Note from the Deacons: Pastor Jim has shared with the deacons that he wishes to retire from his position as senior pastor of Ebenezer effective at the end of the year 2021. In order to get started on the search to fill the position, the deacons want to begin the process of forming a senior pastor search committee. According to the constitution, the committee is to be composed of the following: deacons, one member from the trustees, and three members elected from the congregation (Article VII, Paragraph 1C). In order to begin this process, the deacons solicit input from the congregation regarding potential, at large members of the committee. If you know of a member of the congregation who you would like to nominate to serve on the committee, contact one of the deacons to submit the name. Please be in prayer as we move forward. Thank you to Pastor Jim in advance for all of his service to Ebenezer!

John 14:1-6

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the Way to the Father

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

~ UPDATING-IN-PERSON CORPORATE WORSHIP ~

We encourage our vulnerable population, as well as anyone feeling ill, to continue joining us online. The service will be live in the Crossroads Ministry Center and streamed to the Schoolhouse and to the Sanctuary. The following steps will be taken to ensure the safety of all worshippers:

- Worship service will begin at 10:15 a.m., in the following locations:
  - Crossroads Ministry Center – face coverings required.
    - Please park in the south and east parking lots and enter via the south and east doors to the CMC.
  - Schoolhouse – face coverings required.
    - Please park in the parking lot adjacent to the Schoolhouse.
  - Sanctuary – face coverings required.
    - Please park in the schoolhouse parking lot and enter via the doors labeled “Sanctuary/Office.”
- Emissary newsletters available online only. No handouts will be provided.
- No nursery or childcare available – families sit and stay together.
- No children’s Sunday School classes or Good News Club.
- All entrance and restroom doors will be propped open. Hand sanitizers placed strategically.
- Water fountains not in service. Coffee not available but may bring a beverage from home – not to be shared.
- The Café, offices, conference room, nurseries, and basement classrooms closed on Sundays.
- Come prepared to remain in Crossroads Ministry Center, Schoolhouse, or Sanctuary. If child requires restroom, must be accompanied by adult.
- Sit alone, sit as a couple, or sit in a family unit and remain in original seat. Extra seats will be available for larger family units. Ushers will assist in seating and if extra chairs needed. Maintain social distance by remaining six feet apart from other persons/family groups.
- Offerings collected online or in boxes at the doors.
- Structured/guided dismissed by ushers.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

9:00 a.m.  Baptism Class (101)
10:15 a.m.  Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim
A Day at the Funeral Home
(CMC, live streamed in Sanctuary and Schoolhouse)
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 7: 1&2
~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on July 19:
Morning Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 172

Giving for July 19:
Benevolent Fund 515.00
Building Fund/HVAC Project 1,350.00
Christian Education Fund 270.00
General Fund 5,412.80
Missions Fund 3,055.00
Youth Fund 120.00
White Christmas Giving Sunday, July 19 ...............$400.00

~ WHITE CHRISTMAS IN JULY ~

Today is the final Sunday we will be collecting for White Christmas giving to honor our Ebenezer missionaries. This annual offering is to help make Christmas a little more special for our missionaries. If you wish to give, please place your gift in a separate envelope marked White Christmas as this offering is not tax deductible. You may also give until Friday, July 31, through EasyTithe Mobile App found on the church website. Thank you!

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 27-AUGUST 2 ~

(CMC-Crossroads Ministry Center)
Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Men’s Small Group (Home of Bart Moser)
7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting (103)
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Baptism Class (103)
10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering (CMC, live streamed in Sanctuary and Schoolhouse)
5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (103)

PRAY FOR THOSE GOING TO MIRACLE CAMP (JULY 26-AUGUST 1)

Julia Brauen Kale Brauen
Landon Byers Elijah Fry
Haddy Glick Elana Navarro
Colt Sommers Abram Steiner

~ SPECIAL NOTICE ~

With Allen County moving to a Level 3 (red alert) Public Emergency due to the coronavirus, Allen County residents are being asked to wear face masks when they are in public. With this state declaration, the leadership team at Ebenezer is asking those attending in-person services today and until further notice, to wear a face covering. This applies to those 10 years and older. Those uncomfortable with wearing a mask are encouraged to watch the service online. This is an opportunity for a time such as this to “love our neighbor as we love ourselves.” (Matthew 22:39) Thank you for your understanding.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Pray for elders located in area nursing homes, isolated in their rooms without visitors.

Pray for missionaries, local and around the world. See the Weekly Prayer Guide for the Missionaries of the Week.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Brent and Alexis (Moser) von Stein on the birth of their daughter, Loretta Mae, on Monday, July 20, weighing 7 lb. 6 oz.

~ WILL GOD HEAR YOUR PRAYER? ~

1 John 5:14, 15 (NIV) This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of Him.

~ NOTE FROM OUR DEACONS ~

Our contract with David Glick, Pastor of Student Ministries, expires in August. A congregational vote should be taken to consider extending it. However, the entirety of our congregation has not yet begun meeting in person, and there is no sure way to conduct an anonymous vote outside of in-person. Therefore, the Deacons have agreed to extend the contract for Pastor David indefinitely, until such time a proper anonymous, in-person vote may be held. Pastor David’s love for the Lord and His people is evident, and his work is greatly appreciated.

~ STAY CONNECTED ~

Join the all-church email group. If you would like to be added to our all-church email group or have any prayer requests, concerns, or needs, please let us know by calling 419-358-8588 or email kathy.brauen@ebenezermennonite.org.

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