

Cookie Time is Here Again: Cookie dough or mixes are needed for the SIM Missions Trip. Please make your favorite cookie recipe dough, form into logs or balls, and freeze on a cookie sheet. Then place in plastic bags marked with the kind and temperature to bake. Please put in the church kitchen freezer. If you prefer to buy mixes there will be a labeled box in the kitchen for those. Cake mixes are also appreciated. Thank you for your help in supplying these items as they are greatly appreciated by the staff and workers at the mission.

Choral Anthem
He Loved Me When

He loved me when my heart forgot
His love for me was all I sought.
He loved me when my foolish dreams
Filled all my thoughts with worldly things.
He loved me when I walked away
Down paths where none should ever stray.
He loved me when no other could,
No one could love me more.

He loved me when my faith was low
And doubts assailed my troubled soul.
He loved me through those darkest nights
Until my soul found heav'nly light.
He loved me when I felt alone,
No friends around and far from home.
He loved me when no other could,
No one could love me more.

He loved me long before I knew
He came to earth for me and you.
He loved me so that others know
He is the source of love I show.
He loves me now for this I know,
His love will last when others' go.
He loved me when no other could,
No one could love me more.
No one could love me more.

Dads...Do you have a daughter between the ages of 5&18? Women's Ministries wants to invite you and your daughter(s) to a special ***Daddy/Daughter Date Night***. Mark your calendars for Saturday night, February 23, from 5:30-7:00. Tickets are \$10 a family and will be available beginning Sunday, February 3. Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

~ THANK YOU ~

Dear Ebenezer Church Family: Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls during my surgery and recovery time. Thanks to Pastor Dick and Kathy Brauen for their visits, prayers, and phone calls. – *Jack Reigle*

We are thankful for several recent donations to the church. Troy & Cindy Breidenbach designed and created the two beautiful wall hangings in the Crossroads Ministry Center depicting our recent message series. Ken & Diana Lugibihl have donated a wooden media cabinet for use in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to these families for their giving and generous spirit!

~ 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 ~

- 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)
- Mar. 16** Marv Penner-*Parenting with Purpose* Seminar (CMC)
- July 19-21** Family Camp (East Harbor State Park Lakeside, Marblehead, Ohio)



January 13, 2013

Welcome to EBENEZER

We greet you in the name of our Lord. Let us join with the psalmist who prayed: *You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:11. Be assured that God's love is present here for one and all.*

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 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 Gathering – Pastor Jim (CMC)
Fresh Start: Linger
- 11:30 a.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting (*114*)
- 12:00 p.m.** Safe Sanctuary (*FH &103*)
- 4:00 p.m.** Pastoral Search Committee (*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 1-Anybody Listening? (Sanctuary)*
Senior High Small Groups Meet
- 7:05 p.m.** Small Group (*103*)

Today in the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center you will find a table where you may order Bible Reading and Family Devotional Resources. Your order will arrive at the church in February.

Our Junior High Ice Camp students and their leaders will return this afternoon. Please remember to pray for our youth.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Scheduled Surgery: Noretta Schantz, Thursday, January 17, at Orthopaedic Institute of Ohio.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 6:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	307
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	456
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	94

Giving on January 6:

	\$13,350.78
Benevolent	264.00
Building Fund	195.00
Christian Education Fund	1,084.78
General Fund	7,647.00
Missions Fund	3,960.00
New Building Fund	150.00
Youth Fund	50.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the week: Tom & Dora Becker who serve with EFCA (Reach Global) in the Czech Republic have been in the States since early July. Tom has recently returned to the Czech for meetings. Amy is in college in Chicago and Matthew is finishing his gap year in Thailand. Dora and the rest of the family are living in Indiana. Please continue to pray for the Roma people. Send an e-mail note to encourage Tom & Dora at thomas.becker@efca.org.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Steve & Doneta Reigle – *Missions Center*
Jim & Marty Lemley – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 14-20

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (103)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (115)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
		Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6)
		Junior High Meet (B17)
		Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow)
		Women's Bible Study (S4)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (Pastor Jim & Pat's home)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Old Timer's Men's Basketball (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (103)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living Faith & Agape Breakfast (CMC)
		Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
	9:45 a.m.	Cherub Choir (Ages 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 Gathering
		<i>Fresh Start: Lament</i> (CMC)
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (CMC)
	4:00 p.m.	Pastoral Search Committee (103)
	6:30 p.m.	Small Groups (King's, Lemley's)
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
		Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
		Student Small Groups Meet
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (103)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 ~

Nursery: Leah Eiden, Ron & Sue Epp, Jeremy & Ashley Fry, Brian & Lexi Ley, Jamie, Eric, & Eden Nygaard

Good News Hour: Emily Bish, Kaitlin Kidd, Charlie & Alison Mosler, Diane Sharrock, Bev Stockman

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Dan & Edna Dalke who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, January 22. Dan served as pastor at Ebenezer from 1961-1979. If you would like to send a card, their current address is 701 Center Street, #73, Inman, KS 67546 or e-mail at: ddalke@buhlerks.net.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Findlay Area Youth for Christ is sponsoring a one-day Community Fundraiser at the Findlay Bob Evans at 1101 Trenton Avenue (only) on Wednesday, January 16, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Bob Evans will donate 15% of that day's sales to Findlay Area Youth for Christ when presented the lavender flyer that was inserted in last week's Emissary (extra flyers are in the Missions Center) at time of check out.

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 next 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 next Sunday, January 20 and January 27. Please bring the following items with you to register: completed green registration form (extra forms are located in the Missions Center), credit or debit card, e-mail address, your arrival and departure dates. A limited number of camper cabins and rent a RV are also available.

Partner with us! Do you desire membership at Ebenezer? Join the adventure of partnering with us to help people to know and grow in Jesus Christ. Membership classes will be held the four Sundays in February (3,10,17&24) at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Library. You can sign up by calling the church at 419-358-8588, check the appropriate box on the green Ebenezer Communication Card, or by contacting Pastor Dick at dick.potter@ebenezermennonite.org or Pastor Jim King at jim.king@ebenezermennonite.org.