

The Trustees are now accepting bids for the 2013 mowing season. Please submit your bid to the church office no later than noon, Friday, April 5.

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>.

Our Daily Bread: To pick up your copy of the March, April, & May 2013 issue and *Reflections on Easter*, please stop by the Information Center in the Missions Center or the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

Choral Anthem
The Love of Christ

If I could speak the love of Christ, my Lord and Master crucified,
I'd testify His precious blood became a cleansing, crimson flood;
The sinner's healing tide.

If I could sing the love of Christ, if such a song I'd ever find,
Each note would soar on eagle's wings
To praise with angels as they sing, the Savior of mankind.

But, should I sing for all my days the brightest melody,
how could I say in songs of praise all Christ has done for me?
So I must live the love of Christ, and go where Christ alone would go.
I'll bear His cross and share His pain without the hope of worldly gain;
No greater love I'll show.

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~ THANK YOU ~

Church Family: Thank you so much for the cards, notes, and gift cards you sent to me while I have been at college! I am very blessed and grateful that I was raised in a church that cares for its family members as much as you all do. Thank you again and God bless! - *Alexis Moser*

Dear friends at Ebenezer: We just wanted to drop you a personal note to thank you for your support. The Lord has been faithful as always! We thank you for your partnership in our ministry to South Asians. The quilt you gave us on our last visit keeps us toasty warm and we are so grateful for it! Thank you for your kindness. (1 Kings 8:60) - *With gratitude, Joel & Nada Mathai*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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)
- May 26** Meet the Teacher (9:00 a.m., basement classrooms)
- June 1** Agape/College Age Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- June 2-7** Vacation Bible School (6:30 - 9:00 p.m.)
- June 9-15** Middle School (Miracle Camp - Grades 5&6)
- June 23-29** Senior High (Miracle Camp - Grades 9-12)
- June 30-July 3** Grade School 1 (Miracle Camp - Grades 2-4)
- June 30-July 7** Youth Missions Trip (Mexico B2Live)
- June 30-July 12** Adult Missions Trip (France)
- July 7-13** Junior High (Miracle Camp - Grades 7&8)
- July 19-21** Family Camp (East Harbor State Park Lakeside, Marblehead, Ohio)
- Aug. 1-4** Dinner Theatre - **Family Camp** (CMC)
- Aug 4-10** Grade School 2 (Miracle Camp - Grades 2-4)



March 10, 2013

Welcome to EBENEZER

We are genuinely glad you have chosen to worship with us! Make yourself at home, you are among friends who would love for you to be part of the family! 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 ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Stephen Ministries (112)
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 Servant's Heart
- 5:00 p.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting (103)
Women's Ministries Committee Meeting (115)
- 6:30 p.m.** France Missions Trip Small Group (Jim & Pat's home)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Circumstances vs. Truth
Senior High Small Groups Meet
- 8:15 p.m.** **Selah** (Sanctuary)

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Bryan & Felicia Friesen serve with **Wycliffe Bible Translators in North Carolina**. Last fall Bryan had the opportunity to gather with Wycliffe Int'l Counselors. Having served in the Philippines for 17 years, he was thankful for being able to reconnect with friends from the Philippines, as well as meet new friends. Pray John 15:16 for both of them, that God would be pleased to produce fruit through them. Please e-mail them at: bwfriesen@earthlink.net or felicia-14@earthlink.net.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on March 3:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	277
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	407
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	295

Giving on March 3:

\$25,750.39

Benevolent	200.00
Building Fund	1,435.00
Christian Education Fund	2,175.97
General Fund	10,925.42
Missions Fund	10,604.00
New Building Fund	360.00
Youth Fund	50.00

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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

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.

Koinonia: Senior High Students, we are gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center on Thursday, March 28, from 6:00 p.m.-12 a.m. for a night of fellowship, fun, and food. We will have a dodgeball and volleyball tournament, along with other games. Bring a friend!

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Dean & Darlyn Sommers on their 60th wedding anniversary, March 14. We honor them for their loving and faithful example in marriage. - *Love, their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Tim & Diana Diller – *Missions Center*
Dan & Barb Steiner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 11-17

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Prayer Action Team 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)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Old Timer's Men's Basketball (CMC)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Marv Penner- <i>Parenting with Purpose</i> Seminar (CMC)
Sunday	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)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
		Student Small Groups Meet
	8:15 p.m.	Selah (Sanctuary)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17 ~

Nursery:

Janet Brauen, Leah Eiden, Cory Hilty, Bruce Moser Family, Jenny Navarro, Jaime, Eric, & Eden Nygaard, Brittany Sheehan

Good News Hour:

Conner Dawson, Jason & Kim Fritsch, Dan Huber, Miranda Schutz, Hannah Slechter, Makayla Smith

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

The result of the congregational vote last Sunday approved Rev. Dick Potter for the part-time position at Ebenezer Mennonite Church effective April 1, 2013.

France Missions Trip News: For those going or interested in going on this summer's adult mission trip to France, please join us at Pastor Jim & Pat's home (152 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton) at 6:30 p.m. for the next three weeks beginning tonight.

Hunters and Fishermen: Please tell us your funniest hunting or fishing story by tomorrow for a chance to win a plaque at the Wild Game Event. You can submit your story by 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.



Parenting with a Purpose will be presented by Dr. Marv Penner next 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@ebenezymennonite.org or call 419-358-8588.

Bethel College Choir from North Newton, Kansas, will present a concert at First Mennonite Church in Bluffton on Monday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. The 51 voice choir, from 11 states, will offer sacred music. The director is William Eash. There will be an offering received to help cover travel expenses. A reception will follow the concert. All are welcome.

Swiss Community Historical Society: Step back in time with an early healer of the Bluffton/Pandora area, portrayed in costume and character on Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m. in the Patio Room of Maple Crest Senior Living Village. For more information see the bulletin boards or contact Gary Wetherill at his e-mail: wetherillg@bluffton.edu or phone 410-358-1049.