~ CHILDERN’S WORSHIP BULLETINS ~
Available through the all-church email group each week are age appropriate worship bulletins with activities for children ages 3-6 & 7-12.

~ SPECIAL NOTICE ~
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 for all those 10 years and older.
  - Schoolhouse – face coverings required for all those 10 years and older.
  - Sanctuary – face coverings required for all those 10 years and older.

- 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 entry and restroom doors will be propped open. Hand sanitizers placed strategically.
- 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 dismissal by ushers.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~
9:00 a.m.  Baptism Class (103)
10:15 a.m.  Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim
            Obey the King
            (CMC, live streamed in Sanctuary and Schoolhouse)
            Scriptur: Ecclesiastes 8:1-7
3:30 p.m.  Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim
            Obey the King
            (CMC, live streamed in Sanctuary and Schoolhouse)
            Scriptur: Ecclesiastes 8:1-7
5:00 p.m.  Trustee Meeting (103)
7:00 p.m.  High School Small Groups (Meyer’s pond)
~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

**Attendance on July 26:**

Morning Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 164

**Giving for July 26:**

- Building Fund/HVAC Project 2,011.00
- Christian Education Fund 20.00
- General Fund 2,980.00
- Missions Fund 1,456.00
- Youth Fund 20.00

White Christmas Giving Sunday, July 26 $300.00

~ A SPECIAL WELCOME ~

Steve & Carol Lehman are joining us in worship this morning. They have recently retired from serving many years with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Idaho.

~ PRAY FOR THOSE GOING TO MIRACLE CAMP (AUG. 2-8) ~

Xavier Navarro

~ INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY! ~

Outdoor Family Movie Night is planned for this coming Friday, August 7, on the lawn behind the church building. The Lorax movie will begin at 8:45 p.m. Individual bags of popcorn and drinks will be available to those who want them. Please bring your own chairs and blankets to view the movie.

~ BAPTISM NEWS ~

Please plan now to attend the baptism service next Sunday following the morning service. The baptism will be at the Bluffton swimming pool. Come and encourage those who will share their testimony before being baptized. It is an important step of discipleship that is intended to be shared and celebrated with other Christ-followers. Pray this will be a meaningful experience for all. You may want to bring a lawn chair. Please note if you would like to bring a picnic for your family and stay to swim afterwards Ebenezer has access to the pool until 1:00 p.m.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 3-9 ~

(26 CMC-Crossroads Ministry Center)

**Tuesday**

- Men’s Small Group (Home of Ritz Moser)
- Christian Education Committee Meeting (103)

**Wednesday**

- Middle School Small Groups (Grades 6-8, Schoolhouse)

**Friday**

- Outdoor Family Movie Night (lawn area)

**Sunday**

- Worship Gathering (CMC, live streamed in Sanctuary and Schoolhouse)
- Baptism Service (Bluffton Swimming Pool, following the morning worship)
- High School Small Groups (Meyer’s pond)

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

**Congratulations** to Bill & Noretta Schantz who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary yesterday, Saturday, August 1.

~ RECENT MOVE ~

Clarabeth Bixel, 101 Willow Ridge Drive, Frieda House #8, Bluffton, OH 45817.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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

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

~ 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.

~ HOW ARE YOU SAVED? ~

**Ephesians 2:8,9 (NIV)** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.

~ ECCLESIASTES 8:1-7 ~

Who is like the wise? Who knows the explanation of things? A person’s wisdom brightens their face and changes its hard appearance. Obey the king’s command, I say, because you took an oath before God. Do not be in a hurry to leave the king’s presence. Do not stand up for a bad cause, for he will do whatever he pleases. Since a king’s word is supreme, who can say to him, “What are you doing?” Whoever obeys his command will come to no harm, and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure. For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter, though a person may be weighed down by misery. Since no one knows the future, who can tell someone else what is to come?

~ 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). 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!

~ THANK YOU! ~

**I never thought five years ago** when I accepted the pastor of student ministries job at Ebenezer Mennonite, that I would go through the homegoing of my mother. What I have found in this extremely difficult time, is that our church family has lovingly embraced myself and my family and has helped me in a time of immense grief. Thank you for the many cards, flowers, food, watching our children, and for loving the Glick family so incredibly well. Most importantly, we are so thankful for your prayers on behalf of our family. Thank you for helping us through this difficult time, we will never forget the kindness extended to us. God bless - Pastor David, Mary, Haddy, Judah, and Lucy - John 3:30