

Ebenezer Emissary



Welcome friends! Our message series is 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: Rich Man
Special Music: Sarah Lehman
- 11:30 a.m.** Women's Ministries Committee Meeting *(115)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Junior High & High School Small Groups
(Meet in Schoolhouse)
Small Groups *(Kings, Lemleys)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Sunday Evening Bible Study *(Sanctuary Foyer)*

During the Worship Gathering we will have a brief Gideon presentation by Mark Schwiebert. A special offering for this ministry will be received at the end of the service.

Sunday Evening Bible Study begins tonight. Pastor Dick would like to invite everyone 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? 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 today and next Sunday, September 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. 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)*
- Feb. 23-25** High School Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*
- July 27-29** Family Camp 2018 *(Whitewater Memorial State Park, Indiana)*

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 _____

Hunter Safety Class is scheduled next 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.

Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner: Please notify the church at 419-358-8588 or womens.ministry@ebenezymennonite.org before Tuesday, September 26, if you plan to attend the dinner on Thursday, September 28. Meet at the church at 5:15 p.m. or let us know and we can pick you up. If you want to know where we are going you can contact the church office, but no telling others. The next Mystery Dinner is Thursday, October 19.

Wednesday Night Children's 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).

~ LADIES' BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY ~

What: Beth Moore's *Daniel* study. This study is a two-part study with each part being six weeks long. We will do the second part after the holidays.

When: Begins Monday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Sanctuary Foyer

How: E-mail Christy Garmatter at: garmatterc@gmail.com

Cost: \$16 for workbook

Please let Christy know by Sunday, September 24, if you are interested so a book can be ordered for you!

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 10:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	242
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	356

~ MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK ~

Sarah Elsea

Child Evangelism Fellowship-Greater Findlay

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Feel free to take missionary newsletters located in the Missions Center under the large world map.

Note from Trustees: We are now accepting snow removal bids until Friday, October 13, at 5:00 p.m. Please give your bid to the church office.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Missions Center: Paul & Cheryl Burkholder

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 18-24

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

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Prayertime for Families (<i>103</i>) Women's War Room (<i>FH</i>) Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Devotional & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Groups (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	High School Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>) High School Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</i>) Men's Prayer Time (<i>Sanctuary</i>) Prayer Action Team (<i>Church Library</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Friday	9:00 p.m.	High School Fifth Quarter (<i>CMC</i>)
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Hunter Safety Class (<i>FH</i>)
	8:30 a.m.	Wild Game Trap Shoot (<i>outside field</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Junior High & High School Small Groups (<i>Meet in Schoolhouse</i>) Small Groups (<i>Kings, Lemleys</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (<i>Grades 1-6, 118-119</i>) Sunday Evening Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:

Halker Family, Brandon & Jessica Hoehn

The Good News Hour:

Cory & Molly Meyer, Gabe & Hannah Meyer, Kathy Steiner

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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

~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

One of the ways we can break the stranglehold riches can have on us is to be generous. Jesus said, *Give to the poor*. Please consider helping with the needs at the Lima Rescue Home. This is a list of items most needed: #10 cans of any kind of vegetables, fruit, fruit cocktail, applesauce, spaghetti sauce, pork and beans, and sauerkraut. Smaller cans are also appreciated; the larger (#10) cans are easier to work with when feeding larger groups of people. Also needed are cereal, instant coffee, laundry detergent, bleach, and dryer sheets. Next Sunday, September 24, a table will be available near the stage in the Crossroads Ministry Center for any donations. Chuck & Colleen Ferguson will join us in Worship next Sunday. Chuck is the Executive Director at the Lima Rescue Mission.



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**If you are interested** in going to help in disaster relief in Houston, check out [eightdaysofhope.org](http://eightdaysofhope.org) or contact Jack Bash for more information at 419-957-7787.

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**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 today.

**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. 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. Please mark any donations with MMH and either take to MMH or place in the church kitchen by that Friday at 9:00 a.m. Thank you for your donation!

**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! Come meet in Room 118 with 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 call or text Katie Kruse at 419-998-0108 or Sarah Lehman at 419-957-3607.