

**The Women's Ministry Team** would like your help in providing gift cards for our college students. Our list has 61 student names so we need many, many cards. We will not collect any other items this year. On Sunday, February 10, we will prepare the cards to be mailed, so please give your cards to Bev Stockman, Teresa Marquart, Pat King, Kelli Foster, or Deb Hilty before that date. Thank you for your help.

**Cookie Time is Here Again:** Cookie dough or mixes are needed for the SIM Missions Trip (February 10-16). 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.

**College Students (or parents of college students):** Miracle Camp and Retreat Center is currently looking for students who have graduated high school and are interested in serving on our summer staff. Applications are due by Friday, February 1. Apply online at [miraclecamp.com/employment/summer](http://miraclecamp.com/employment/summer).

**Needed:** If anyone has a gently used wooden train track set or a race track with all the parts to donate to the 2 & 3 year old classroom please contact Joan Steiner at 429-358-0486. These items would be greatly appreciated.

**There are a number of items** that have been left behind here at the church. Our lost and found cupboards are under the Prayer Counter in the Missions Center.

**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.

**Postcards and Visitor Invites:** Available in the Missions Center are ready made Welcome postcards and also smaller cards with all the church contact information you can use to invite someone to worship. What a blessing a postcard in the mail can be!

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~ THANK YOU! ~

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**Dear Church Family:** Thank you for supporting Findlay Area Youth for Christ at the recent Bob Evans donation day. Over \$300 was raised. It was an encouragement to see many, a joy to visit, and a pleasure to share what God is doing in the hearts of teens. - *Don & Ann Leader and staff of FAYFC*

**Thank you, thank you!** Many of those who received the Sunshine Bags which were organized and assembled by our Women's Ministries have expressed their appreciation and delight with all the special goodies included in each bag. Thank you to each one who helped supply them. May God bless you!

**We give thanks to the Lord** for his unfailing love and faithfulness and thanks to our church family for your many acts of sympathy and kindness at this time of Sam's unexpected and sudden death. We appreciated all who came to the visitation and memorial service; the many cards and memorial gifts; and ways of caring sent our way. God bless you all. - *Janice Shields and all the Shields family*

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~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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- Feb. 10** Women's Ministries Committee Meeting (5:00 p.m., 115)
- 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 (6:00 p.m., Bluffton University)
- Feb. 23** Daddy Daughter Date Night (5:30 p.m., CMC)
- Feb. 24** Miracle Camp Speaker-Kris VanBogelen (9:00 a.m., Grade 2-Senior High, Sanctuary)
- Mar. 2** Senior High Students (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Mar. 3** Stuart & Jill Briscoe (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Mar. 16** Marv Penner-*Parenting with Purpose* Seminar (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- Mar. 23** Wild Game Event (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- May 19** Christian Education Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- May 26** Meet the Teacher (9:00 a.m., basement classrooms)
- June 9-15** Middle School (Miracle Camp - Grades 5&6)
- June 30-July 3** Grade School 1 (Miracle Camp - Grades 2-4)
- June 23-29** Senior High (Miracle Camp - Grades 9-12)
- July 7-13** Junior High (Miracle Camp - Grades 7&8)
- July 19-21** Family Camp (East Harbor State Park Lakeside, Marblehead, Ohio)
- Aug. 4-10** Grade School 2 (Miracle Camp - Grades 2-4)



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January 27, 2013

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# Welcome to EBENEZER

***We extend the hand of Christian fellowship to all who have come to worship. May our prayers and the hearing of God's Word make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed. Welcome friends!***

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~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

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- 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 Gathering – Pastor Dick (CMC)  
*Fresh Start: Legacy*
- 5:00 p.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting (FH)
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Groups (King's, Lemley's)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service  
*Searching for Wisdom (Sanctuary)*  
Senior High Small Groups Meet
- 7:05 p.m.** Small Group (103)

**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.

**Giving receipts** for 2012 are ready and available for you to pick up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Thank you for giving!

