

the Scripture Memory Program, please note this needs to be completed by today. If you have any questions please contact Joan Steiner 419-358-0486.

Safe Sanctuary Training will be held Sunday, May 19, after the Morning Worship Gathering until 2:00 p.m. in Room 103 for all of those 17 and older who will be working with children here at Ebenezer. A light lunch will be served. You may sign up in the Missions Center. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jim or Joan Steiner.

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!

Coed Softball League through the Bluffton Family Recreation has invited Ebenezer to join. If you are interested in joining the team, sign ups and information are on the counter in the Missions Center. If you have any questions please contact Sam Brauen at 419-303-1691.

Please give your attention: At the conclusion of the worship service, please stay and visit and fellowship with your neighbors at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center so the chairs can be stacked and moved. This is for your safety. Thank you!

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

May 19, 26 Vacation Bible School Registration

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 12 Adult Missions Trip (France)

July 1-8 Youth Missions Trip (Mexico B2Live) *Please note date change.*

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)

Nov. 10-17 *50th Annual Missions Conference*

Peer to Pier Garage and Bake Sale: Help the Maple Crest Peers build a Pier! The elders of Maple Crest Senior Living Village are accepting donations (not clothing) to be sold at a garage sale on Saturday, June 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds from the sale support the Maple Crest Memory Garden and Pier Project. This project will provide a screened house, fishing pier, and landscaped garden area for elders and their guests to enjoy. All items in good condition are accepted for the garage sale. The Service Group will host a bake sale at the same time and is accepting baked goods. Donations for the garage sale can be dropped off at Maple Crest (700 Maple Crest Court off of Augsburg Road) between Tuesday, May 28, and Monday, June 3. Baked good items can be delivered Friday, June 7, or Saturday morning, June 8, by 7:00 a.m. Financial contributions are also accepted. All are invited to the sale. For questions, contact Doug Luginbill at 419-358-1015 ext. 263.

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

Children's Classroom Locations

Infant Nursery - 111
Toddler Nursery - 105-106
2 year olds - B16
3 year olds - B-10a
4 year olds - B-11
5 year olds - B-10b
Grade 1 - B-12
Grade 2 - B-14
Grade 3 - B-18
Grade 4 - B-13
Grade 5 - Sanctuary 1
Grade 6 - B-15
Grades 7 & 8 - B-17
Grades 9 - 12 - School House

Adult Bible Fellowship Classroom Locations

Agape (College & Career) - 103-104
Genesis (Young adults, singles, & married) - Sanctuary Foyer



May 12, 2013

Welcome to EBENEZER

It is with joy that we welcome all worshipers. We are especially happy to welcome mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day and the Christian Home. Let us take time to thank God for our families. Reach out in love toward one another.

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. Adult Bible Fellowship
Stephen Ministries (112)
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)

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
After God's Heart – Brook Besor
A Generous Heart (CMC)
Child Dedication Service – Savannah Barbara Motter

6:30 p.m. Small Groups (Epp's, King's, Niswander's)

7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

Please note Student Small Groups and Selah will not meet tonight.

2013 Church Directories are now ready and will be handed out today by the ushers following the Morning Worship Gathering.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 5:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	270
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	409
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	55

Giving on May 5:

\$18,133.81

Benevolent	125.00
Building Fund	685.00
Christian Education Fund	833.81
General Fund	9,905.00
Missions Fund	6,305.00
New Building Fund	220.00
Youth Fund	60.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the week: Steve & Carol Lehman serve with **MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship)**. Steve did a safety audit of MAF's flight and maintenance operations in The Democratic Republic of Congo in late March and early April. To serve the people of Congo, MAF uses a variety of airplanes old to new, small to large, and even one with a diesel engine. Steve & Carol thank us for our faithful support which enables them to serve at the headquarters, directly impacting the overseas ministry which transforms lives. Please encourage Steve & Carol by sending a note at: 1911 Sandcrest Drive, Nampa, ID 83686 or e-mail at slehman@maf.org or clehman@maf.org.

~MIRACLE CAMP REMINDER~

If you have not done so, now is the time to register online as camps could fill up quickly. After registering, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center at the Information Center so you can receive your scholarship and we can plan transportation. Also you will find camp information packets on the counter. If you have questions, please call Diane Sharrock at 419-302-8438.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Bart & Joy Moser – Missions Center
Mike & Deb Hilty – Crossroads Ministry Center

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 13-19

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS
	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Search Committee Meeting (103)
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Com. Meeting (FH)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Arby's)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103) Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (103)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education Promotion Sunday (CMC)
	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)
	11:30 a.m.	Safe Sanctuary Training (103)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary) Student Small Groups Meet
	8:15 p.m.	Selah (Sanctuary)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19 ~

Nursery: Frank & Patty Boehm, Jeremy & Ashley Fry,
Bruce & Cindy Moser, Ryan Motter Family
Good News Hour: Emily Bish, Kaitlin Kidd,
Charlie & Alison Mosler, Diane Sharrock, Bev Stockman

Vacation Bible School News

Registration starts today! You will find a yellow registration form inserted in today's Emissary. Please be sure to fill out a form for each child. For each family who registers a child, a FREE CD will be available. The CD has all the music your child will hear while at VBS - **Kingdom Rock**, June 2-7 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. If

you have any questions please see a VBS committee member - Janet Brauen, Ashley Fry, Melissa Hilty, or Julie Motter.



You are invited to an open house for:

Diana Basinger	Sun., May 19 (1-4 p.m.) Ebenezer Crossroads Ministry Center
Kaitlyn Saunders	Sat., May 25 (4-7 p.m.) 6850 Billymack Road, Elida
Jacob Biery	Sun., May 26 13495 Township Rd. 57, Rawson (following commencement which begins at 2:00 p.m.)
Matthew Spallinger	Sun., May 26 (12:30-4 p.m.) 6260 N. Phillips Rd., Bluffton
Michael Sheehan	Sun., May 26 (2-5 p.m.) Bluffton Campus Life Room (111 West College Avenue)
Michael & Matthew Deter	Sat., June 1 (Noon-4 p.m.) St. John Mennonite Church

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Pastoral Search Committee will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 in Room 103.

TV-44 will broadcast two specials. Tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. will feature Jill Briscoe and Wednesday, May 15, at 1:00 p.m. Stuart Briscoe. These broadcasts are recordings of the Briscoe Event held here at Ebenezer and at St. John Mennonite the first weekend in March 2013.

Promotion Sunday will be held May 19 during the Sunday School hour. There will be no ABF classes, but all are encouraged to attend this special time for our youth. If your child is involved in