

March 11, 2018

# Ebenezer Emissary



We are grateful for your presence today. In this place of worship, let your worries give way to peace and your doubts be changed into hope. Let us remind ourselves that the Lord holds the whole world in His hands.

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 Love for Neighbor*  
*Scripture Reading: Don Leader*  
*Special Music: Halker Family*
- 11:30 a.m.** Miami Missions Trip Meeting *(103)*  
Wild Game Committee Meeting *(FH)*
- 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 *(Luginbuhl, Rodabaugh, Stockman)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Sunday Evening Bible Study *(Sanctuary Foyer)*

### ~ OUR DAILY BREAD ~

**He Is Risen:** Located in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and in the Missions Center you will find a special Easter Edition booklet with 10 reflections from Our Daily Bread. Pick up your free copy today.

**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](mailto:ackermanb@blufftonschools.org) for more information.

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- March 24** Wild Game Event *(5:00 p.m., CMC)*
- March 30** Good Friday Service *(7:00 p.m., CMC)*
- April 1** Easter Sunday-Two Morning Services (Both the same)  
*(8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., Continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m.)*
- April 7** Berean ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission)*
- April 22** Congregational Meeting *(11:30 a.m., CMC)*
- April 29** Disciple Singers Spring Musical *(10:15 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., age 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)*

### ~ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Vacation Bible School-June 3-8:** Please check out the website: [vbspro.events/p/c3e1f3](http://vbspro.events/p/c3e1f3) where you can register your children (age 4-Grade 6) or sign up to volunteer.

**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!

**Items available in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.** Located in a rack on the wall are Weekly Prayer Guides, Our Daily Bread booklets, and Giving Envelopes. Also you will find Gideon all occasion cards easily providing a way to donate Bibles.

**There are many items** which have been left behind here at the church. Please stop by the Lost & Found table and counter located in the Missions Center to retrieve anything you may be missing. What is left will soon be sent to the Et Cetera Shop.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on March 4:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	297
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	449
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	94

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Miami Florida Missions Trip Meeting:** Today immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering please plan to meet in the Conference Room (103).

**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.

**Parents' Night Out:** Please sign up your child/children with Hanné Burkholder for a parents' night out on March 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Miami Missions Trip.

**Converge April 6-7:** All students Grades 7-12 sign up with Pastor David. The cost is \$50.

**Guys' Night** with Steve Scott, *On Target Outfitters*. Guys Grades 7-12, on Friday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m. are all invited.

**Cedar Point Trip:** For Grades 7-12 on Tuesday, May 29. Cost is \$50. More details to come!

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

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Jerry & Vickie Cartwright  
*Missions Center:* Robert & Sue Spallinger

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 12-18**

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	MOPS (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Beth Moore's Daniel Study (Sanctuary Foyer) Prayer Action Team (Church Library)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Family Supper (FH)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Prayertime for Families (103) Women's War Room (FH) Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	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)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	High School Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen) High School Dodgeball (CMC)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Deacon Meeting (103) Men's Prayer Time (Columbus Grove Christian Church)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (Various Classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119) Junior High & High School Small Groups (Meet in schoolhouse)
	<b>6:32 p.m.</b>	Small Groups (Rodabaugh, Lemley, Luginbuhl)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 18 ~

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**Infant and Toddler Nurseries:**

Ashley Fry, Olivia Spallinger, Brian & Kendy Young Family

**The Good News Hour:**

Janet Brauen, Rosemary Carman, Kim Gordon,  
Gabe & Hannah Meyer, Jessica Robinson, Olivia Spallinger

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~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~

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**Wild Game Servers:** If you can help, please sign up at the bulletin boards outside the kitchen and in the Missions Center. You will need to be at the church by 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 24. Thanks for volunteering! – *Wild Game Committee*

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Men's Prayer Time:** This Thursday, March 15, plan to meet at the Columbus Grove Christian Church (105 S. Broadway Street, Columbus Grove) at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Burkholder at 419-969-4170 or Tim Diller at 567-242-9357.

**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. Breakfast will be served and childcare will be provided.

**Please remove** items from the church refrigerators and freezers, so that there will be room to store food for the Wild Game Event, by Wednesday, March 22. Thank you!

**The Service Group** of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will hold their annual Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This annual event will feature a variety of home baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles, and breads and will be held in the Mennonite Memorial Home (MMH) lobby. If you wish to donate any baked goods, please mark with MMH and place in the church kitchen by 9:00 that morning or deliver to the MMH. The money raised from this event will provide assistance for special projects at MMH. Thank you for your donation.

**The Trustees** are now accepting bids for the 2018 mowing of the church and cemetery lawns. Please submit your bid to the church office no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 6.