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~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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**Scheduled Surgery:** Linda Geiger, Friday, February 1, at OSU James Center.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on January 20:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	324
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	446
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	82

**Giving on January 20:**

\$13,708.82

Benevolent	70.00
Building Fund	820.00
Christian Education Fund	366.82
General Fund	8,832.00
Missions Fund	3,525.00
New Building Fund	95.00
Memorials for Dottie Edinger – Benevolent Fund	\$945.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionary of the Week: Tiffany Bixel** serves with **Campus Crusade for Christ, (Cru)**. Though she was nervous at the beginning of this semester to live by herself, the Lord has blessed her beyond her imagination. This is her home, but also home to countless cadets where they can meet. February 1-3 will be Spring Retreat. Pray for cadets to attend and to be teachable during the weekend. Please also pray for cadets from other campuses to join them. You may send a note to Tiffany at 311 Glade Street, College Station, TX 77840 or e-mail at: [tiffany.bixel@militaryministry.org](mailto:tiffany.bixel@militaryministry.org).

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~ REPORTS DUE ~

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**Year-end reports** for 2012 are due today. 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.

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~ OUR NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY HAS ARRIVED! ~

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**We want to thank each one of you** who participated by making an appointment to have your photo taken or submitted a photo to be included in our directory. You may pick up your copy today in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer! Extra copies are available at \$5 each. Please see Deb Hilty.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Bart & Joy Moser – *Missions Center*  
Kurt & Valerie Emans – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK:  
JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 3**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MOPS</b> (FH)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton Arby's</i> )	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)	
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103) Adult Choir Rehearsal (115) Children's Ministries ( <i>age 3-Grade 6</i> ) Junior High Meet (B17) Men's Bible Study ( <i>Sanctuary Overflow</i> ) Women's Bible Study (S4)	
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections ( <i>Pastor Jim &amp; Pat's home</i> )	
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Dodgeball (CMC)	
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Old Timer's Men's Basketball (CMC)
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Senior High Ice Camp ( <i>Leave for Miracle Camp</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Agape/College Class ( <i>Lima Rescue Home</i> )	
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & ABF ( <i>Various classrooms</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	Cherub Choir ( <i>Ages 2-K, B11</i> )	
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2&amp;3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11</i> )	
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering (CMC)	
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Pastoral Search Committee (103)	
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Trustee Meeting (FH)	
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Small Groups ( <i>King's, Lemley's</i> )	
<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)		
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) Student Small Groups Meet	
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Small Group (103)	

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 ~

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**Nursery:** Arlene Garmatter, Carole Kelley,  
Aaron & Emily Koogler, Gail, Madison, & Ariel Schantz  
**Good News Hour:** Chelsea Burkholder, Emma Burkholder,  
Lillian Burkholder, Phil & Sarah Shank, Kathy Steiner

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~ 2013 FAMILY CAMP – JULY 19-21 ~

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**East Harbor State Park Lakeside, Marblehead, Ohio**

Register today! Bring the following items with you to register in the Missions Center: 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.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**The result of the congregational vote** last Sunday approved Rev. Jim King as Senior Pastor of Ebenezer Mennonite Church effective April 1, 2013.

**Prayer Opportunity:** Would you be willing to pray for the Pastoral Search Committee? The Committee will supply a few prayer requests following their meetings in order to pray specifically for the search process and for the candidate the Lord is bringing to our congregation. Please e-mail Kathy Brauen from the Prayer Action Team at [kathy.brauen@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:kathy.brauen@ebenezymennonite.org) or call her at 419-234-7808 in order to be a part of this short-term e-mail prayer group.

**Daddy/Daughter** date night is only about three weeks away! (Saturday, February 23, 5:30-7:00 p.m.) Tickets will be on sale for \$10 per family beginning next Sunday. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite your daughters for a special evening celebrating one of the most important relationships you will ever have!

**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, checking the appropriate box on the green Ebenezer Communication Card, or by contacting Pastor Dick at [dick.potter@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:dick.potter@ebenezymennonite.org) or Pastor Jim King at [jim.king@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:jim.king@ebenezymennonite.org).

**The first PrimeTimers** event of 2013 will take place at noon on February 5 at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a potluck, Willie & Rodi Longenecker will provide entertainment which will include gospel singing. Meat and beverages will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share. PrimeTimers is for elders age 55 or older. For more information, please see the bulletin boards in the Missions Center and across from the church kitchen.