
~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Sunday Evening Bible Study will begin a new series next Sunday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m.

If you are looking for a small group to join, we are going to start the book *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan on Wednesday, April 11. We will meet at Bluffton McDonald's at 7:05 p.m. until the remodeling project begins, and then will move to a different location. If interested, let Pastor Jim know by sending an email to jim.king@ebenezymennonite.org. This small group will run to the end of May.

Note from Deacons: There will be a congregational meeting to vote on a motion by the Deacons on Sunday, April 22, following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center. The Deacons recommend by majority vote that Pastor Jim King be called as Senior Pastor for a 5-year-term ending April 2023.

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

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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 4-6 Women's Retreat (Miracle Camp)
May 5 Young Adult (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission)
May 20 Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.m., All Sunday School and ABF classes please meet in the CMC)
May 27 Meet Your Teacher Sunday (9:00 a.m., various classrooms)
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)

~ SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 A.M. ~

- Infant Nursery** – 111, **Toddler Nursery** – 106
Age 2 - B16, **Age 3&4** - B-10 a&b, **Ages 5&6** - B-11
Grade 1 - B-12
Grade 2 - B-14
Grade 3 - B-18
Grade 4 - B-13
Grade 5 – Sanctuary 4 (Upstairs)
Grade 6 - B-15
Grades 7 & 8 (Junior High) - B-17
Grades 9 – 12 (High School) - Schoolhouse
College & Young Adults – 103
Genesis - Sanctuary Foyer
Maranatha - Sanctuary Overflow
Living Faith – 112-114 (Fellowship Hall)
Berean – 118-119
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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.

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April 8, 2018

Ebenezer Emissary

We are genuinely pleased to have you worship here today. Your presence can add much to our service. Lift up your voice and open your heart to God, and all of us will be blessed. Welcome, friend.

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.** New Membership Class (Church Library)
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: Festival of First Fruits
11:30 a.m. Wild Game Com. Meeting (FH)
Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (Church Library)
5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (103)
6:30 p.m. Junior High & High School Small Groups
(Schoolhouse)
6:32 p.m. Small Groups (Lemley, Rodabaugh)

No Sunday Evening Bible Study or Children's Choir Rehearsal

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on March 31:

Good Friday Service (7:00 p.m.) 132

Attendance on April 1:

Easter Worship Service (8:30 a.m.) 212

Easter Worship Service (10:15 a.m.) 339

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Christian & Lydia Steiner on the birth of their son, Brock Anderson, on Saturday, March 31, weighing 7 lb. 2 oz.

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Addison & Mariah (Burkholder) Diller who were united in marriage yesterday here at Ebenezer.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Ralph & Melba Gerber

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 9-15

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

- Monday** 9:00 a.m. MOPS (FH)
7:00 p.m. Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
- Tuesday** 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
7:00 p.m. Beth Moore's Daniel Study (Sanctuary Foyer)
Prayer Action Team (Church Library)
- Wednesday** 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)
6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry 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** 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)
- Sunday** 9:00 a.m. New Membership Class (Church Library)
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)
6:30 p.m. Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
Junior High & High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)
6:32 p.m. Small Groups (King, Lemley)
7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 15 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:

Ella Badertscher, Brett & Kylie Baxter, Jennifer Navarro

The Good News Hour:

Rosemary Carman, Ashley Fry, Pat King, Karna Marquart, Jessica Robinson, Olivia Spallinger, Kathy Steiner

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Ann Gladwell. Ann, wife of Paul, mother of Emily, Seth, and Amber, passed away on Wednesday, April 4. Visitation is this afternoon from 2-4 & 6-8 in the Crossroads Ministry Center. The funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the church sanctuary. There will be an additional hour of visitation preceding services.

Our sympathy to the family of Esther Brauen. Esther, mother of Dave and grandmother of Sam and Mark, passed away on Thursday, April 5. Visitation will be tomorrow from 2-8 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, and then the memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.

In Rehabilitation: Carolyn Frysinger, Mennonite Memorial Home.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Disciple Singers' Choir will not meet for rehearsal tonight. We will have a rehearsal on Friday, April 27, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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.

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): Please use the pink form to order your Mother's Day pies to go along with your chicken dinner! Extra forms are available in the Missions Center. All proceeds will go to the Miami youth missions trip.

~ THANK YOU ~

I want to thank Pastor Dick & Cheryl and Kathy for your visits while I was in the hospital. Thank you the church family for all your thoughts and prayers. - Elinor Burkholder