

Ebenezer Communications Card

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

Name: _____

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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 _____

You're Invited to the Lima Rescue Mission 111th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, October 27, 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. Musical guest is Greg Buchanan. Tickets are free and are required for admission. Seating is limited; please request your tickets today! Call 419-224-6961 or e-mail rescue@limamission.org.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Christian Education Weekend

Oct. 28 Teacher Training (9-11 a.m., FH)

Oct. 29 *The Last Christian Generation in America*
(9 a.m., for all ABF classes, CMC)

Christian Education Sunday (10:15 a.m., CMC)

Whoever Wants Our Kids the Most, Will Get Them

Parent Seminar (11:30 a.m., lunch will be provided, CMC)

Creating a Jesus Friendly Environment in Our Homes

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. 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*)

~ PRAYING FOR YOUR PASTOR'S WIFE ~

10/16 A Godly Home - Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:20–21 *Do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.* Ephesians 6:4 Pray that she will cooperate with her husband in providing godly leadership in their home, not based on fear of what others will think, but according to scriptural truth. Pray that God will give her many "spiritual children" as she shares the truth of God's Word.

10/17 A Contented Heart - 1 Timothy 6:6, 8 *But godliness with contentment is great gain.* 1 Timothy 6:5 Pray that your pastor's wife will be an example of contentment, thankful for God's supply. Pray that her sufficiency will be in God's abounding grace.

10/18 Stewarding Finances - Philippians 4:19; Hebrews 13:5; 1 Timothy 6:11; Psalm 37:25, 119:36–37 *But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.* 1 Timothy 6:11 Ask God to provide for the financial needs of your pastor and his family. Pray that your pastor's wife will be a wise steward in caring for her family and using funds entrusted to her care. Pray that her heart will be turned away from selfish gain and worthless things.

10/19 Stewarding Time - Ephesians 5:15–16; Colossians 4:5; Psalm 90:12; Proverbs 31:27 *Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.* Ephesians 5:15–16 Pray that your pastor's wife will use time wisely, seek God's perspective for her schedule and priorities, and guard against unnecessary interruptions. Pray that she will seek and obey God's will rather than trying to meet everyone else's expectations.

10/20 Anchored to God - Psalm 9:9–10, 42:5, 71:14; Hebrews 6:19 *The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.* Psalm 9:9–10 Ask God to remind her of the hope and refuge God offers her each day. Pray that she will be encouraged in God, knowing that He is a firm, secure anchor for her soul.

10/21 Wise with Words - Proverbs 11:13, 21:23, 31:26; 1 Peter 3:10 *She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.* Proverbs 31:26 Pray that your pastor's wife will choose her words carefully to encourage respect for her husband and the church and to edify her sisters in the Lord. Pray that she will know how to respond to gossip and that she will always speak with kindness and compassion.

10/22 A Servant's Heart - Galatians 5:13; Philippians 2:3–4; Proverbs 31:20 *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.* Philippians 2:3–4 Pray that she will serve others with God's agape love and encourage them with His wisdom and compassion.



October 15, 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 – Pastor Jim (CMC)
Generous Living Change: Save Wisely
Special Music: Mary Glick

11:30 a.m. Trustee Meeting (103)

6:30 p.m. Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
Junior High & High School Small Groups
(Meet in schoolhouse)

Small Groups (Kings, Niswanders)

7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Upcoming Surgery: Susan Hawk, Tuesday, October 17, Findlay Surgery Center.

~ MISSIONS CONFERENCE NOV. 5-8 & 12 ~

Hospitality Opportunities! Our 54th Annual Festival of Missions begins soon. There are several missionaries who need a place to stay and meals to eat. What a great way to share your heart of hospitality! Please sign up in the Crossroads Ministry Foyer to host and/or provide meals for our missionaries. Thank you and may God be glorified through your generosity!

Missions Conference All Church Lunch: The church family is invited to lunch following the morning Worship Gathering with our missionaries on November 5. The Missions Committee will provide shredded pork and shredded chicken sandwiches. Please bring salad and dessert to share. Let us know your participation by signing up in your Adult Bible Fellowship class or in the Missions Center. There is no cost for this lunch.

Missions Banquet: Next Sunday be prepared to reserve your ticket for the Missions Banquet, Sunday, November 12, at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per adult and children 10 and under are free.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on October 8:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	252
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	354
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	104

E-Giving: Giving to Ebenezer is available electronically. This can be done by using your checking account or card online (www.ebenzermennonite.org/giving) or by using EasyTithe Mobile App. 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.

Approval (97%) was received at last Sunday's congregational meeting to proceed with the proposed HVAC system project. As led by the Lord, please give to the Building Fund in order to assist with the costs of the project which is scheduled to begin in the near future.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jean Reichenbach, Dean Sommers
Missions Center: Madeline Burghaze, Maria Spallinger

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 16-22

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

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Beth Moore's Daniel Study (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	5:30 p.m.	Family Supper (<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>) 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>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	High School Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>) High School Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Thursday	5:15 p.m.	Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner (<i>meet at the church</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</i>) Men's Prayer Time (<i>Columbus Grove Christian</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Saturday	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>)
	4:00 p.m.	Area Mennonite Church Hymn Sing (<i>Yoder Hall BU</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	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>)
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries: Ella Badertscher,
Lehman Family, Jennifer Navarro

The Good News Hour: Jaden & Amber August, Janet Brauen,
Leah Conley, Deb & Dan Huber, Jared Meyer, Sarah Walker

Trustees: There will be a short meeting today following the morning Worship Gathering in Room 103.

Volunteers Needed: The Wednesday Night Children's Ministry needs a teacher and 2-3 helpers. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. High school students as well as adults are encouraged! 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. If you are interested or have questions, please call or text Marti Meza at 419-296-9574.

Annual Open House: As a token of appreciation to all sponsoring churches, the Et Cetera Shop Inc. stores will host a two hour open house today, starting at 2 p.m., at all three stores; Et Cetera Shop, Ten Thousand Villages, and Book ReViews. Come for great deals, today only.

The Thursday Men's Prayertime will be held on October 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Grove Christian Church (105 S. Broadway). You may call Paul Burkholder at 419-969-4170 if you have any questions.

You are invited to be a part of a Swiss Community Historical Society public hymn sing, "Great Day of Singing," scheduled for Sunday, October 22, at 4 p.m. in Yoder Recital Hall of Bluffton University. Ebenezer will be providing a special hymn selection during the program. This special hymn sing is one of the events of "The Mirror of the Martyrs" on exhibit at Bluffton University from October 1-November 5. For more information on the events associated with the exhibit, see the posters on the bulletin boards in the Missions Center and near the Kitchen.

Christian Education Weekend: KidMin Trainer, Richard Crider, Director of Training for DiscipleLand Curriculum, will be here at Ebenezer the weekend of October 28 & 29. Richard will share with us his passion for seeing children's ministry leaders, teachers, and parents capture a renewed vision of how God can use them to disciple children in their lives. Child care will be available.

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