

March 18, 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: A Holy Priesthood*  
*Special Music: Jean Bash*
- 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 *(Hartman, Lemley, Luginbuhl)*

### ~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

**Congratulations** to Harry & Elinor Burkholder. Wednesday, March 21, will mark their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! If you would like to send a card, please mail to 17923 County Road 15, Bluffton, OH 45817.

### ~ 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, to begin the readings tomorrow.

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

**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.

**Women's Retreat at Miracle Camp:** Come join the 30 ladies from ages 25-95 already signed up for a weekend getaway May 4-6! Flyers and details are located in the Mission's Center. Please contact Heidi Steiner at 419-358-0116 or Katie Kruse at 419-889-0108 for more information!

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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 25** Wednesday Children’s Ministries Skate Night  
*(6:00 p.m., Grove Skateland)*
- April 29** Disciple Singers Spring Musical *(10:15 a.m. CMC)*  
Welcome Luncheon *(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., 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 *(Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)*
- July 29-Aug. 4** Grade School 3 *(Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)*

### ~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

**Ebenezer Mennonite Church**  
 8905 Columbus Grove Road, Bluffton, OH 45817  
**Phone:** 419-358-8588  
**Website:** www.ebenzermennonite.org  
**E-mail:** info@benzermennonite.org

### ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT HABITAT RESTORE ~

**There is a great need** for additional volunteers at the Lima Area Habitat ReStore. Jobs for volunteers include customer service, product preparation, cashier, donation pick-up, maintenance, cleaning, and more. Please visit the Habitat website to sign up at [www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/](http://www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/) or call the Habitat office at 419-222-4937. Thank you for considering this donation of time.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on March 11:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	250
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	369
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	84

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**Parents' Night Out:** Please sign up your child/children with Hanné Burkholder for a parents' night out this Friday, March 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Miami missions trip.

**Children's Ministries Family Supper:** Beginning this Wednesday, March 21, from 6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m. a supper will be served. A donation basket will be available.

**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*. All guys, Grades 7-12, on Friday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

**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.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Jim & Marty Lemley

*Missions Center:* Don & Vicki Kirkendall

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 19-25**

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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*)  
                 **7:00 p.m.** Beth Moore's Daniel Study (*Sanctuary Foyer*)
- Wednesday** **9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*FH*)  
                 **5:30 p.m.** Family Prayer Supper (*FH*)  
                 **6:00 p.m.** Children's Ministries Family Supper (*FH*)  
                 Men's Prayertime for Families (*103*)  
                 Women's War Room (*Church Library*)  
                 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**   **5:15 p.m.** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner  
                 (*Meet at the church*)  
                 **7:00 p.m.** Men's Prayer Time (*Sanctuary*)  
                 **8:30 p.m.** Young Adult Basketball (*CMC*)
- Friday**       **3:30 p.m.** Junior High Bible Study (*Sanctuary Foyer*)  
                 **5:30 p.m.** Parents' Night Out (*Basement*)
- Saturday**   **5:00 p.m.** Wild Game Event (*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*)  
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 25 ~

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**Infant and Toddler Nurseries:**

Jared & Sarah Lehman Family, Josh & Heidi Steiner

**The Good News Hour:**

Jaden & Amber August, Cory & Molly Meyer,  
Maria Spallinger, Kathy Steiner

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**Wild Game Tickets:** There are a few tickets left, please call Tina Alt at 419-410-4205.

**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*

**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 21. Thank you!

**Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner** is on Thursday, March 22. It's called a Mystery Dinner because the location of dinner for the evening is a surprise! All you have to do is RSVP and then show up at church at 5:15 p.m. We all go together in a van, it is a really wonderful time to get to know ladies who you have seen, but maybe not had a chance to chat with. It's also an easy way to invite a friend to a church event! Please call the church at 419-358-8588 to RSVP or go to: [womens.ministry@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:womens.ministry@ebenezymennonite.org) by Tuesday, March 20.

**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.

**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.

**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.