

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 pictorial directory. You may pick up your copy in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer! Extra copies are available at \$5 each. Please see Deb Hilty.

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.

~ **THANK YOU!** ~

We praise God for the great things He has done in Mark's life. We thank each of you for the many petitions and prayers lifted up to the Lord on Mark's behalf. Over and over again we have heard the word *miracle* and we thank God for the miracle He has performed in Mark's life. *The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.* Psalm 126:3 – *Mark & Kay Spallinger*

~ **SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 A.M.** ~

Children's Classroom Locations

Infant Nursery
Toddler Nursery
2-3 year olds - B-10 A
4 year olds-K - B-11
Grade 1 - B-12
Grade 2 - B-14
Grade 3 - B-18
Grade 4 - B-13
Grade 5 – S4 (upstairs)
Grade 6 - B-15
Grades 7 & 8 - B-17
Grades 9 - 12 – Schoolhouse

Adult Bible Fellowship Classroom Locations

Agape (College & Career) - 103
Genesis (Young adults, married & single) - Sanctuary Foyer
Maranatha - Sanctuary 2-3
Living Faith - 117 (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Berean - 118 & 119
Ambassador - 112-113-114 (Fellowship Hall)

~ **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES** ~

- 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 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)

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February 3, 2013

Welcome to EBENEZER

***A joyous greeting to all who have come to worship.
It is our hope that each of you may find encouragement,
inspiration, and direction for living. Above all, we pray
that you may sense the living presence of God.***

~ **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)
Just Lovely: With Love
4:00 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee (103)
5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (103)
6:45 p.m. Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service
People? Which People?(Sanctuary)

Giving receipts for 2012 are ready and available for you to pick up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Those not picked up today will be put in the mail tomorrow. Thank you for giving!

~ **PRAYER CONCERNS** ~

In the Hospital: Linda Geiger, OSU James Center.

Please pray for those who are traveling today. Several members have left today for an Adult Missions Trip to SIM in Charlotte, North Carolina. Senior High Students and their leaders will return from Ice Camp this afternoon.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 27:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	291
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	454
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	86

Giving on January 27:

\$17,066.79

Benevolent	350.00
Building Fund	455.00
Christian Education Fund	1,418.85
General Fund	7,780.00
Missions Fund	6,227.94
New Building Fund	835.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Norman & Gwen Bowman serve with **Global Outreach International in Spain**. Norman recently flew to Tenerife (Canary Islands) to lead the United Choir of Tenerife in a special retreat. This choir has had a unique ministry in the Canary Islands because they have a very balanced repertoire of music, testimony, and ministry style. They say thank you for praying for them regularly and for our financial gifts that enables them to minister in Spain. Please send a note of encouragement to Norman & Gwen at Avenida Manuel Girona, 70 Izda. 2o, 1a, 08860 Castelldefels, Barcelona, Spain or e-mail at: normandbowman@gmail.com or gfbowman@gmail.com.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

There will be a Youth Missions Trip meeting for students and their parents in the schoolhouse next Sunday, February 10, following the Morning Worship Gathering. – *Pastor Wade*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Brian & Lexi Ley – *Missions Center*

Larry Moser & Alan Hefner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 4-10

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>)
	6:15 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>)
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>)
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Missions Trip Meeting (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (<i>115</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Small Groups (<i>King's, Lemley's</i>)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir (<i>118-119</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
		Student Small Groups Meet
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (<i>103</i>)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 ~

Nursery: Nicki Biery, Janet Brauen, Kelli Foster, Kevin & Melissa Hilty, John & Jaime Shaw, Melani Lee Chew

Good News Hour: Lauren Bish, Gera Bixel, Emma Burkholder, Pat King, Phil & Sarah Shank

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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 check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications card, e-mail Kathy Brauen from the Prayer Action Team at kathy.brauen@ebenezermennonite.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 three weeks away! (Saturday, February 23, 5:30-7:00 p.m.) Tickets are on sale today in the Missions Center for \$10 per family. 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!

The first PrimeTimers event of 2013 will take place at noon Tuesday, 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.

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. Next 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.

Last Call for Cookies: 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.