Ebenezer Communications Card
Please take a moment to complete the information below and place in the offering plate.

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________ 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

~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~
Please fill in the information needed below or e-mail the church office at: info@ebenezermennonite.org. Thank you!

Name of College: ____________________________
Starting Date: ____________________________
Mailing Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________ State: __ Zip: ______
College Year: ____________________________
E-mail Address: ____________________________

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Sept. 21  Wild Game Trap Shoot (8:30 a.m., outside field)
Sept. 25  Wednesday Night Children’s Kick-off (6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner’s home)
Oct. 2  Wednesday Night Children’s Ministries begin (7 p.m.)
Oct. 5  Berean ABF (7 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission)
Oct. 14  Evening Sew (6-9 p.m., CMC)
Oct. 15  All Day Sew (9 a.m.-3 p.m., CMC)
Oct. 26  Wild Game Trap Shoot (8:30 a.m., outside field)
Nov. 2  Maranatha ABF (7 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission)
Nov. 3-6 & 10  Missions Conference – Matthew 9:36
Dec. 7  Youth Group (7 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission)
Jan. 3-5  Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
Jan. 10-12  High School Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)

~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~
The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Please e-mail the church office with the name of your college, starting date, your mailing address, and college year to: info@ebenezermennonite.org. You may also fill out the appropriate information on the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary. Thanks so much!

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will be holding a Silent Auction during the annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 28, at the MHM. To make the event a success, we need exceptional silent auction items, services, or experiences. As one of MHCO Service Groups’ largest fundraising events, Fall Festival helps fund improvement projects and activities for more than 350 elders in our community. If you would like to gift an item, service, or event to the silent auction, please contact Jessica Strahm, Volunteer Coordinator, 419-358-1015, ext. 248, jstrahm@mhcoliving.org. Thanks for your continued support.

As our MOPS (mothers of preschoolers) year at Ebenezer is growing closer, we are seeking three more volunteers (infants/toddlers/3-year olds) to serve on the second and fourth Monday of the month from October-May. If you or if you know someone who would find joy in loving on some little ones a few hours a month, please contact Kate Basinger at 419-889-8033. Your prayers would also be appreciated as we start planning for this new year. It has been amazing to see how God has used this ministry to reach moms beyond the boundaries of Bluffton and not only support and encourage them during their joys and struggles of motherhood, but also introduce them to Christ’s love.

~ AVAILABLE IN THE MISSIONS CENTER ~
Please stop by the Information Center in the Missions Center. There you will find ready-made welcome postcards and smaller cards with all the church contact information you can use to invite someone to worship. Also, junior high and high school calendars and information on how to stay connected with our Ebenezer youth activities via text alerts. There are a wide variety of pamphlets, missionary prayer cards, Daily Bread booklets, ministry opportunities, and building or van use reservation forms.

~ 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)  Living in Exile: Sent to Engage Scripture Reading – John 17:14-19
Special Music: Julie Rieman
6:30 p.m.  Youth Small Groups (schoolhouse)

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~
Congratulations to Alan & Ruth Hefner. Friday, September 6, will mark their 50th wedding anniversary!
~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on August 27:
- Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship (9:00 a.m.) 272
- Morning Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 387

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Mark and Rhonda Brauen on the birth of their daughter, Poppy Ann, on August 27, weighing 6 lb. 10 oz.

~ LOVE OFFERING ~

We are so thankful for the youth internships of Jadyn Barhorst and Emily Metzger. They have given so many hours of their time to serve our young people this summer. Following the service next Sunday, September 8, the ushers will be at the doors to accept a love offering for Jadyn and Emily. We hope to bless them as they have richly blessed us and our young people.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Ralph & Melba Gerber
Missions Center: Maria Spallinger & Addy Wright

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 2-8

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

Monday **Labor Day – Church office closed**
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study (home of Christopher & Brittany Good, 210 Eakin St., Columbus Grove)

Tuesday
- 6:30 a.m. Men’s Small Group (Bluffton McDonald’s)
- 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)

Wednesday
- 7:00 p.m. Men’s Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
- 8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (CMC)

Saturday
- 7:00 p.m. Lima Rescue Home (Loving Faith ABF Class)

Sunday
- 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 (CMC)
- 11:30 a.m. Welcome Luncheon (FH)
- 5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (FH)
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Small Groups (schoolhouse)
  - Small Groups (King’s, Lendley’s)
- Sunday Evening Bible Study (Sanctuary foyer)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:
- The Hoehn Family, Bill, Tammy, & Olivia Spallinger
  - The Good News Hour:
    - Jaden & Amber August, Ashley Fry, Marti Meza,
    - Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

~ THANK YOU~

From the Ebenezer Drama Ensemble: Thanks to the multitude of people who came together to present this year’s Dinner Theatre, Uh-Oh, Here Comes Christmas. Thanks to those who bought a ticket, we were able to donate $720 to the Bluffton Community Assistance Program!

High School Students: You are invited Friday, September 6, from 9-11:30 p.m. to a Fifth Quarter Fallout Block Party with Campus Life (College Avenue in Bluffton). This is open to any high school student. If you have questions, please see Pastor David.

Junior High and High School Students: On Sunday, September 29, you are invited to a Supersize Small Group trip to Suter’s Corn Maze. Please bring $5 and meet at the church at 5 p.m.

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, September 8, immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall. All college-age students are also invited. The luncheon will give us the opportunity to further introduce you to the various ministries of Ebenezer.

Wednesday small group, Connections - Connecting Christ with Culture, will feature reading and exploring the book Evangelism as Exiles. This group will meet at the Bluffton McDonald’s from September 11 to October 30. Start time is 7:05 p.m. Cost of the book is $12. A description of the book as found on Amazon says, “The days of cultural Christianity are fading. It’s time to rethink normal. Suffering and exclusion are normal in a believer’s life. At least they should be. This was certainly Jesus’s experience. And it’s the experience of countless Christians around the world today. Whether we’re in positions of power or weakness, influence or marginalization, all of us are called to live and witness as exiles in a world that’s not our home. This is our job description. This is our mission. This is our opportunity. A church in exile doesn’t have to be a church in retreat. If interested let Pastor Jim know at jim.king@ebenezermennonite.org.

Mission Possible Invitation to experience 40 years of Mission Possible Snapshots through stories from Pastor Herve and other influential people from the last 40 years. On Saturday, September 21, at Gateway Church (9555 County Road 9, Findlay), come Journey Through the Ministry at 4:30 p.m., Dinner and entertainment at 6:00 p.m., and Snapshots: The Stories We Tell and The Lives We Equip at 7:00 p.m. Each section of the events shows a unique part of the ministry that you won’t want to miss. This is also a great opportunity to invite people who are not familiar with Mission Possible. Childcare is available if needed. Please RSVP no later than September 7. More information is on the bulletin boards.