

Parenting with a Purpose will be presented by Dr. Marv Penner on Saturday, March 16, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (registration at 8:30 a.m.) in the CMC. Dr. Penner works for the Center for Parent and Youth Understanding. He has authored many books and has spoken all over the world. Dr. Penner is a licensed counselor. Cost: \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Lunch is on your own and no child care is available. To pre-register e-mail Pastor Jim at jim.king@ebenezermennonite.org or call 419-358-8588.

Bill Glass Day of Champions will come to Lima Allen Correctional and Oakwood Correctional Facilities Saturday, April 6. This is a great opportunity for our men to share the gospel with the inmates. Women volunteers will serve at either Montgomery County Jail or at Montgomery Juvenile Detention Center in Dayton. If you are interested register online at <http://www.billglass.org> or print an application from <http://www.billglass.org>. Training for first time teammates will be here at Ebenezer in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. Contact Jim Spallinger at 419-296-0361 if you have any questions. Please look at the information sheet for the Dayton-Lima *Day of Champions* at <http://www.billglass.org>.

Please see the bulletin boards for dates, times, and ticket information for the special Christian music concert presented by Thurlow & Kathey (Gratz) Spurr. The concert will feature Sandi Patty, Larnelle Harris, Dino, and a 200 voice festival choir.

Please give your attention: At the conclusion of the worship service, please stay and visit and fellowship with your neighbors at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center so the chairs can be stacked and moved. This is for your safety. Thank you!

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you church family for your prayers and donations for the SIM Missions trip to Charlotte, North Carolina. God truly blessed our trip in so many ways. The team members this year were: Tina Alt, Randy Althaus, Trudy Baber, Denny Bassett, Frank & Patty Boehm, Tim Diller, Randy Forrer, John & Rosie Good, Bob Geiger, Tony Gratz, Rhody Hartman, Alan & Ruth Hefner, Don Kirkendall, Dave & Naomi Miller, Larry & Ginny Moser, Dave & Mary Ream, Chris Schroeder, Diane Sharrock, Steve Shaw, Jim Spallinger, Mark & Kay Spallinger. Our 2014 trip is scheduled February 9-15.

Choral Anthem
Christ Be Praised

When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this,
Christ be praised.

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The pow'rs of darkness fear when this sweet song they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Ye nations of mankind in this your oneness find,
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound,
Christ be praised!

Lord, You reign in pow'r and majesty, We exalt you all our days.
We the ransomed sing with victory "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song thro all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this,
Christ be praised. Christ be praised, be praised.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Mar. 16** Marv Penner-*Parenting with Purpose* Seminar (9:00 a.m., CMC)
Mar. 23 VBS Staff Meeting (10:00 a.m., Melissa Hilty's home)
Wild Game Event (5:00 p.m., CMC)
Mar. 29 Good Friday/Communion Service (7:00 p.m., CMC)
Mar. 31 SonRise Service (7:30 a.m., CMC)
SonRise Breakfast (8:30 a.m., CMC)
Easter Worship Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Apr. 6 Genesis ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
Apr. 26 Daughters of Promise (6:00 p.m., CMC)
Apr. 28 Disciple Singer's Musical-**THE GAME PLAN** (6:00 p.m., CMC)
May 2 **National Day of Prayer Rally** (7:00 p.m., CMC)
May 4 VBS Staff Meeting (9:00 a.m., Melissa Hilty's home)
Berean ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
May 19 Christian Education Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.m., CMC)



March 3, 2013

Welcome to EBENEZER

~ 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)
After God's Heart – A Heart for God
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting (CMC)
5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (103)
6:00 p.m. **Dinner with Stuart & Jill Briscoe** –
Reaching Out to Others (CMC)
6:45 p.m. Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
Senior High Small Groups Meet

The Deacons and Pastoral Search Committee are recommending that Rev. Dick Potter be approved for the part-time position at Ebenezer Mennonite Church effective April 1, 2013. A special congregational meeting to vote on this recommendation will be held today immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering.

