

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 _____

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 13 Congregational Meeting (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
Dec. 21 Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner (5:15 p.m., meet at church)
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)
Mar. 24 Wild Game Event (5:00 p.m., CMC)
June 10-16 Middle School 1 (Grades 5&6, Miracle Camp)
June 17-23 Junior High 1 (Grades 7&8, Miracle Camp)
July 8-14 Senior High 2 (Grades 9-12, Miracle Camp)
July 14-21 Young Adult Missions Trip with Be2Live (Mexico)
July 27-29 Family Camp 2018 (Whitewater Memorial State Park, Indiana)
July 29-Aug. 1 Grade School 2&3 (Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)
July 29-Aug. 4 Grade School 2&3 (Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)

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November 19, 2017

Ebenezer Emissary

We welcome you to worship this Sunday with sincere joy! Make yourself at home, you are among friends who would love for you to be part of the family! Please take a moment to fill out the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary. This communication is a vital link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to place completed ones in the offering plate.

~ 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)
Bless the Children: Generation Next
Dedication to the Lord: Maren Marie August, Jeremy Sturgeon, Avery Lamb, Camryn Lamb
Scripture Reading: Chuck Niswander
Special Music: Thomas Eachus
11:30 a.m. Haiti Missions Trip Meeting (103)
6:30 p.m. Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
Junior High & High School Small Groups (Meet in schoolhouse)
7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer)

~ MISSIONS TRIP MEETING TODAY ~

Those interested in the 2018 trip to Haiti with Mission Possible, February 3-10, will meet in the Conference Room (103) following the morning Worship Gathering today.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on November 12:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	220
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	362
Missions Conference Banquet	(5:00 p.m.)	175

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. 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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jim & Marty Lemley
Missions Center: Don & Vicki Kirkendall

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 20-26

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

- Tuesday 6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*FH*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Worship Team Rehearsal (*CMC*)
- Thursday **Church Office closed - Happy Thanksgiving!*****
- Friday **Church Offices Closed****
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (*Various Classrooms*)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:

The Lehman Family, Josh & Heidi Steiner

The Good News Hour:

Jaden & Amber August, Cory & Molly Meyer, Kathy Steiner

~ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2017 ~

Collecting shoeboxes today 1-3 p.m. and tomorrow morning 6-8. 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!*

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

You are invited to an Open House in honor of Keith & Esther Brauen's 70th wedding anniversary on Friday, November 24, 2-4 p.m. in the Ebenezer Crossroads Ministry Center. Keith & Esther are the parents of Dave (Kathy) and the grandparents of Sam (Janet) and Mark (Rhonda). No gifts please.

Ladies' Christmas tea is coming up! Friday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale today through December 3. Our guest speaker, Leah Lynch, will share with us. Leah is wife of Andy Lynch, from WTLW-44. So bring your favorite tea cup, bring a friend, and enjoy an evening of fellowship, tea, and music. Any questions, contact Kelli Foster at 419-234-3559.

The Wild Game Committee is in need of any kind of wild game for the annual Wild Game Event (March 24). If you have some and would like to donate it, call Joe Alt at 419-234-1247.

Bluffton Family Recreation (BFR) is collecting gently worn, new, or used shoes through Friday, December 1. Collection points in Bluffton are Polished, Village Cut 'n' Curl, Spectrum Salon, and BFR. The donations will go to support BFR.

~ THANK YOU! ~

The Missions Committee is so appreciative for the many hands that so willingly worked together for the 54th Annual Festival of Missions. So many helped with the all-church lunch preparation, serving, and contributing food; daily devotions with the missionaries; daily lunches, evening meals, lodging for the missionaries; afterglow food preparation and serving; the banquet set up and clean up; banner/flag decorations and display, and the musicians who served at every service. Thank You! Several missionaries commented that they felt loved and cared for and were surprised at the good attendance for all services.

Dear Brothers and Sisters: What a ministry to your missionaries, a chance to share and know each other better, feeding us great food, fellowship, and a daily spiritual feeding. What a blessing you have all been! Thanks for your support, your prayers, and your love. – *In Him, Don & Brenda Ernst*

Body at Ebenezer: Thank you so much for allowing me to join you for your 2017 Missions Festival. I was so encouraged by my time with you and praise God for your evident care for all your church's missionaries. May God continue to use you to "Punch Holes in the Darkness" all around the world. – *For His Glory, Brian McKanna*

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