

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 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.

**Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (May 13):** Inserted in today's Emissary are 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.

**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.

~ THANKS ~

**With Overflowing Appreciation:** The family of Esther Brauen thanks you for all your kindnesses following the passing of our dear wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Your visits, food, phone calls, texts, notes, cards, gifts of Gideon Bibles, and most of all your prayers and concern are deeply appreciated. We were touched especially by your comforting words at the time of visitation and your presence at Esther's memorial service. May God bless each of you. - *Keith; Dave & Kathy; Sam, Janet, Wesley, Jackson, Kale & Julia; and Mark, Rhonda, Stella & Frankie*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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*)
- Nov. 4-7** Missions Conference-*Streams of Living Water-John 7:38*

~ 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.



April 22, 2018

# Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome! 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: Jubilee*  
*Special Music: Jammie Halker*
- 11:30 a.m.** *Congregational Meeting (CMC)*
- 6:00 p.m.** *Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)*
- 6:30 p.m.** *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)*

**Note from Deacons:** There will be a congregational meeting to vote on a motion by the Deacons today 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 the Constitution of Ebenezer Mennonite Church.

**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 next 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.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on April 15:**

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| Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship | (9:00 a.m.)  | 252 |
| Morning Worship Gathering            | (10:15 a.m.) | 393 |
| Evening Fellowship Ministries        | (7:00 p.m.)  | 83  |

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Wednesday Night** Children's Ministries skating party is this Wednesday, April 25, from 6-8 at the Grove Skateland, 10970 Ottawa Road, Columbus Grove. This event is for Junior High Students, 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.

**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!

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center: Marvin & Karen Garmatter*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 23-29**

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

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | MOPS ( <i>FH</i> )   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>6:30 a.m.</b>  | Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton-Arby's</i> )   |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Beth Moore's Daniel Study ( <i>Sanctuary Foyer</i> )<br>Conquer Series 1 ( <i>Dan Steiner's home</i> )<br>Missions Committee Meeting ( <i>103</i> )  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | Game Time ( <i>FH</i> )  |
|                  | <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | Children's Ministries and Junior High<br>Skate Night ( <i>Grove Skateland</i> )<br>Men's Prayertime for Families ( <i>103</i> )<br>Women's War Room ( <i>Church Library</i> )<br>Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> ) |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Adult Devotional & Prayer ( <i>103</i> )<br>Cup of Grace ( <i>Church Library</i> )<br><i>Pleasing Our Savior More Each Day</i><br>( <i>Schoolhouse</i> )   |
|                  | <b>7:05 p.m.</b>  | Connections Small Group<br>( <i>Beaverdam-Denny's</i> )  |
|                  | <b>8:30 p.m.</b>  | High School Bread of Life Ministries<br>( <i>Church Kitchen</i> )<br>High School Dodgeball ( <i>CMC</i> )  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Men's Prayer Time ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )   |
|                  | <b>8:30 p.m.</b>  | Young Adult Basketball ( <i>CMC</i> )  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>3:30 p.m.</b>  | Junior High Bible Study ( <i>Sanctuary Foyer</i> )   |
|                  | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Disciple Singers' Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>8:30 a.m.</b>  | Wild Game Trap Shoot ( <i>Outside</i> )  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <i>New Membership Class</i> ( <i>Church Library</i> )<br>Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship<br>( <i>Various Classrooms</i> )   |
|                  | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | The Good News Hour ( <i>2 year olds-B16,</i><br><i>3 year olds-B10, 4&amp;5 year olds-B11</i> )  |
|                  | <b>10:15 a.m.</b> | Disciple Singers Spring Musical ( <i>CMC</i> )   |
|                  | <b>11:30 a.m.</b> | Welcome Luncheon ( <i>CMC</i> )  |
|                  | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | Junior High & High School Small Groups<br>( <i>Schoolhouse</i> )   |
|                  | <b>6:32 p.m.</b>  | Small Groups ( <i>King, Lemley, Luginbuhl</i> )  |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Sunday Evening Bible Study<br>( <i>Sanctuary Foyer</i> )   |

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 29 ~

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**Infant and Toddler Nurseries:**

Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Tammy Whitlow

**Good News Hour:** Jammie, Kirby, & Keaton Halker, Grant Klinger, Bruce & Cindy Moser, Maria Spallinger, Kathy Steiner

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**It's Summer Camp Time!** We currently have 27 students signed up to attend summer camp and 57 women going to Women's Retreat! Please consider giving towards our Miracle Camp fund so we can assist in the registration and transportation costs of camp. Please designate checks with "Miracle Camp" in the memo line. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor David.

**Junior High** missions trip to Columbus with the *Church for All People*, is July 10-12. Cost is \$75. Please sign up with Pastor David. Current Grade 6 through current Grade 8 are invited.

**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](http://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 this Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. Come and join us for this time of learning and fellowship.

**Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio invites** families with children, students, couples, singles, and retirees for an array of meaningful activities. These include assisting with games, help with appointments, worship, and Bible studies, delivering snacks/water and more. Please contact Jessica Strahm, Volunteer Coordinator, at 419-358-1015 ext. 248 if you would like to have a rewarding opportunity to make new friends and make a difference in the lives of others.