

March 4, 2018

# Ebenezer Emissary



Welcome to all! The Letter to the Hebrews tells us to approach worship *with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith* (Hebrews 10:22). Therefore let us sincerely lift up our hearts to the Lord and extend our hands in loving fellowship to one another. May God bless us all.

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: A Holy Worship*  
*Scripture Reading: Bev Stockman*  
*Special Music: Janice Althaus*
- 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 *(Hawk, Lemley, Luginbuhl)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Sunday Evening Bible Study *(Sanctuary Foyer)*

~ PRAYER CONCERN ~

**Ruth Amstutz**, a long-time member of Ebenezer, is currently living with her daughter with in-home hospice care. If you wish to send a card, her address is: 11 Crea Lane, Grangeville, ID 83530.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 tomorrow, Monday, March 5. Check local listing for view times. You need to purchase your tickets ahead of time by calling 800-747-0085.

**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!

**Maple Crest Senior Living Village** will host a Soup Cook Off and Silent Auction on Thursday, March 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the lower-level patio room of the main building. The public is invited to sample gourmet soups prepared by local restaurants and caterers. The silent auction will feature pieces created by area artists, including pottery, handmade jewelry, wood carvings, hand-quilted items, and more. Artwork will be on display in the lobby area of Maple Crest beginning tomorrow, and bids will be accepted until 6 p.m. during the Soup Cook Off when winning bidders will be announced. The meal includes soups, salad, breadsticks, beverage, and dessert. Cost is \$7/person for adults and \$3 for children age 5 and under. Proceeds will benefit the hair salon construction at Maple Crest. For more information, call 419-358-1015, ext. 100.

**Dan Wolgemuth**, President of Youth For Christ – USA, will be speaking 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.

**Bluffton Elementary School** is looking for individuals to volunteer some time in their Pirate-2-Pirate reading program. This program is a 1:1 reading mentoring program for students needing supplemental reading intervention. We use a systematic process and structured reading mentoring materials. We are looking for individuals to volunteer in half-hour increments, once or up to four times a week. It is very rewarding to see and hear a child learn to become a better reader and gain confidence in themselves. Thank you in advance for your consideration in helping our kids become better readers here at Bluffton Schools. Contact Beth Ackerman at 419-358-7951 or email at: ackermanb@blufftonschools.org for more information.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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 25:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	235
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	351
Congregational Meeting	(11:30 a.m.)	110
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	90

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**Daylight Savings Time!**

Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead next Saturday night.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Crossroads Ministry Center: Bart & Joy Moser

Missions Center: Steve & Doneta Reigle

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 4-11

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

- Monday 6:00 p.m.** Evening Sew (CMC)
- Tuesday 6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)  
**9:00 a.m.** All-Day Sew (CMC)  
**7:00 p.m.** Beth Moore's Daniel Study (Sanctuary Foyer)
- 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.** Engage Committee Meeting (103)  
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)  
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 11 ~

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**Infant and Toddler Nurseries:**

Brett & Kylie Baxter, Grant & Emily Warner

**The Good News Hour:**

Benji & Sarah Bergstrand, Marti & Melina Meza,  
Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Junior High** missions trip to Columbus with the *Church for All People*, July 10-12. Cost is \$75 please sign up with Pastor David. Current Grade 6 through current Grade 8 are invited.

**High School** missions trip to Miami, Florida, June 22-June 30. Please sign up with Pastor David, if you have already signed up, please fill out your forms on the Praying Pelican website.

**Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (May 13):** All proceeds go to the Miami, Florida mission trip. More details to come!

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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. 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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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**All reports from 2017** and the proposed Missions Budget for 2018 were approved last Sunday.

**All Day Sew** is tomorrow 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.

**To the Ebenezer Church Family:** Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and phone calls and also for the visits at home and hospital during my surgery. - God bless you all, Mike Powell