



Ebenezer Emissary

~ 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 today, if you are interested so a book can be ordered for you!

~ 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: Finding Contentment
Special Music: Julie Rieman

6:30 p.m. Junior High & High School Small Group
(Meet in Schoolhouse)

Small Groups (Kings, Lemleys)

7:00 p.m. Disciple Singers' Choir *(Grades 1-6, 118-119)*
Sunday Evening Bible Study *(Sanctuary Foyer)*

Please welcome Chuck & Colleen Ferguson to our worship service today. Chuck is the Executive Director at the Lima Rescue Mission.

A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, October 8, and will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the Worship Gathering to discuss and vote on the following recommendation:

Following a thorough and comprehensive inspection and evaluation of the church's present Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems, it was confirmed that our present HVAC systems need to be either repaired, replaced, or improved to make the systems more efficient and reliable. The Trustee and Deacon Boards are recommending this work be completed in the near future, have solicited bids, and have developed a proposal based on the lowest bidder. The Trustees and Deacons are requesting approval to 1) move ahead with this project at an estimated cost of \$357,000 plus a 10% contingency and to 2) approve the needed financing for this project.

An informational meeting for further explanation and discussion regarding the HVAC proposal has been scheduled in the Sanctuary immediately following the service next Sunday, October 1.

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 _____

The Wednesday Night Children's Ministry is in need of volunteers for the Wednesday Night Children's program this year. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to teach or help. High school students as well as adults are encouraged! These are the needs we have for the following classes and the start date is October 4. Pre-school: 1 or 2 teachers and 2 helpers. Grade 1&2: Need 1 or 2 teachers and 1 helper. Grades 3&4 Boys: need 1 or 2 teachers and 1 helper. The classes meet for a little over an hour with recreation and snack time included. The teaching materials are provided and are simple to use. The material can be supplemented and/or substituted due to your personal teaching methods. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, or have questions, please call or text Marti Meza at 419-296-9574.

We are very thankful for all the prayers, meals, gifts and words of encouragement during these past weeks as we welcomed our new baby, Maren. We look forward to watching her grow in her relationship with the Lord as well as with our Church family. We are truly blessed! Psalm 127:3-5 – *Jaden & Amber August*

Ebenezer: Youth for Christ of Northwest Ohio is blessed with the faithful partnership, with your prayers, and financial support. It is our privilege to serve the young people of our ministry sites. We are celebrating 70 years of YFC ministry in the Pandora-Bluffton area this year. Many of the early leaders at these ministry sites came from Ebenezer. Ann, myself, and the staff are honored to have this church come alongside us as we serve God and serve the youth who don't know the love of Jesus. Please continue to pray for us as we build relationships and share the most important relationship we all need, Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior of our lives. – *Don & Ann Leader & the staff of YFC NWOH*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Oct. 7 Berean ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*

Oct. 8 Congregational Meeting *(11:30 a.m., Sanctuary)*

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)*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 17:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	280
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	381
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	70

Disciple Singers' Choir is gearing up for another fun year! Join us this evening at 7:00 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.

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

Recent Move: Court @ Round Rock, Betty Cass – 214, 2700 Sunrise Road, Round Rock, TX 78665

Friendly Reminder: When scheduling any ministry or other event, please contact the church office to have it placed on the church calendar and to complete any necessary forms. This includes the use of any rooms or areas within the church buildings, outside fields, or bonfire pit. This should prevent any overlap, and it is an insurance requirement, as well. Building request forms are located in the Missions Center at the Information Center.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jim & Marty Lemley

Missions Center: Robert & Sue Spallinger

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 25-OCT. 1

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

- Monday 7:00 p.m.** Youth Volunteer Meeting (*Schoolhouse*)
- Tuesday 6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)
7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting (*103*)
- Wednesday 7:15 a.m.** See You at the Pole (*BHS flag pole*)
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*)
Wednesday Night Children's Program (*Bill & Joan Steiner's home*)
7:00 p.m. Adult Devotional & Prayer (*103*)
Jr. High Dodgeball and Devos (*CMC*)
Ladies' Bible/book study (*Room S4*)
7:05 p.m. Connections Small Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)
8:30 p.m. High School Bread of Life Ministries (*Church Kitchen*)
High School Dodgeball (*CMC*)
- Thursday 5:15 p.m.** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner (*meet at the church*)
Men's Prayer Time (*Sanctuary*)
8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (*CMC*)
- Friday 6:30 p.m.** Ladies' Fondue Night (*CMC*)
- Sunday 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/Communion (*CMC*)
11:30 a.m. HVAC Informational Meeting (*Sanctuary*)
6:30 p.m. Junior High & High School Small Groups (*Meet in schoolhouse*)
Small Groups (*Kings, Lemleys*)
7:00 p.m. Disciple Singers' Choir (*Grades 1-6, 118-119*)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:

Sue Epp, Deb Hilty, Gail Schantz, Tammy Whitlow

The Good News Hour:

Kathy & Kassandra Bishop, Mary Glick, Traci Heinze,
Jaime & John Shaw, Aubrey Snider

Help for the Bluffton Community Assistance Program: Tables will be set up in the CMC next Sunday, October 1, ready to accept any donations you may have. Toiletries, cereal, boxed meals, paper products, condiments, peanut butter are just a few of the items needed. You can drop off donations anytime in the blue tub that is located under the coat rack across from the Fellowship Hall. More than 52 families come through the food pantry each month. Thank you for considering these needs.

Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner: Please notify the church at 419-358-8588 or womens.ministry@ebenezemennonite.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 at 8161 Columbus Grove Road. This event is for children age 3-Grade 6 and their families are welcome 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).

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.

Fondue Night! Ladies come relax and enjoy some food and fellowship with each other. Seats are limited so get your tickets today! Check it out and bring a friend on Friday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Tickets are on sale for \$10. Any questions, please contact Kelli Foster at 419-234-3559.