

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 _____

~ GRADUATION INFORMATION ~

Just fill in the information needed below or e-mail the church office at: info@ebenezermennonite.org. Thank you!

Student Name: _____
Date/Time: _____
High School/College: _____
Degree (if applicable): _____

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- May 4-6** Women's Retreat (*Miracle Camp*)
May 13 Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (*11:30 a.m.*)
May 18 Parents' Night Out (*6:00-10:00 p.m.*)
May 20 Promotion Sunday (*9:00 a.m., All Sunday School and ABF classes please meet in the CMC*)
May 24 BHS Baccalaureate (*6:30 p.m., on College Avenue*)
May 27 Graduate Recognition Sunday (*10:15 a.m., CMC*)
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 3 (*Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp*)
July 29-Aug. 4 Grade School 2 (*Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp*)
Nov. 4-7 Missions Conference-*Streams of Living Water-John 7:38*

~ CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE ~

Sunday, May 13

At our Child Dedication Service, parents commit to raise their child to know Jesus Christ for the glory of God. The church family pledges to support the family with love and encouragement, plus provide opportunities for spiritual development of the family.

Parents, if you would like to take part in this service, we need you to register your child or children in one of the following ways:

- *Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim.
- *Provide a digital photo of you with the child or children to be dedicated. Send to: info@ebenezermennonite.org.
- *Please register and have photo turned in no later than Sunday, May 6.
- *There will be a time in the dedication where your child will specifically be prayed for. This prayer can be offered by you, a family member, friend, or pastor. Please let us know who will be praying.

Any parents who attend Ebenezer are welcome to dedicate their child. The requirement is membership in the family of God, not Ebenezer Mennonite Church. All parents who know Christ as Savior are welcome to participate in this child dedication.

~ 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



April 29, 2018

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome! If you are visiting today 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)*
Note: Children welcome to attend musical.
- 10:15 a.m.** Disciple Singers Spring Musical, *Unselfie (CMC)*
- 11:30 a.m.** Welcome Luncheon (*CMC*)
- 6:30 p.m.** 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*)

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 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.

Congregational Meeting: At last Sunday's congregational meeting, the congregation affirmed the call of our senior pastor, Rev. Jim King, by 80% to another five-year term. May we continue to uplift our pastor and his wife, Pat, in prayer as he along with our other pastors and leaders guide our church family by the direction of the Holy Spirit.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 22:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	284
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	385
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	79

Guys' Night with Steve Scott, *On Target Outfitters*. Guys Grades 7-12, are all invited on Friday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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.

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

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jean Reichenbach, Dean Sommer

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 30-MAY 6

(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.	Conquer Series 1 (<i>Dan Steiner's home</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	1:15 p.m.	Church Security Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Cup of Grace (<i>Church Library</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (<i>Beaverdam-Denny's</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	National Day of Prayer Event at the Bluffton Town Hall (3rd floor-handicap accessible) Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Friday	3:30 p.m.	Junior High Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>)
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	College & Young ABF (<i>Lima Rescue Mission</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	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>)
	6:30 p.m.	Mission Trip Volunteer Meeting (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	6:32 p.m.	Small Groups (<i>King, Lemley</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>) Mission Trip Meeting (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 6 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:

Deb Hilty, Gail Schantz, Tammy Whitlow

Good News Hour:

Kathy & Kassandra Bishop, Lillian Burkholder,
Grant Klinger, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Jessica Robinson

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Steve & Janni (Sprunger) Keller on the birth of their daughter, Noa Kennarose, on Wednesday, April 25, weighing 8 lb. 8 oz.

~ NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THIS THURSDAY, MAY 3 ~

Please take time today to stop by the display at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center to sign up to pray for one-half hour during the 24 hours of the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 3. As you sign up, you will receive a bookmark and a prayer guide with prayer points to assist you in your prayer time. Also, please invite a friend and attend our special National Day of Prayer program at 7:00 Thursday evening in the 3rd floor meeting room of Bluffton's Town Hall (handicap accessible). There will be a variety of persons leading us as we lift up in prayer our nation, our community, and many other prayer focus points. The program will include a color guard led by our local cub scouts and boy scouts, and special guests including Teresa Fuhrman calling us to prayer with her shofar. - *Sponsored by the Prayer Action Team Committee*

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (May 13): Order forms for the Chicken BBQ and for pies are available in the Missions Center. All proceeds will go to the Miami youth missions trip.

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. Contact Jessica Strahm, Volunteer Coordinator, at 419-358-1015 ext. 248 if you would like to have an opportunity to make new friends and make a difference in the lives of others.

The Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio newsletter, *The Vine*, is available in the Missions Center. This issue is dedicated to the many volunteers who share generously of their time, talents, and energy to make the lives of the elders living at MHCO brighter.

Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 27 during the morning Worship Gathering at 10:15. Please fill out the Graduation Information on the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary and place in the offering plate or e-mail the church office at info@ebenezymennonite.org. Thank you!

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you to everyone: Al and I would like to thank all of you who remembered me during my recent surgery and recovery time. Your prayers, cards, visits, and concern were greatly appreciated. Also, special thanks to Pastor Dick & Cheryl and Kathy Brauen for their visits and prayers. Our Great God does hear and answer our prayers. - *Carolyn Frysinger*