

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 where you can register your children (age 4-Grade 6) or sign up to volunteer.

Please remember to turn in the Senior Pastor evaluation forms that were inserted in the Emissary last Sunday. Deacons will be posted at each of the doors of the CMC following Morning Worship to receive the evaluations. After today, personally give your evaluation to a Deacon.

~ NINE WAYS YOU CAN HELP EASTER SUNDAY ~

- ❖ Pray as you enter church property.
- ❖ Park at the most distant spot available.
- ❖ Greet people.
- ❖ Look for people to help.
- ❖ Sit as close as possible to the front of the worship center.
- ❖ Sit in the middle.
- ❖ Sit closely.
- ❖ Volunteer to serve.
- ❖ Pray as you leave.

Advice from Thom Rainer, Lifeway Resources

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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)
Welcome Luncheon (11:30 a.m. CMC)
May 4-6 Women's Retreat (Miracle Camp)
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)

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March 25, 2018

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome to this Palm Sunday service. The crowds in Jerusalem welcomed the humble arrival of the King with palms and shouts of "Hosanna!" Let us honor and praise Him today with that same joyful spirit.

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 – John Norris (CMC)
Storms of Life
Scripture Reading: Pastor Dale
Special Music: Dave & Kathy Brauen, Kevin Gratz
4:00 p.m. Junior High & High School Small Groups
(Meet in at the church)
6:30 p.m. Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
No Sunday Evening Bible Study tonight.

Rally Point Chicken BBQ: If you bought tickets, pick up your dinners today at St. John Mennonite from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There are extra dinners available for \$8 while supplies last. The money will help send Rally Point students to summer camp.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Surgery Scheduled: Beth Schmidt, tomorrow at Blanchard Valley Hospital.

~ GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE ~

Come join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center on March 30, for our Good Friday Service. We will also remember the Lord's sacrifice for us by taking communion together.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on March 18:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	243
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	366
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	70

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High & High School Small Groups are going to see *I Can Only Imagine* at the Findlay Theater. Meet at the church at 4:00 this afternoon and the cost is \$6. We should return by 8:00 p.m.

Disciple Singers' Choir will not meet for rehearsal next Sunday, April 1.

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.

Converge April 6-7: All students Grades 7-12 please 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): See the pink Emissary insert to order your Mother's Day pies to go along with your chicken dinner! All proceeds will go to the Miami missions trip.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Frank & Patty Boehm

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 26-APRIL 1

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

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (<i>FH</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Beth Moore's Daniel Study (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>) Missions Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry Family Supper (<i>FH</i>) Men's Prayertime for Families (<i>103</i>) Women's War Room (<i>Church Library</i>) Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Devotional & Prayer (<i>103</i>) Children's Ministries (<i>Various Classrooms</i>) Cup of Grace (<i>Church Library</i>) Junior High Dodgeball and Devos (<i>CMC</i>) Men's Small Group (<i>Sanctuary Overflow</i>) <i>Pleasing Our Savior More Each Day</i> (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	High School Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>) High School Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Time (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service & Communion (<i>7:00 p.m., CMC</i>)
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Wild Game Trap Shoot (<i>Outside</i>)
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (<i>CMC, same as 10:15</i>) **No Sunday School or ABF**
	9:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (Donuts & Drinks) (<i>CMC</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (<i>CMC, same as 8:30</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 1 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries Combined

Mary Glick, Deb Hilty, Gail Schantz,
Heidi Steiner, Tammy Whitlow & Family

The Good News Hour:

Kathy & Cassandra Bishop, Traci Heinze, John & Jaime Shaw

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Do you desire membership at Ebenezer? Join the adventure of partnering with us to help people know and grow in Jesus Christ. There are four required sessions to become a partner/member. The sessions will be held in the church library on four Sunday mornings beginning April 8, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. You can sign up by filling out the Ebenezer Communications Card in the Emissary or by contacting the church office at 419-358-8588 or e-mail Pastor Jim at jim.king@ebenezymennonite.org. Thank you for taking the steps to join us in the privilege of reaching our world for Christ!

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.

~ MIRACLE CAMP ~

Now is the time to sign up! Letters with dates, scholarship, and other information for summer camp are being passed out today to students entering Grade 2 through high school. Please check out their website and register at www.miraclecamp.com.

~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~

There is a great need for additional volunteers at the Lima Area Habitat ReStore (550 W. Elm Street). Because of recent cuts in various social programs, we have lost a fair number of people who worked at our ReStore. Jobs for volunteers include customer service, product preparation, cashier, donation pick-up, maintenance, cleaning, and more. One-time volunteers are very welcome, but regular volunteers are especially needed – even if it is for just a couple of hours one or two days a week. Please visit the Habitat website to sign up at www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/ or call the Habitat office at 419-222-4937. Thank you for considering this generous donation of time.