

**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.

**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.

**~ MHCO VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED ~**

**Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio**, a four campus retirement community with over 240 active volunteers, is seeking to fill a full-time Volunteer Coordinator position (32 hrs. a week). This individual will coordinate with Activity Directors the volunteer program on all campuses including recruiting, orienting, managing, and celebrating volunteers. The successful candidate will enjoy building relationships with volunteers, community organizations, staff and elders; possess excellent written and oral communication skills; have strong organizational skills; be familiar with using database programs; and have the ability to work independently to advance the program. Two years related experience, and/or an advanced degree or certification preferred.

Submit a resume and application to dlamb@mhcoliving.org. <https://mhcoliving.org/job/volunteer-coordinator/> or at 410 W. Elm St., Bluffton, Ohio.

**~ THANK YOU ~**

**Blessings and thanks** to my Ebenezer family for your prayers during my time in the hospital and in Hallmark House for rehab. It has pleased God to answer prayer and because of His faithfulness I will be able to return home with Beth & Gordon here in Pekin. Thank you for the many cards, notes, and phone calls. I miss your fellowship. May God grant you one and all a blessed Christmas as we give thanks for God's 'unspeakable gift' in His Son, our precious Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. – *Pastor Warren*

**~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~**

- 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 17, 2017**

# Ebenezer Emissary

Hearty greetings to all who have come to worship! Let us join in the spirit of the psalmist who said: *I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; lo, I have not restrained my lips ... I have spoken of thy faithfulness and thy salvation.* (Psalm 40:9) Warmly, eagerly let us praise God and extend love to one another.

**~ 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: Be Children of the Light*  
*Special Music: Jean Bash*
- 4:00 p.m.** Ebenezer Youth Small Groups Caroling and Party  
*(Meet at the church)*
- 6:00 p.m.** Small Groups Christmas Party (Chuck & Saun Niswanders)
- 7:00 p.m.** \*\*No Evening Bible Study – resumes January 7\*\*

**~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~**

**Our sympathy** to the family of Jim Garmatter: Jim, the husband of Anne, father of Noah and Rachel, son of Marvin & Karen, brother of Alan (Sharon), David (Channan), and Janet (Scott) passed away on Tuesday, December 12. Services will be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Witzler-Shank Funeral Home, Perrysburg, with visitation from 1-7 p.m. prior to the service.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on December 10:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	244
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	393
Children's Christmas Program	(6:30 p.m.)	320

**Attendance on December 13:**

Congregational Meeting	(7:00 p.m.)	82
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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center: Ralph & Melba Gerber*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: DECEMBER 18-24**

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(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*)  
Youth Volunteer Potluck (*FH*)  
**7:05 p.m.** Connections Small Group  
(*Bluffton McDonald's*)
- Thursday 5:15 p.m.** Women's Mystery Dinner (*meet at the church*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Deacon Meeting (*103*)  
Men's Prayer Time (*Sanctuary*)  
**8:30 p.m.** Young Adult Basketball (*CMC*)
- Sunday 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.** Christmas Worship Service (*CMC*)  
*\*\*No Sunday School or Adult Bible Fellowship\*\**  
**6:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service (*CMC*)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 ~

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***Infant and Toddler Nurseries:***

Mary Glick, Olivia Spallinger

***The Good News Hour:***

Jaden & Amber August, Allison & Madeline Burghaze

Ashley Eachus, Deb Huber, Julie Rieman, Lily Shadle

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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***Ebenezer Youth Small Groups:*** This afternoon 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.

***Ladies, mystery dinner*** is this Thursday, December 21, all are welcome. Please notify the church at 419-358-8588 or womens.ministry@ebenezermennonite.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.

***2017 Congregational Meeting:*** The following persons were elected and approved at the annual meeting on Wednesday, December 13: **Deacons:** Wes Klinger, Dean Klingler, Jed Marquart; **Trustees:** Richard Bixel, Ron Meyer; **Nominating Committee:** Marty Lemley, Jane Shaw; **Head Usher:** Mike Biery; **President:** Ron Epp; **Congregational Secretary:** Deb Huber; **Assistant Congregational Secretary:** Tina Alt; **Standing Committees Slate Ballot – Christian Education:** Clyde Wireman-Adult Bible Fellowship Superintendent, Heidi Steiner-Support Ministries, Marti Meza-Wednesday Evening Superintendent, Jaden August-Children's Church Superintendent, Ruth Seefeldt-Children's SS Superintendent, Ashley Fry-Secretary; **Engage Ministries:** Jamie Nygaard; **Kitchen Coordinators:** Kerris & Nancy Wright; **Legacy & Investment:** Ron Epp; **Missions:** Jeremy Lemley, Marissa Schutz, Joshua Steiner; **Ushers:** Mike Biery, Steve Burkholder, Randy Forrer, Alan Garmatter, David Garmatter, Randy Garmatter, Bob Geiger, Alan Hefner, Bob Holt, Russell Koontz, Jeff McKanna, Ron Meyer, Mike Powell, Barry Schneck, Jim Spallinger, Robert Spallinger, Ron Steiner, Bob Zimmerman. **Ancillary Ushers:** Richard Bixel, Jerry Cartwright, John Good, Larry Moser. The 2018 General Fund, Building Fund, and Christian Education Fund proposed budgets were all approved.

***A new ABF class on parenting*** will begin for young marrieds and young families on Sunday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m., in the Crossroads Ministry Center. We'll be discussing Wayne Rice's book *Generation to Generation: Practical and Creative Ideas for Raising Kids to Know and Love God*. Pick up a copy and sign up for the class at the back of the CMC. Please contact Pastor Dale or Pastor Jim for details.