet in Schoolhouse)
	6:30 p.m.	Small Groups (Kings, Lemleys)
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:

Kevin & Melissa Hilty and Brian Young Family
The Good News Hour: Janet Brauen, Rosemary Carman,
Kim Gordon, Gabe & Hannah Meyer, Jessica Robinson,
Diane Sharrock, Olivia Spallinger

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High and High School Small Groups kick off tonight! Meet at the schoolhouse at 6:00 p.m. for archery tag, pizza, and a bonfire with S'mores, and devos! See you there!

Junior High Students: Dodgeball and devos will begin this Wednesday, September 13, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

High School Students: Dodgeball will begin this Wednesday, September 13, from 8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Bread of Life Ministries (John 6:35): This is a High School activity which will coincide with Wednesday night Dodgeball. The evening will consist of cooking, fun, food, and fellowship in the church kitchen. It will last from 8:30-10 and starts up this week. Hope to see you there!!

Junior High trip to the corn maze will be held on Saturday, September 16. Meet at the schoolhouse at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.

High School Students: On Friday, September 22, come after the football game until midnight for a Fifth Quarter in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Church Officer Recommendations: Please remember to fill out the yellow form with your recommendations. Extra forms are in the Missions Center. Forms may be placed in the offering plate, given to an usher, or to any member of the Nominating Committee listed on the form by next Sunday, September 17.

Our Daily Bread: Pick up your copy of the September, October, & November 2017 issue at the Information Center in the Missions Center or the wall rack in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio Fall Festival and Bake Sale will be held in the Mennonite Memorial Home (MMH) lobby on Friday, September 22, and Saturday, September 23, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. while supplies last on the days of the sale. The bake sale will feature a variety of home-baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles, and breads. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will go to the MMH's Service Group to benefit the residents at Maple Crest, Willow Ridge, and MMH. Would you be willing to donate a baked good to this worthy cause? Please mark donations with MMH and either take to MMH or place in the church kitchen by that Friday at 9:00 a.m. Be sure to come early for your homemade baked goods, and thank you for your donation!