

~ NEW IN THE LIBRARY ~

Classic Literature for Young Ladies

Elsie Dinsmore “A Life of Faith Series” – Martha Finley

Elsie’s Endless Wait

Elsie’s Impossible Choice

Elsie’s New Life

Elsie’s Stolen Heart

Elsie’s True Love

Elsie’s Troubled Times

Bible Stories for Children

Daniel for Lunch – Kelly Pulley

The Biggest and Toughest, David’s Big Faith – Kelly Pulley

Creation for Children

D is for Dinosaur – Ken & Mally Ham

Answers in Genesis

The Relevance of Genesis – Dr. Jason Lisle

Racism. Is there an Answer? – Carl Kerby

Adult Literature

Here Am I, Lord...Send Somebody Else! – Jill Briscoe

Prayer That Works – Jill Briscoe

Holiness Without the Halo – Stuart & Jill Briscoe

Adult Fiction - Kauffman Amish Bakery Series

Book 4 – *A Life of Joy* – Amy Clipston

Book 5 – *A Season of Love* – Amy Clipston

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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 5 Vacation Bible School Training (9:00 a.m., Sanctuary)

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)

Graduate Recognition Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)

No Evening Fellowship Service

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)

Choral Anthem

Alive

Who but You could breathe and leave a trail of galaxies and dream of me?
What kind of Love is writing my story ‘til the end with Mercy’s pen? Only You.
What kind of King would choose to wear a crown that bleeds and scars
to win my heart?

What kind of Love tells me I’m the reason He can’t stay inside the grave?
You. Is it You? Standing here before my eyes, every part of my heart cries:

Alive! Alive! Look what Mercy’s overcome; Death has lost and Love has won.
Alive! Alive! Hallelujah, risen Lord, the only One I fall before,
I am His because He is alive.

Who could speak and send the demons back from where they came
with just one Name?

What other heart would let itself be broken every time ‘til He healed mine?
You. Only You could turn my darkness into dawn; running right into Your arms.

Alive! Alive! Look what Mercy’s overcome; Death has lost and Love has won.
Alive! Alive! Hallelujah, risen Lord, the only One I fall before,
I am His because He is...

Emmanuel, the promised King; the Baby who made angels sing;
Son of Man who walked with us, healing, breathing in our dust.
Author of all history, the answer to all mysteries;
Lamb of God who rolled away the stone in front of every grave!

Alive! Alive! Look what Mercy’s overcome; Death has lost and Love has won.
Alive! Alive! Hallelujah, risen Lord, the only One I fall before,
I am His because He is, I am His because He is, I am His because He is alive!
Alive! Alive! Alive! Alive!

~ PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYER CHAIN ~

Please call the church office for any names or concerns that you want listed in the Weekly Prayer List or announced during our Worship Services. To start the Prayer Chain, call or text Kathy Brauen at 419-234-7808 or call the church office at 419-358-8588.

Church Office Hours:



March 31, 2013

Welcome to
EBENEZER

this

Resurrection Sunday!

Let us greet one another with,

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

7:30 a.m. SonRise Service (CMC)

8:30 a.m. SonRise Breakfast (CMC)

10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (2&3 year olds B10)

10:15 a.m. Resurrection Sunday Service – Pastor Jim (CMC)
The Living Jesus

Reception of New Members: Jack & Jean Bash, Evania Bonifaz,
Thomas & Kimberly Eachus, Jeff & Leah Eiden,
Ben Moser, Clyde & Janie Wireman

The Children’s Good News Hour will meet as usual today for (2&3 year olds in Room B10). Visitors are welcome to attend!

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Scheduled Surgery: Paul Gladwell, Friday, April 5, at St. Rita’s Medical Center.

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the week: *Chuck & Anita Howard* are missionaries with HCJB Global in Ecuador. They thank the Lord for a good first semester in the Alliance Academy International. Anita continues to work with the early childhood department and the library and Chuck is teaching Bible and math in the Middle School. They praise the Lord for the 20 local Christian radio stations that were planted over the past year in countries such as Thailand, Indonesia, and Nepal. Please pray for a great spiritual harvest. Send a note to Chuck & Anita at Casilla 17-17-691, Quito, Ecuador, South America or e-mail at: choward@hcjb.org.ec.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on March 24:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	281
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	433
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	93

Giving on March 24:

\$11,533.84

Benevolent	445.00
Building Fund	130.00
Christian Education Fund	434.84
General Fund	7,569.00
Missions Fund	2,955.00

~ SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED ~

Please pray about three openings.

Consider making a commitment for three months out of the year.

(Beginning June 2, 2013)

Grade 4 teacher (March, May & June)

Grade 2 teacher (3 months--your choice of months)

Grade 2 teacher (3 months--your choice of months)

Contact Joan Steiner 419-358-0486 for more information.

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

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you for the support you have given the Wild Game Committee over the past 12 years! We had over 60 volunteers helping us at the Wild Game Event, plus many of you held us up in prayer. Over 60 people indicated they made a decision at the Wild Game Event – either to accept or rededicate their lives to Christ. Pray for these people as we reach out and encourage them in their walk with Christ.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Paul & Cheryl Burkholder – *Missions Center*
Kurt & Valerie Emans – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 1-7

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee (<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>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Genesis ABF (<i>Lima Rescue Home</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>)
	4:00 p.m.	Pastoral Search Committee (<i>103</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (<i>FH</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir (<i>118-119</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, APRIL 7 ~

Nursery: Arlene Garmatter, Carole Kelley,
Aaron & Emily Koogler, Gail, Madison, & Ariel Schantz

Good News Hour: Courtney Barnett, Cheryl Potter,
Madison & Ariel Schantz, Erica Sheehan, Joan Steiner

Stephen Ministry: We have several Stephen Ministers equipped and ready to listen and help provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to you or to those you may know in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties. More information concerning this caring ministry can be found at the Information Center in the Missions Center in a brochure titled *Stephen Ministry*, or feel free to contact Pastor Dick, Stephen Ministry Coordinator, at 419-358-8588.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon this Tuesday, April 2, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free potluck luncheon, Denny Edinger will give a presentation of his antique postcard collection. 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.

Connections: A Small Group will begin meeting this Wednesday at 7:05 p.m. at the Bluffton McDonald's. Please contact Pastor Jim at 419-358-8588 if you would like to purchase the book, *god's at War*.

What is Willow Ridge? Who volunteers at Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio (MHCO)? The answers to these questions and more can be found in the new MHCO newsletter, *The Vine*. It is available at our Information Center in the Missions Center. It is also available at www.mhcoliving.org. MHCO appreciates the prayers and support our churches provide to the elders of our communities.

Bill Glass Day of Champions will come to Lima Allen Correctional and Oakwood Correctional Facilities this 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>. Training for first time teammates will be here at Ebenezer in the Fellowship Hall this 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>.

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

High School and College Graduate Recognition Sunday is Sunday, May 26, during the morning Worship Gathering at 10:15. Please fill out the green EMC Communications Card or fill out the Graduation Information Sheet on the counter in the Missions Center so the church office will have the correct information. Thank you!