

### Ebenezer Communications Card

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

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#### I am interested in information on:

Ebenezer Mennonite Church     Baptism     Membership

Child dedication     Getting involved in ministry

Joining a small group     Prayer requests \_\_\_\_\_

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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 BU)*
- 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)*
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- Jan. 12-14** Junior High Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*
- Feb. 3-10** Missions Trip with Mission Possible *(Haiti)*
- 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)*

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month.** We are so blessed to have godly men serving us as pastors at Ebenezer Mennonite Church. Statistics for American pastors are not good; 1,700 pastors leave the ministry each month, 50% are so discouraged they would leave the ministry if they could, and 80% believe pastoral ministry has negatively affected their families. You may still have your "Pray for Your Pastor" prayer cards that were handed out last October, more are available in the Missions Center at our Information Center and on the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer table. The Prayer Action Team also invites you to "Pray for Your Pastor's Wife" for the next 30 days. Each week in the Emissary you will receive seven days of prayer topics for your pastors' wives.

### ~ PRAYING FOR YOUR PASTOR'S WIFE

**Day One:** The Greatest Commandment. Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 6:33 - Pray that your pastor's wife will love God with all her heart, soul, mind, and strength. Pray that God's Spirit will work in her heart in power and that she will value and follow Biblical priorities.

**Day Two:** Strong Character and Integrity. 1 Timothy 1:5, 3:7; Proverbs 4:23 - Pray that she will cultivate strong character and uncompromising integrity. Pray that her testimony will be genuine and that she will guard her heart.

**Day Three:** Pursuing Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:15-16; Psalm 119:7 - Pray for her personal walk with God—that her soul and spirit will be nourished and strengthened in her times with Him. Pray that she will spend more time in the Word of God than in reading Christian books and articles.

**Day Four:** Growing in Discernment. Psalm 119:99; James 1:5-6 - Pray that your pastor's wife will counsel and teach with discernment through the wise use of scripture and with faith in God's power.

**Day Five:** A Submissive Heart. Ephesians 5:23-33 - Ask God to protect her marriage and keep it strong as a model of the Church's submission to Christ. Pray that she will respect and practice godly submission to her husband's leadership and that her husband will love and cherish her.

**Day Six:** Facing Critics with Grace. Hebrews 12:15; Psalm 119:42; Colossians 4:6; Proverbs 31:26; 1 Peter 2:23 - Pray that God will protect your pastor's wife from discouragement and bitterness when she or her husband faces inevitable criticism. Pray that she will trust in the wisdom of the Word of God to answer her critics and commit herself into the hands of God, who judges righteously.

**Day Seven:** Comforted in the Word. Psalm 119:28,52 - Pray that your pastor's wife will remember truth and practical principles from the Word of God during times of trial and that the Scriptures will bring her comfort. Pray that the Word will become her delight and song when circumstances are tough.

**The Mirror of the Martyrs exhibit** will be on display in the Sauder Visual Arts Center of Bluffton University October 1-November. 5. Several events and lectures which tell how martyrs past and present have witnessed to their faith under oppression and persecution will be held during this time. A full list of these events may be found on the bulletin boards.

October 1, 2017

# Ebenezer Emissary



### ~ 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/Communion – Pastor Jim *(CMC)*  
*Generous Living: Command to Be Generous*  
*Special Music: Jammie Halker*
- 11:30 a.m.** HVAC Informational Meeting *(Sanctuary)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir *(Grades 1-6, 118-119)*  
Junior High & High School Small Group  
*(Meet in Schoolhouse)*  
Small Groups *(Kings, Lemleys)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Sunday Evening Bible Study *(Sanctuary Foyer)*

**Please note:** All loose offerings taken during the Morning Worship Gathering will go towards the Benevolent Fund (in connection with communion).

### ~ OUR SYMPATHY ~

**Charles Morris:** The father of Sue (Robert) Spallinger passed away on Saturday, September 23. Services and military honors were held on Tuesday, September 26, in Deshler.

**Kevin Neff:** The brother of Deb (Milo) Luginbuhl passed away on Saturday, September 23. Services were held on Friday, September 29, in Bluffton.

**Ricky Weyer:** The father of Jeremiah (Megan) Weyer passed away on Saturday, September 23. Services were held on Thursday, September 28, in Bluffton.

**Joyce Cupples:** The wife of Bob Cupples passed away on September 27. Visitation will be Friday, October 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Hanson-Neely Funeral Home, Ada and one hour prior to the Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, October 7, at the First United Methodist Church, Ada.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on September 24:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	231
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	388
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	96

**A special congregational meeting** has been called for next 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 will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the service today.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center: Ralph & Melba Gerber  
Missions Center: Bella Basinger, Olivia Spallinger*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 2 - 8**

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Beth Moore's Daniel Study ( <i>Sanctuary Foyer</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>5:30 p.m.</b>	Family Supper ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Prayertime for Families ( <i>103</i> ) Women's War Room ( <i>FH</i> ) Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Devotional & Prayer ( <i>103</i> ) Children's Ministries ( <i>Various Classrooms</i> ) Cup of Grace ( <i>115</i> ) Junior High Dodgeball and Devos ( <i>CMC</i> ) Ladies' Bible/book study ( <i>Room S4</i> ) Women Walking in Grace ( <i>Schoolhouse</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	High School Bread of Life Ministries ( <i>Church Kitchen</i> ) High School Dodgeball ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	<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>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Senior High ( <i>CMC/Kitchen</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Junior High Dodgeball/Video Games ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Berean ABF ( <i>Lima Rescue Home</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship ( <i>Various Classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&amp;5 year olds-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Congregational Meeting, HVAC ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) Women's Ministries Meeting ( <i>115</i> )
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir ( <i>Grades 1-6, 118-119</i> ) Junior High & High School Small Groups ( <i>Meet in schoolhouse</i> ) Small Groups ( <i>Kings, Lemleys</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Sunday Evening Bible Study ( <i>Sanctuary Foyer</i> )

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 ~

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*Infant and Toddler Nurseries: Brett & Kylie Baxter,  
Karlyn Holt, Denise Rex*

*The Good News Hour: Benji & Sarah Bergstrand, Marti Meza,  
Melina Meza, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles*

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**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on Tuesday, October 3, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the West Independence Men's Quartet 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.

**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 to suit 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.

**Family Supper:** Anyone coming to pray with the Men's Prayertime for Families and the Women's War Room is invited to a Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. beginning this Wednesday, October 4.

**Congratulations** to Dick & Rosalee Greenway. Saturday, October 7, will mark their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

**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.

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

**A 2018 trip to Haiti with Mission Possible** is planned for February 3-10. Volunteers are needed for sewing, cooking, construction, and medical. Interested people can contact Joshua Steiner at 419-234-7041 or steinerjd@gmail.com.