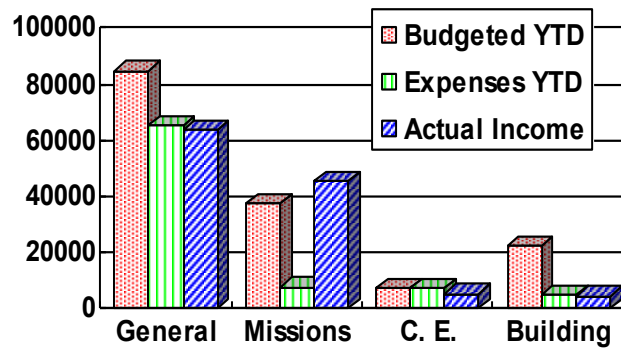


Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	84,533	37,337	7,175	22,333
Expenses YTD	65,250	7,325	7,143	4,462
Actual Income	63,521	45,088	5,093	4,121



Cash Fund Balances as of 2/28/13:

General.....	\$82,000
Missions	** \$130,119
Christian Education.....	\$25,247
Building.....	\$21,351
New Building/Land Purchase	\$73,567
Benevolent	\$19,750

** First quarter mission agency payments in the amount of \$41,450 were sent last week.

Thank you to all the ladies who helped to make comforts. It starts with cutting material for blocks, laying out the pieces, and creating beautiful designs. Thank you to the ladies who sewed, knotted, and hemmed the finished comforts. During our March All Day Sew, we completed 11 comforts. Thanks to all the ladies who made this possible. Thank you to the person who donated the sewing machine to be used for our sewing projects. It was used during our March All Day Sew. Thanks again. – *The Sewing Committee*

Praises to our Master Physician! Thank you to everyone who prayed for me during my recent foot surgery. I am extremely touched by your kindness especially my grandparents and the Grade 3 Sunday School Class for their personal card and prayers. Thank you to Mariah Burkholder and Adel Sommers for coming to visit me. Thanks so much to Gina Burkholder for the use of the scooter, my best friend at school the last two months! – *Audrey Bowsher*

Choral Anthem
O Sweet Exchange

The crushing weight of all our shame You took upon Your mortal frame.
You left Your throne so You'd become a ransom for the fallen one.

O sweet exchange by God ordained. Our death You died. Your life we gained.
Our worthless rags of wickedness now traded for Your righteousness.
We sing Your praise and we proclaim such wondrous love, O sweet exchange.

No precious jewels, no priceless gold could pay the price to save one soul.
Yet by the grace that You provide, we're now declared justified.

O sweet exchange by God ordained. Our death You died. Your life we gained.
Our worthless rags of wickedness now traded for Your righteousness.
We sing Your praise and we proclaim such wondrous love, O sweet exchange.

Your holy life, spilled out for such unholy ones.
No longer orphans, we're daughters and we're sons.
Oh, what a marvel, what great mystery!
You offered Your riches for our poverty.

O sweet exchange by God ordained. Our death You died. Your life we gained.
Our worthless rags of wickedness now traded for Your righteousness.
We sing Your praise and we proclaim such wondrous love, O sweet exchange.
Such wondrous love, O sweet exchange.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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 Event** (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)
Child Dedication Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- May 26** Meet the Teacher (9:00 a.m., basement classrooms)



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 that Makes God Big
- 4:00 p.m.** Pastoral Search Committee Meeting (103)
- 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)
Fear vs. Faith
Senior High Small Groups Meet
- 8:15 p.m.** **Selah** (Sanctuary)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS~

Our sympathy to the family of Jennifer Toomey: Jennifer, the sister of Julie (Jeff) McKanna, passed away on Saturday, March 9. Services were held on Wednesday, March 13, at Parkside Christian Church, Cincinnati.

Pray for the family of Jacqueline N. Klinger: Jacqueline, the mother of Wes, passed away on Monday, March 11. Private family services were held.

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Tim & Tiffany Gallant serve with **Global Partners in Cambodia**. They have a daughter, Katie, and a son, Jonathan. Today they will be speaking in Forestville, New York. Pray for them as they travel to Indiana, Illinois, and New York. Please send a note of encouragement to Tim & Tiffany at 4022 S. Washington, Marion, IN 46953 or e-mail them at: tntgallant@hotmail.com.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on March 10:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	260
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	416
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	84

Giving on March 10:

	<u>\$8,577.22</u>
Benevolent	75.00
Building Fund	95.00
Christian Education Fund	172.22
General Fund	4,925.00
Missions Fund	2,680.00
New Building Fund	630.00

Memorials for Marjorie Marquart – To SIM for Kitchen Remodeling Project	\$1,380.00
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~ PLEASE SIGN UP! ~

Plan now to attend the SonRise Breakfast on Sunday, March 31, at 8:30 a.m. Please check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card or sign the sheet on either of the bulletin boards by the kitchen or in the Missions Center. This will help us have a good count on how many to plan for, thank you!

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

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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. tonight and next Sunday, March 24.

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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Kevin & Gina Burkholder – *Missions Center*
Jim & Marty Lemley – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 18-24

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>
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball <i>(CMC)</i>
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting <i>(103)</i>
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	VBS Com. Meeting <i>(Melissa Hilty's home)</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Wild Game Event <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>
	6:15 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir <i>(118-119)</i>
	6:30 p.m.	France Missions Trip Small Group <i>(Jim & Pat's home)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service <i>(Sanctuary)</i> Student Small Groups Meet
	8:15 p.m.	Selah <i>(Sanctuary)</i>

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24 ~

Nursery:

Nicki Biery, Janet Brauen, Ron & Sue Epp,
Brian & Lexi Ley, Josh & Heidi Steiner

Good News Hour:

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

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Parents of all Sunday School Students: Please note that pictures for Promotion Sunday will be taken today, 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.

Help Needed ASAP: Disciple Singers Choir needs a very simple shack/classroom built (4'x8' base with casters and lightweight walls) for our spring musical. Materials will be provided. Please contact Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907 if you can help.

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.

Disciple Singers Choir next Sunday, March 24, will begin practicing at 6:15 p.m. in Rooms 118-119.

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 board, card, and video games. Bring a friend!

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Swiss Community Historical Society: Step back in time with an early healer of the Bluffton/Pandora area, portrayed in costume and character next 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: wetherillgl@bluffton.edu or phone 410-358-1049.

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will be holding their annual Easter Bake Sale on Friday, March 29. This bake sale features a variety of home baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles, and breads. Sale will be held in the Mennonite Memorial Home lobby on Friday, March 29, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you would like to donate any baked goods, leave them in the church kitchen before 8:30 a.m., Friday, March 29, marked with MMH or take them to MMH. Thank you for your support by donating.