

February 25, 2018



# Ebenezer Emissary

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)*  
*Be Holy: The Day of Atonement*  
*Scripture Reading: Wes Klinger*  
*Special Music: Jammie Halker*
- 11:30 a.m.** Congregational Meeting *(CMC)*
- 12:00 p.m.** Women’s Ministry Committee Meeting *(FH)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Disciple Singers’ Choir *(Grades 1-6, 118-119)*  
Junior High Small Groups *(Meet in schoolhouse)*
- 6:32 p.m.** Small Groups *(King, Lemley, Luginbuhl)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Sunday Evening Bible Study *(Sanctuary Foyer)*

**Please pray** for the 50 plus high school students and their 14 leaders as they return from Ice Camp at Miracle Camp in Michigan this afternoon.

### ~ CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING ~

**The congregational business** meeting to approve the 2017 Reports and the proposed 2018 Missions Budget will follow the morning service. For your review, the Annual Report for 2017 is available in the Crossroads Ministry Center and in the Missions Center.

### ~ VOICE OF THE MARTYRS ~

**A new movie depicting** the life story of Richard Wurmbrand (founder of Voice of the Martyrs) will be showing at the AMC Theater-Findlay and the Regal American Mall-Lima on Monday, March 5. Ticket sales will help current families of imprisoned people. Check online ticket sales at OnBuzz 833-466-2899 or persecution.com. Check local listing for view times. Please pray for the persecuted church.

### ~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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### 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 ~

- March 5** Evening Sew *(6:00 p.m., CMC)*
- March 6** All-Day Sew *(9:00 a.m., CMC)*
- March 24** Wild Game Event *(5:00 p.m., CMC)*
- April 7** Berean ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission)*
- April 22** Congregational Meeting *(11:30 a.m., CMC)*
- May 5** Young Adult *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission)*
- June 2** High School *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission)*
- June 3-8** Vacation Bible School Week *(6:30 p.m., ages 4-Grade 6)*
- June 10-16** Middle School 1 *(Grades 5&6, Miracle Camp)*
- June 17-23** Junior High 1 *(Grades 7&8, Miracle Camp)*
- June 22-30** High School Missions Trip *(Miami, Florida)*
- July 10-12** Junior High Missions Trip *(Columbus, OH)*
- July 14-21** Young Adult Missions Trip with Be2Live *(Mexico)*
- July 22-28** Senior High 2 *(High School, Miracle Camp)*
- 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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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on February 18:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	258
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	391
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	101

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~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY ~

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**Ebenezer provides transportation** to and from High School and Junior High Ice Camp, but the students are responsible for the \$115 fee to attend. However, some students are unable to afford this cost. We have students who went to Ice Camp this weekend and need some help with the fee. If you would be willing to make a donation, simply place in the offering plate, but be sure to designate Ice Camp on the memo line. Thank you! If you have questions, please contact Pastor David at 567-204-9777.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Mark & Kay Spallinger  
*Missions Center:* Hunter Garmatter

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 4

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(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)  
**7:00 p.m.** Beth Moore's Daniel Study (Sanctuary Foyer)  
Missions Committee Meeting (103)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (FH)  
**5:30 p.m.** Family Supper (FH)  
**6:00 p.m.** Men's Prayertime for Families (103)  
Women's War Room (FH)  
Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)  
**7:00 p.m.** Adult Devotional & Prayer (103)  
Children's Ministries (Various Classrooms)  
Cup of Grace (Church Library)  
Junior High Dodgeball and Devos (CMC)  
Men's Small Group (Sanctuary Overflow)  
Pleasing Our Savior More Each Day (Schoolhouse)  
**7:05 p.m.** Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)  
**8:30 p.m.** High School Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)  
High School Dodgeball (CMC)
- Thursday 7:00 p.m.** Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)  
**8:30 p.m.** Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
- Saturday 6:30 p.m.** Family Game Night (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)  
**5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (103)  
**6:30 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)  
Junior High & High School Small Groups (Meet in schoolhouse)  
**6:32 p.m.** Small Groups (King, Lemley, Luginbuhl)  
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 4 ~

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**Infant and Toddler Nurseries:**

Sue Epp, Deb Hilty, Gail Schantz, Tammy Whitlow

**The Good News Hour:**

Kathy & Cassandra Bishop, Lillian Burkholder, Ashley Fry, Traci Heinze, Grant Klingler, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Family Game Night**, Saturday, March 3, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Life can be hectic and busy. Women's Ministries is planning a night where your family can come and enjoy some family time together, snacks, board games, Minute to Win It, and crafts! Sign up today in the Missions Center.

**Tickets for Wild Game Night** are \$15 each and will go on sale Saturday, March 3, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**All Day Sew** is Monday evening, March 5, from 6:00-9:00 and on Tuesday, March 6, from 9:00-3:00 p.m. We will be knotting comforters for our missionaries. Please bring a hot and cold dish for a noon potluck on Tuesday. The potluck is also open to all spouses of those working and all widows/widowers to be our guest. Everyone is invited, come and share this evening or day with us.

**Dan Wolgemuth**, President of Youth For Christ – USA, will be at the St. John Mennonite Mission Festival on Saturday, March 17, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. to share about the YFC ministry. Childcare will be provided.

**Rally Point Chicken BBQ:** St. John Mennonite Church is hosting a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, March 25, from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets (\$8) will be on sale March 4, 11, and 18 in the Missions Center. The money will help send Rally Point students to summer camp. The meal consists of ½ chicken, green beans, applesauce, roll/butter, and a drink. See Bev Stockman for more details.

**Ladies...Save the Date:** It's our chance to go to Miracle Camp as a camper! Registration for Women's Retreat, May 4-6 is now underway. Women college age and up, this is for you! Flyers and details are located in the Missions Center. Please contact Heidi Steiner 419-358-0116 or Katie Kruse 419-889-0108 for more information!