

December 24, 2017

Ebenezer Emissary



For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise...wrote the psalmist (Psalm 96:4). We welcome everyone who has come to worship this Christmas Eve Day. Let us sing for joy to the God of all nations who has revealed love and truth and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 ~

- 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
Scripture: Dan Steiner
Special Music: Sam Brauen and Worship Team
- 4:00 p.m.** Community Christmas Eve Service (Bluffton Middle School Cafetorium)
- 6:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Service (Crossroads Ministry Center)



~ COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ~

at the
Bluffton Middle School Cafetorium
116 S. Jackson Street
tonight at 4:00

Service provided by Ebenezer Mennonite Church
Please invite a friend to attend!

~ O HOLY NIGHT! ~

Join the Ebenezer family tonight at 6:00 in the Crossroads Ministry Center for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Bring your family and friends for the evening as we worship the Newborn King!



~ 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)
- Feb. 25** Congregational Meeting (11:30 a.m., CMC)
- 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)

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 _____

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on December 17:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	244
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	402

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: DECEMBER 25-31

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

- Monday** **** Merry Christmas – Church Office Closed****
- Tuesday** **12:15 p.m.** High School and Junior High Laser Tag
(meet at the church)
- Wednesday** **9:00 a.m.** Game Time *(FH)*
6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal *(CMC)*
- Thursday** **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)*

~ NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries: John & Jaime Shaw

The Good News Hour:

Jammie, Kirby, & Keaton Halker, Grant Klinger,
Bruce & Cindy Moser, Maria Spallinger, Kathy Steiner

Maranatha ABF New Year’s Eve Party: All are welcome; bring friends, games, and food to share on Sunday, December 31, at 7:00 p.m. at John & Marcia Schutz home, 15932 Road 4, Pandora.

Along with the New Year comes a new College & Young Adult Bible Fellowship class. We’ll begin next Sunday, December 31, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room (Room 103 by the coffee cafe). We’ll be interactive and inter-generational, so you’ll wake up fast. I look forward to being your Sunday morning facilitator and teacher. All we need is you! Of course, you can invite friends to join and tag along with you. Here’s to a great start to 2018! We hope you can join us. Merry Christmas! - *Pastor Jim*

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.

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.

~ MHC 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.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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.

~ TODAY’S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Mark & Kay Spallinger