

Birthdays/Anniversary calendars are ready for you to pick up in the Missions Center. Please use these calendars as reminders to pray for and encourage members of our church family.

Needed: A van driver for Sunday mornings on a rotating basis and also need substitute drivers. Please contact Bob Geiger at 419-236-5107.

Anyone willing to donate a deer or any type of wild game for our Wild Game Event Saturday, March 23, 2013, please contact Joe Alt at 419-234-1247. Thank you.

Choral Anthem

This Is Love

This is my body. This is my blood.
This is remembrance of what I've done.
This is my body. This is my blood. This is love.

Take this bread and remember me.
My body was broken for you.
This cup is the covenant of my blood poured out for you.
This is love. This is love.

This is my body. This is my blood.
This is remembrance of what I've done.
This is my body. This is my blood. This is love.

Do this to remember, my death to proclaim.
Do this 'til I come back triumphant to reign.

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~ THANK YOU ~

Dear Ebenezer Church Family: Thank you for your many cards, family photos, letters, and notes I have received during this Christmas/New Year's season! Your love and thoughtfulness along with your prayers do encourage and bless me! By God's grace my health and strength are improving as I enjoy the hospitality of family, Beth & Gordon, here in Illinois. I miss you all, but thank God for the privilege of prayer where we can meet at *the throne of grace* (Hebrews 4:16). May God grant you all a blessed New Year! Pastor Warren.

~ REPORTS DUE ~

Year-end reports for 2012 are due on Sunday, January 27. All boards and committees should submit their annual reports to the church office for inclusion in the 2012 Annual Report. The congregational business meeting to approve the 2012 Reports and the proposed 2013 Missions Budget is scheduled for Sunday, February 17, following the morning Worship Gathering.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Jan. 20** Congregational Meeting (11:30 a.m., CMC)
- Feb. 1-3** Senior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
- Feb. 2** Agape/College ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Feb 10-16** Adult Missions to SIM (Charlotte, NC)
- Feb. 17** Congregational Meeting (11:30 a.m., CMC)
- Feb. 22** Transport For Christ Banquet w/Pfeifers (Bluffton University)
- July 19-21** Family Camp (East Harbor State Park Lakeside, Marblehead, Ohio)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYER CHAIN ~

Please call the church office for any names or concerns that you want listed in the Weekly Prayer List or announced during our Worship Services. To start the Prayer Chain, call or text Kathy Brauen at 419-234-7808 or call the church office at 419-358-8588.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



January 6, 2013

Welcome to EBENEZER

We welcome you with sincere joy on this first Sunday of the year 2013. Let us follow the instructions of the old hymn: "Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; Abide in him always, and feed on His Word; Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek."

Please take a moment to fill out the green Ebenezer Communications Card in your Emissary. These cards are a vital communication link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to use these cards and place completed ones in the offering plate or the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 8:30 a.m.** Stephen Ministries (116)
- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)
- 9:45 a.m.** Cherub Choir (age 2-K, B11)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship & Communion Service – Pastor Jim (CMC)
Fresh Start: Life
- 11:30 a.m.** FaithFull Singles' Luncheon (FH)
- 4:00 p.m.** Pastoral Search Committee (103)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (103)
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Groups (King's, Lemley's)
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
Evening Fellowship Service, *Wise Living From Proverbs (Sanctuary)*
Senior High Small Groups Meet
- 7:05 p.m.** Small Group (103)

Please note: All loose offerings taken during Morning Worship, (in connection with communion) will go towards the Benevolent Fund.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on December 30:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	241
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	404

Giving on December 30:

\$24,097.13

Benevolent	100.00
Building Fund	330.00
Christian Education Fund	357.13
General Fund	18,615.00
Missions Fund	4,120.00
New Building Fund	575.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Kerris & Krista Wright work with **Converge Midamerica** in **Kentucky**. They have three children, Adalyn, Kerris III, and Kain. Their family is their first church plant. They would love prayer that the Encounter Church be a beacon of light in their burg of Louisville. The church is located among many homes of young families. They desire to see souls saved and families changed. Please send an encouraging note to Kerris & Krista at: 9711 Old Six Mile Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40299 or e-mail at: kerrywright@insightbb.com.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Dorothy Edinger. Dorothy, the mother of Douglas, Dennis, and Don, passed away on Tuesday, January 1. Services were held here at the church on Friday.

In the Hospital: Marjorie Marquart, Lima Memorial.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Tim & Tiffany Gallant on the birth of their son, Jonathan Martin, on Friday, December 28, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Dan & Barb Steiner – *Missions Center*
Richard & Gera Bixel – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 7-13

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (<i>115</i>)
		Children's Ministries (<i>age 3-Grade 6</i>)
		Junior High Meet (<i>B17</i>)
		Men's Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary Overflow</i>)
		Women's Bible Study (<i>S4</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (<i>Pastor Jim & Pat's home</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Old Timer's Men's Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Friday	4:00 p.m.	Junior High Ice Camp (<i>Leave for Miracle Camp</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various classrooms</i>)
	9:45 a.m.	Cherub Choir (<i>Ages 2-K, B11</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	12:00 p.m.	Safe Sanctuary (<i>FH</i>)
	4:00 p.m.	Pastoral Search Committee (<i>103</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Small Groups (<i>King's, Lemley's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir (<i>118-119</i>)
		Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
		Student Small Groups Meet
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (<i>103</i>)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 ~

Nursery: Janet Brauen, Kelli Foster, Bruce Moser Family, John & Jaime Shaw

Good News Hour: Kathy, Katelen, & Cassandra Bishop, Jeremy & Christina Lemley, Adel Sommers

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Attention All Kids in Grades 1-6: Tonight at 7:00 the Disciple Singers Choir will begin practicing for, *The Game Plan*, a fun kids' musical about the importance of team work and following the game plan, God's game plan. The story wraps around the adventures of the Tigers' soccer team and cheer squad, made up of girls and boys with all different personalities, talents, and skills. Hope to see you this evening!

All Junior and Senior High Students

Join the Van for Winter Jam 2013

January 20 at the Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana
This year's featured artists are Toby Mac, Matthew West, Jamie Grace, Royal Tailor, Sidewalk Prophets and special speaker Nick Hall.

The van will leave the church at 2:00 p.m. and return around 11:00 p.m. Please bring \$10 for the concert, snacks, and money for eating on the way home. Please sign up to reserve your spot on the van by contacting Pastor Wade at 567-204-1868 or Cindy Moser at 419-234-2770.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

The Deacons and Pastoral Search Committee is recommending that Rev. Jim King be approved as senior pastor of Ebenezer Mennonite Church effective April 1, 2013. A special congregational meeting to vote on this recommendation will be held on Sunday, January 20, immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering.

Family Camp 2013, July 19-21 at East Harbor State Park Lakeside, Marblehead, Ohio. Registration will begin January 20 and January 27. Please look for more details in the coming weeks.

A Safe Sanctuary training class will be held next Sunday, January 13, from noon until 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall for those age 17 to adult who have not taken the class and are planning to or currently working with children. A light lunch will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the Missions Center for all who plan to attend. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jim King at 419-358-8588 or Joan Steiner at 419-773-9171.