

Ebenezer Communications Card

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I am interested in information on:

Ebenezer Mennonite Church Baptism Membership

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Joining a small group Prayer requests _____

Our family would like to say thank you for all your prayers and deeds of kindness shown to us throughout Dwight's journey to heaven. *—The Dwight Bixel Family*

Words cannot express our appreciation for the many prayers, cards and love shown to us during the long journey we have had this past year and a half. A special thank you to Kathy and Pastor Dick for their visits, prayers, and encouragement. Please continue to pray for complete healing. *They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.* Isaiah 40:31 – *Leon & Donna Lehman*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Marvin & Karen Garmatter

Missions Center: Clyde & Janie Wireman

Young Adult Mission Trip: Young Adults (post high school – age 28) are invited to participate in a mission trip to La Mision, Mexico July 14–21, 2018 with Be2Live. The projects could include clearing land, building construction, painting, drywalling, interaction at orphanages, food distribution, and more. An informational meeting will be held in November for those interested in finding out more. Approximate cost for the trip, including air fare to San Diego, is \$1,100. Various fund raising projects will begin in January 2018. For additional information, contact Barbara Steiner at 419-230-0979 or Dan Steiner at 419-234-5385.

The Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio newsletter, The Vine, is available at the Information Center in the Missions Center. This issue includes the 2016 annual financial report and appreciation for the many generous contributors to the programs and facilities of MHCO.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Nov. 5-12 Missions Conference Week (*Punching Holes in the Darkness*)

Nov. 9 Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner
(5:15 p.m., meet at the church)

Nov. 13-20 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week

Nov. 19 Worship/Child Dedication Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)

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 14-21 Young Adult Missions Trip with Be2Live (*Mexico*)

July 27-29 Family Camp 2018 (*Whitewater Memorial State Park, Indiana*)

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Ebenezer Emissary



Christian Education Volunteer Appreciation Sunday!

The members of the CE Committee want to give glory to God and thank Him for moving the hearts of so many people to volunteer in Christian Education all around the church during the past year. We also want to thank our army of volunteers who helped as teachers, drivers, cooks, snack servers, assistants, nursemaids, game leaders, etc., in Sunday School, youth meetings, Wednesday night meetings, Vacation Bible School, skating parties, dodgeball, Miracle Camp, and a hundred other activities. We thank you for showing up in answer to God's call and for your willing, selfless service in His name—for that is what it was, serving the Lord, not just "activities"! Thank you for carrying out our theme verse for this year: *Christ himself gave to...equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.* Ephesians 4:11,12

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

9:00 a.m. *The Last Christian Generation in America* – Richard Crider (*All ABF classes, CMC*)

Sunday School (*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. Christian Education Sunday - Richard Crider (*CMC*)
Whoever Wants Our Kids the Most, Will Get Them

Special Music: Sam Brauen, Sarah Lehman, Kara Zink

11:30 a.m. Parent Seminar (*lunch will be provided, CMC*)
Creating a Jesus Friendly Environment in Our Homes

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

Small Groups (*Kings, Lemleys*)

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

KidMin Trainer, Richard Crider, Director of Training for DiscipleLand Curriculum, is our speaker this morning. 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.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on October 22:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	219
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	361
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	101

~ MISSIONS CONFERENCE NOV. 5-8 & 12 ~

Hospitality Opportunities! Our 54th Annual Festival of Missions is next week. There are two open spots to host a missionary couple on Tuesday, November 7. Please sign up in the Crossroads Ministry Foyer to provide a meal. Thank you and may God be glorified through your generosity!

Missions Conference All Church Lunch: All are invited to lunch following the morning Worship Gathering with our missionaries next Sunday, 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 the Missions Center. There is no cost for this lunch.

Missions Conference Afterglow: Please bring finger food to share for the Sunday, November 5 afterglow. All snacks will be provided for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening afterglows.

Missions Banquet: Reserve your ticket for the Missions Banquet, Sunday, November 12, at 5:00 p.m. in the Missions Center today. Cost is \$5 per adult and children 10 and under are free.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 5

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

Monday	6:00 p.m.	Evening Sew (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Beth Moore's Daniel Study (Sanctuary Foyer) Youth Volunteer Meeting (Schoolhouse)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	9:00 a.m.	All Day Sew (CMC)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	5:30 p.m.	Family Supper (FH)
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Prayertime for Families (103) Women's War Room (FH) Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Devotional & Prayer (103) Children's Ministries (Various Classrooms) Cup of Grace (115) Junior High Dodgeball and Devos (CMC) Ladies' Bible/Book Study (Room S4) Trustee Meeting (at Mike Hilty's home) Women Walking in Grace (Schoolhouse)
	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	7:00 p.m.	Engage Committee Meeting (103) Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
Friday	5:00 p.m.	Junior High Bowling/Pizza (meet at the church and bring \$15, Westgate)
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Maranatha ABF (Lima Rescue Home)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Junior High – Adult Classes with Jon Good (CMC) Grades 1-6 with Ed & Jane Skowron (Sanctuary Foyer)
	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.	Opening of 54th Annual Festival of Missions – Jon Good (CMC)
	12:00 p.m.	All Church Carry-in Lunch with Missionaries (CMC)
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
	7:00 p.m.	Children's Missionary Adventure with Ed & Jane Skowron (Sanctuary Foyer) Missionary Message-Jon Good (CMC)
	8:15 p.m.	Afterglow (CMC)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries: Sue Epp, Deb Hilty,
Gail Schantz, Tammy Whitlow

The Good News Hour: Kassandra Bishop, Kathy Bishop,
Lillian Burkholder, Ashley Fry, Traci Heinze,
Grant Klinger, Deb & Milo Luginbuhl

Our sympathy to the family of Dwight Bixel. Dwight, the husband of Clarabeth, father of Jane (Steve) Shaw, Seth (Carol) Bixel, and Amy Bixel, passed away on Tuesday, October 24. Services were held here at Ebenezer on Thursday, October 26.

Congratulations to Rich & Hanné (Burkholder) Streicher who were united in marriage yesterday here at Ebenezer.

The Wild Game Committee is in need of any kind of wild game for our annual Wild Game Event. If you have some and would like to donate it, call Joe Alt at 419-234-1247. Thank you.

Connections small group will feature the book, *Just Courage*, by Gary Haugen (International Justice Mission). The cost of the book is \$12. We will meet on Wednesdays at Bluffton McDonald's at 7:05 p.m. November 1, 15, & 29 and December 6 & 20. Contact Pastor Jim at 419-358-8588 for more information.

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.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week is November 13-20. Toothpaste or candy are no longer allowed in shoeboxes due to customs regulations. See all gift suggestions at (/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/). A flyer with more information will be in the Emissary next Sunday.

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.