

May 13, 2018

# Ebenezer Emissary



It is with joy that we welcome all worshipers. We are especially happy to welcome mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day and the Christian home. Let us take time to thank God for our families.

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.** 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)*  
*Send Them on Their Way by Caring*  
*Special Music: Mary Glick*
- 11:30 a.m.** Mother's Day BBQ *(pick up in Fellowship Hall)*
- 6:32 p.m.** Small Group *(King)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Bible Study *(Sanctuary Foyer)*

**Our beloved Pastor Warren** left his earthly body and entered into the presence of Jesus on Sunday, May 6. As we celebrate his homegoing, we mourn his absence from us. Please uplift each member of the Warren family in prayer as they grieve and as they travel for the memorial services on Saturday, May 26, at 11:00 a.m. in the Ebenezer Crossroads Ministry Center.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Ted Diller. Ted, father of Cindy, and brother of Clarabeth Bixel, passed away on Tuesday, May 8. Services were held yesterday at the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora.

**2018 Church Directories** are now ready and will be handed out today by the ushers following the Morning Worship Gathering.

### 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@ebenezymennonite.org. Thank you!

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

**Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner** is on Thursday, May 24. It's called a Mystery Dinner because the location of dinner for the evening is a surprise! All you have to do is RSVP and then show up at church at 5:15 p.m. We all go together in a van. It is a really wonderful time to get to know ladies who you have seen, but maybe not had a chance to chat with. It's also an easy way to invite a friend to a church event! Please call the church at 419-358-8588 to RSVP or go to: womens.ministry@ebenezymennonite.org by Tuesday, May 22.

**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!

**Cedar Point Trip** for Grades 7-12 on Tuesday, May 29. Cost is \$50. Meet at the Campus Life Room at 7:00 a.m. Sign up with 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.

**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.

**SIM Missions Trip:** A work team is scheduled to go to Charlotte, North Carolina, February 10-16, 2019. If you are interested in serving with the team, please contact Frank Boehm at 567-371-9541.

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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** Berean & Living Faith ABF - Potluck Lunch  
*(11:30 a.m., FH)*
- 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*
- Feb. 10-16, 2019** SIM Work Team *(Charlotte, NC)*

### ~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

**Ebenezer Mennonite Church**  
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**Phone:** 419-358-8588  
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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on May 6:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	217
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	327
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	64

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~ CHICKEN BBQ & PIE ~

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**Thank you so much** to those who reserved chicken BBQ and ordered pies. Your donations will help send the youth group to serve in Miami, Florida, June 22-30. There are extra meals/chicken available if you are interested. Please pick up your order following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center: Mike & Kathy Biery*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 14-20**

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	MOPS (FH) Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Bluffton-Arby's)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Conquer Series 1 (Dan Steiner's home)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	VBS Committee (115) Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	New 7 <sup>th</sup> grader's Night (schoolhouse)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group (Beaverdam-Denny's)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Deacon Meeting (103) Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	Junior High Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Parents' Night Out (CMC)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Trap Shoot (outside)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School Promotion Sunday (All Sunday School and ABF classes please meet in the CMC)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering (CMC) New Member Reception
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer) Missions Trip Meeting (schoolhouse)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 20 ~

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**Infant and Toddler Nurseries:**

Karlyn Holt, Sarah & Jared Lehman Family, Denise Rex

**Good News Hour:**

Rosemary Carman, Ashley Fry, Gabe & Hannah Meyer,  
Karna Marquart, Kathy Steiner, Olivia Spallinger



*You are invited to an open house for:*

*Jared A. Meyer*

**Sunday, May 27** (4-7 p.m.) – 7055 Lugabill Rd., Bluffton

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Congratulations** to Adam & DeAnna (Bixel) McBee who were united in marriage yesterday at Grace Covenant Church, Beavercreek, Ohio.

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

**Those who register online** for Vacation Bible School, please make sure you stop by our table to get your free CD of all the music. Please one CD per family. - *Thanks, VBS Committee*

**The Sanctuary pews** are in need of repair. We have purchased brackets and screws, we just need those who are willing to volunteer to help with this project. You can work on your own time. Please contact Custodian Doug Messinger at 419-358-8588 if you are interested in helping with this project.

**Several nice** moving boxes are available in the garage. If you are interested, please contact Custodian Doug Messinger at 419-358-8588.

**Parents' Night Out:** Please register your child/children with Hanné Streicher for a parents' night out this Friday, May 18, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Miami missions trip.

**It's Summer Camp Time!** We currently have 39 students signed up to attend summer camp. Please consider giving towards Miracle Camp 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.