

April 15, 2018

Ebenezer Emissary



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: Pentecost
Special Music: Jan Althaus
- 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, Luginbuhl)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Sunday Evening Bible Study *(Sanctuary Foyer)*

Sunday Evening Bible Study will begin a new series tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Foyer.

You may have been attending Ebenezer for several months, weeks, or perhaps visiting for the first time today. Whatever the case, you are invited to a Welcome Luncheon Sunday, April 29, immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center. All college age students are also invited. The luncheon will give us the opportunity to further introduce you to the various ministries of Ebenezer

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Scheduled Surgery: Jim Spallinger, Wednesday, April 18, at Orthopaedic Institute of Ohio.

Vehicle Use Policy and Procedures

1. No Vehicle (Vans or Trailers) are to be used for personal use.
2. Due to insurance regulations, All Drivers must be registered with the church office.
 - a. The Driver’s, Driver license number, Social Security number, and Birthdate must be provided. These records shall be kept in a secured office location.
 - b. This is a mandate from our insurance carrier and is necessary to ensure coverage in the event of an accident.
3. Schedule use of vehicles (Vans and/or Trailers) as far in advance as possible by completing Vehicle Use Request Form. Form can be obtained from the office staff. Trustee in charge of Vehicle Maintenance and Scheduling will approve use.
 - a. Vehicles use will be approved on a first come - first served basis.
4. Vehicle shall be returned with a **Full Tank of Fuel.**
5. If vehicle has been driven in adverse conditions and is covered with road salt, dirt, or mud, please run vehicle through a carwash. This extends the vehicle life and ensures the next user a clean vehicle.
6. It is the Drivers Responsibility to assure the vehicle’s interior is clean and litter has been picked-up and deposited in a refuse container outside of the vehicle.
7. It is the Drivers Responsibility to complete the Vehicle Driving Log located in the vehicle. Please note: Millage, Purpose of Trip, and Any vehicle discrepancy or performance issues. Safety issues need to be reported immediately to the Trustee in charge of Vehicle Maintenance and Scheduling or the church office staff.
8. Cooperation is requested to ensure proper use and care of all Ebenezer Mennonite Church property and that all vehicle transportation needs can be met.

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~ CHECK IT OUT IN THE MISSIONS CENTER ~

There is a new focus of missions that is being displayed in the Missions Center. Some of the missionaries we support serve in Cambodia, China, Guam, India, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, and South East Asia.

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 _____

Several years ago our family asked our church family to be a light in the darkness as we received the news that Ann’s cancer was progressing. *For God, who said, Let there be light in the darkness, has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.* 2 Corinthians 4:6 We want to thank you all for your many prayers, time spent visiting with Ann, meals provided, cards, and in so many other ways. The Lord has truly used our pastoral staff, church family, and the community to be a light in the darkness, which we are so very thankful! – *Paul, Emily, Seth, and Amber Gladwell*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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)*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 8:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	253
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	408

HVAC Project: The Trustees are giving a thankful praise for the ongoing past financial support of this project. We have received \$178,500 to date. The current expenses of \$124,600 have been paid leaving a balance of \$53,900. An additional payment of approximately \$105,000 will be due this month. It will now be necessary to make a draw from the approved loan. Please continue your financial support of this project. Thank you! - *Trustees*

Conquer Series I: A five week cinematic study designed to equip men with an understanding of the waging war that exists for men today to stay pure. It is filled with practical application tools required to create an effective battle plan for victory in our daily lives. You can check it out further at www.ConquerSeries.com. Any men interested in this study can contact Pastor Dick at 567-204-0647 or Dan Steiner at 419-234-5385. The study will be held at the home of Dan Steiner, 8320 Swaney Road, Bluffton, beginning Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. Come and join us for this time of learning and fellowship.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Larry & Ginny Moser
Missions Center: Derrick & Amber Lee

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 16-22

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

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton-Arby's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Beth Moore's Daniel Study (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministries 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>Beaverdam-Denny'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.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</i>) Men's Prayer Time (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
Friday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
	3:30 p.m.	Junior High Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>)
Sunday	5:30 p.m.	Parents' Night Out (<i>Basement</i>)
	9:00 a.m.	<i>New Membership Class</i> (<i>Church Library</i>) Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (<i>CMC</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (<i>Grades 1-6, 118-119</i>) Junior High & High School Small Groups (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	6:32 p.m.	Small Groups (<i>King, Lemley, Luginbuhl</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 22 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries: Mary Glick, John & Jamie Shaw, Olivia Spallinger, Joshua & Heidi Steiner

Good News Hour: Jaden & Amber August, Madeline & Allison Burghaze, Ashley Eachus, Deb Huber, Julie Rieman, Lily Shadle

Parents' Night Out: Please register your child/children with Hanné Streicher for a parents' night out this Friday, April 20, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Miami missions trip.

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. The five year extension will require a two thirds majority of the votes cast according to the Constitution of Ebenezer Mennonite Church.

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.

Wednesday Night Children's Ministries skating party is Wednesday, April 25, from 6-8 at the Grove Skateland, 10970 Ottawa Road, Columbus Grove. This event is for families and friends as well as the children who attend the Wednesday night classes. Skaters only \$2 at the door. If you don't want to skate, you may come watch. Children who are in Kindergarten and under need to be accompanied by an adult. Skaters Grade 1 and older may be dropped off and picked up at the skating rink. Snack bar available. Call or text Marti Meza at 419-296-9574 with any questions.

Disciple Singers' Choir: We will have a rehearsal on Friday, April 27, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (May 13): Next Sunday, April 22, you will find inserted in the Emissary order forms for the Chicken BBQ. Extra pink forms are available in the Missions Center to order pies to go along with your chicken dinner! All proceeds will go to the Miami youth missions trip.

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!

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.