

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

#### ~ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2017 ~

**National Collection Week** is November 13-20 here at Ebenezer! If you would like to volunteer (greet people, collect shoeboxes, and do simple paperwork) please sign up in the Missions Center for available dates: Monday-Friday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 1-3 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Tom or Annie Spallinger at 419-358-0140. *Thank you for praying and volunteering with Operation Christmas Child!*

### NATIONAL VETERANS DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**Let us give thanks to God** for the peace and freedom we enjoy and recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans.

#### ~ CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE ~

**Sunday, November 19**

At our Child Dedication Service, parents commit to raise their child to know Jesus Christ for the glory of God. The church family pledges to support the family with love and encouragement, plus provide opportunities for spiritual development of the family.

**Parents, if you would like to take part in this service we need you to register your child or children in one of the following ways:**

- \* Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim.
- \* Provide a digital photo of you with the child or children to be dedicated. Send to: info@ebenezymennonite.org.
- \* Please register and have photo turned in no later than Sunday, November 12. There will be a time in the dedication where your child will specifically be prayed for. This prayer can be offered by you, a family member, friend, or pastor. Please let us know who will be praying.

*Any parents who attend Ebenezer are welcome to dedicate their child. The requirement is membership in the family of God, not Ebenezer Mennonite Church. All parents who know Christ as Savior are welcome to participate in this child dedication.*

#### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Nov. 5-12** Missions Conference Week (*Punching Holes in the Darkness*)
- 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)
- Dec. 10** Children's Christmas Program (6:30 p.m., CMC)
- Dec. 24** Christmas Worship Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)  
\*\*No Sunday School or Adult Bible Fellowship\*\*  
Christmas Eve Service (6:00 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*)



November 5, 2017

# Ebenezer Emissary

## 54<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF MISSIONS



#### ~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 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)  
*Special Music: Kerry Wright & Kara Zink*
- 12:00 p.m.** All Church Carry-in Lunch with Missionaries (CMC)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)  
Women's Ministry Committee Meeting (115)
- 7:00 p.m.** Children's Missionary Adventure with  
Ed & Jane Skowron (*Sanctuary Foyer*)  
Missionary Message - Jon Good (CMC)
- 8:15 p.m.** Afterglow, please bring finger foods to share (CMC)

**Welcome to each missionary** participating in our 54th Annual Festival of Missions, *Punching Holes in the Darkness*. Also a special welcome to our guest speaker this morning, Jon Good, who serves as one of International Justice Mission Directors.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on October 29:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	144
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	395
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	101

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**Missions Conference All Church Lunch:** All are invited to stay for lunch today following the morning Worship Gathering with our missionaries. The Missions Committee will provide shredded pork and chicken sandwiches. There is no cost for this lunch.

**Missionary Noon Meal Donations:** Just a reminder to those who signed up to bring food items, please have them in the church kitchen by this evening unless otherwise noted on your particular item slip. Thank you! – Virginia Gladwell

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

**Missions Banquet:** Reserve your ticket for the Missions Banquet, next 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.

**Transport for Christ Mobile Chapel** is open and available to visit in the church parking lot during Missions Conference.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Richard & Gera Bixel

*Missions Center:* Pastor Dick

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 6-12**

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

- Monday**    **10:30 a.m.** Devotions with Missionaries (103)  
              **12:00 p.m.** Lunch for Missionaries (FH)  
              **7:00 p.m.** Missions Conference (CMC)  
                          Children's Missionary Adventure  
                          Ed & Jane Skowron (Sanctuary Foyer)
- Tuesday**    **8:15 p.m.** Missions Afterglow (CMC)  
              **6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)  
              **10:30 a.m.** Devotions with Missionaries (103)  
              **12:00 p.m.** Lunch for Missionaries (FH)  
              **7:00 p.m.** Missions Conference (CMC)  
                          Children's Missionary Adventure  
                          Ed & Jane Skowron (Sanctuary Foyer)
- Wednesday**    **8:15 p.m.** Missions Afterglow (CMC)  
              **9:00 a.m.** Game Time (FH)  
              **10:30 a.m.** Devotions with Missionaries (103)  
              **12:00 p.m.** Lunch for Missionaries (FH)  
              **7:00 p.m.** Missions Conference (CMC)  
                          Children's Missionary Adventure  
                          Ed & Jane Skowron (Sanctuary Foyer)
- Thursday**    **8:15 p.m.** Missions Afterglow (CMC)  
              **5:15 p.m.** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner  
                          (meet at the church)  
              **7:00 p.m.** Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)  
              **8:30 p.m.** Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
- Sunday**        **9:00 a.m.** Junior High-ABF, Keith Haywood (CMC)  
                          Grades 1-6, YFC Ministry Staff  
                          (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.** **54th Annual Festival of Missions**  
                          Keith Haywood (CMC)  
              **5:00 p.m.** Festival of Missions Banquet (CMC)  
              **6:00 p.m.** Children's Missionary Adventure  
                          Sarah Elsea, Child Evangelism  
                          Fellowship (CMC)  
              • **Celebration of Missions**  
                          Keith Haywood (CMC)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 ~

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**Infant and Toddler Nurseries:**

Brett & Kylie Baxter, Grant & Emily Warner

**The Good News Hour:** Kathy & Cassandra Bishop,

Benji & Sarah Bergstrand, Marti & Melina Meza

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**Our sympathy** to the family of Thelma Carnahan. Thelma, the mother of Bev Stockman, passed away on Tuesday, October 31. Services were held on Friday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Defiance.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on Tuesday, November 7, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, music will be provided by Harps and Strings Gospel Music. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin board near the church kitchen.

**Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner:** Please notify the church at 419-358-8588 or womens.ministry@ebenezymennonite.org before Tuesday, November 7, if you plan to attend the dinner on Thursday, November 9. 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.

**Harvest Dinner:** The Bluffton University Nutrition Association (BUNA) will hold its annual Harvest Dinner, benefiting the Bluffton Community Assistance Corporation and the Churches United Pantry in Lima, from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, November 17, at the Bluffton Middle School cafetorium, 102 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton.

**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.

**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.

**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.