

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 _____

AD is a program for Basque students from 14-18 years, where they spend three weeks in an American family home. They practice their English and share each other's culture. Also, there will be activities to create a community environment between families and student or anyone who wants to get involved. One week they will go to Miracle Camp. We are looking for families to host one or more students. Contact Pastor David for more information or learn how to get involved.

Habitat for Humanity: While we can use volunteers at any time, we have two current needs at the Lima Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Once a month continuing commitment for 2-4 hours. This would involve 4-6 people organizing and tidying up the showroom floor. Also a one-time commitment for 2-4 hours, this would involve any number of people or even an ABF class to organize and clean the back storage room. Please contact Mark Suderman, Volunteer Coordinator at 419-230-5368 or e-mail at mark@habitatlima.org if interested in volunteering.

SIM Missions Trip: A work team is scheduled to go to Charlotte, North Carolina, February 11-17, 2018. An additional building construction week is planned for February 18-24 if the required permits can be obtained by that time. If you are interested in serving with the team, please contact Frank Boehm at 567-371-9541 by Sunday, December 31.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 6** Living Faith ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- 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)*

~ STAFF ~

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December 10, 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)*
Living in the Light: Light of His Word
Special Music: Dave & Sam Brauen, Kevin Gratz
- 4:00 p.m.** Messiah *(Bluffton University, Yoder Recital Hall)*
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting *(103)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Children's Christmas Program *(CMC)*



Please bring your family and friends to an evening of music and drama presented by the children this evening at 6:30. The drama, *The Shawl*, will be presented along with the Disciple Singers and Cherub Choir sharing Christmas music. Following the program, there will be a time of fellowship with an afterglow and treats for every child. The children have been working hard to give you a special evening. Come out to enjoy this heartwarming event!

Cookies, Cookies: Bring your favorite cookies for the Children's Christmas Program afterglow. Bring any kind, Christmas or not. All remaining cookies will be given to Transport for Christ truckers. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on December 3:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	258
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	389
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	97

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Wilda Hanthorn, Rhody Hartman

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: DECEMBER 11-17

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

- Monday 9:00 a.m.** MOPS (FH)
- 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)
7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting (*Sanctuary*)
Junior High Dodgeball and Devos (CMC)
8:30 p.m. High School Bread of Life Ministries
(*Church Kitchen*)
High School Dodgeball (CMC)
- Thursday 5:00 p.m.** Berean ABF Party (*Maple Crest, Patio Room*)
7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Time (*Sanctuary*)
8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
- Sunday 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 (CMC)
4:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups (*Meet at the church*)
6:00 p.m. Small Groups Christmas Party
(*Chuck & Saun Niswanders*)
7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Bible Study
(*Sanctuary Foyer*)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:

Ella Badertscher, Jason & Kim Fritsch, Deb Hilty

The Good News Hour:

Rosemary Carman, Ashley Fry, Pat King, Karna Marquart,
Jessica Robinson, Kathy Steiner, Olivia Spallinger

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Mark & Rhonda Brauen on the birth of their daughter, Stella Mark, on Friday, December 1, weighing 8 lb. 3 oz.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Today the youth will be in the back of the CMC taking orders for coffee and popcorn from Pelican Coffee. The coffee is 100% Arabica and all proceeds will go towards the youth missions trip to Miami, Florida this summer.

Ebenezer Youth Small Groups: Next Sunday, December 17, we will go Christmas caroling and have our Christmas party. Please meet at the church at 4:00 p.m.

High School and Junior High: On Tuesday, December 26, we will go to the Entertainment Station in Lima to play Laser Tag. The cost is \$15 for two hours of Laser Tag! Please meet at the church at 12:15 p.m.

Junior High and Senior High Ice Camps are now having sign-ups! Junior High is January 12-14 and High School is February 23-25. Cost is \$115 and financial aid is available. Payment is not due until the week before. Contact Pastor David.

Bluffton University will present its 122nd performance of Handel's *Messiah* at 4:00 this afternoon, in Yoder Recital Hall. Tickets will be required. While the tickets are free, they must be reserved at <http://tickets.bluffton.edu> or at Marbeck Center. A free-will offering will be taken for music scholarships.

The annual congregational meeting is this Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will discuss the General Fund, Building Fund, and Christian Education Fund proposed 2018 budgets. An information packet is available in the Missions Center and on the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Elections will also be held. The Wednesday Night Children's Ministries and Bible Studies will not meet that evening.

Berean ABF Class Christmas party at Maple Crest, 5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 14, for dinner and a musical evening.

Ladies, last mystery dinner of the year is Thursday, December 21, all are welcome. Please notify the church at 419-358-8588 or womens.ministry@ebenezymennonite.org by Tuesday, December 19, or meet at the church by 5:15 p.m. If you want to know where we are going, you can contact the church office, but no telling others. Remember we are also having a \$5 gift exchange.

Scheduled Surgery: Arlene Garmatter, Wednesday, December 13, Blanchard Valley Hospital.

The Hope of Christmas: *Our Daily Bread* has published a special devotional with ten reflections designed to help you in your spiritual journey during the Christmas season. Please stop by the table in the Foyer or the Information Counter in the Missions Center to get your copy and another for a friend to find encouragement, comfort, and true joy this Christmas season. *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.* Romans 15:13