~ BABY ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Mike & Lisa (Forrer) McBrien on the birth of their son, Asher Flynn, Monday, February 25, weighing 7 lb. 8 oz.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Robert E. Thompson. Robert, the father of Bob (Rhonda) Thompson and Martha Lee, passed away on Wednesday, February 27. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Scheduled Surgeries: Amanda Reigle, Tuesday, March 5, at UM Ann Arbor, Michigan and Doug Messinger, Friday, March 8, at Blanchard Valley.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on February 24:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	259
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	406
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	89

Giving on February 24:

\$11,552.62

Benevolent	225.00
Building Fund	45.00
Christian Education Fund	244.12
General Fund	7,353.50
Missions Fund	3,240.00
New Building Fund	635.00
Youth Fund	35.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Don & Brenda Ernst serve with **SEND North in Huslia, Alaska**. KIDS KLUB has had an average of 28 kids attending the two groups. The number of preschoolers has grown. WWJD (Junior High) has been meeting in the Ernst home three times a month for lesson time with games and refreshments. For the last three years they have seen the church grow. A church addition has been agreed upon by the church people. They are thankful for this growth but will need financial help as well as help in the actual building of the church. Pray with them for these needs. Please e-mail a note of encouragement to Don & Brenda at: koyukonflight@hughes.net.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Senior High Students: We are looking for 12-15 volunteers to help with childcare during the Briscoe Event tonight from 5:45-8:20 pizza is included. This event will also help raise funds for the summer Youth Missions trip to Mexico!

Parents of all Sunday School Students: Please note that pictures for Promotion Sunday will be taken on Sundays, March 17, April 14, and April 28. This will be done during the Sunday School hour. We don't want to miss any of the youth. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Steiner at 419-358-0486.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Steve & Doneta Reigle – *Missions Center*
Jerry & Vickie Cartwright – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 4-10

Monday	6:00 p.m.	Evening Sew (CMC)
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	All Day Sew (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (103)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	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)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Old Timer's Men's Basketball (CMC)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministries (112)
	9:00 a.m.	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 (CMC)
	5:00 p.m.	Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (115)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary) Student Small Groups Meet

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10 ~

Nursery: Kelli Foster, Melani Lee Chew, Jeremy & Ashley Fry,
Ryan Motter Family, John & Jaime Shaw

Good News Hour: Summer Burkholder, Jami Crawfis,
Kimberly Gordon, Melissa Hilty, Brooke Koontz, Marti Meza

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Weldon & Marcine Geiger. Last Sunday, February 24, marked their 60th wedding anniversary!



**Don't forget
to set your
clocks ahead
1 hour next
Sunday!**

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

'Reflections on Easter' from Our Daily Bread: Stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer or by the Information Counter in the Missions Center and pick up a special edition of *Our Daily Bread* to help you anticipate and prepare for Resurrection Sunday (March 31). There are four weeks of themed readings beginning tomorrow, March 4, and ending on Easter weekend. Allow this devotional booklet to strengthen, encourage, challenge, and change you as you walk with Christ through the events He endured out of love, worshipping Him with a heart of gratitude.

Women Ministries All Day Sew is an opportunity to create beautiful knotted comforters for our missionaries. Join us tomorrow evening, March 4, from 6:00-9:00 and on Tuesday, March 5, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please bring a hot and cold dish for a noon potluck on Tuesday. The potluck is also open to all spouses of those working and all widows/widowers to be our guest. Everyone is invited. Please come and share this evening or day.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, March 5, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free potluck luncheon, Cory-Rawson's High School Show Choir will provide entertainment. Meat, beverages, and place settings will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information, please see the church bulletin boards.

The Youth of Ebenezer invite you to **Selah**. A worship experience on Sunday nights at 8:15 starting next Sunday, March 10, in the Sanctuary. Praise music will play with lights dim and the opportunity for prayer. **Selah** is open to all ages.

Hunters and Fishermen: Please tell us your funniest hunting or fishing story for a chance to win a plaque at the Wild Game Event. You can submit your story by Monday, March 11, to our e-mail at wildgame@ebenezymennonite.org.

The Wild Game Committee is in need of people willing to help serve the many hunters and fishermen who come to our Wild Game Event. If you are willing to help and would like to get a chance to sample some wild game, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen window or in the Missions Center, or contact Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346.