

**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.

**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.

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~ CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 12 ~

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At our Child Dedication Service, parents commit to raise their child to know Jesus Christ for the glory of God. The church family pledges to support the family with love and encouragement, plus provide opportunities for spiritual development of the family. Parents, if you would like to take part in this service we need you to register your child or children in the following ways:

- \* Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim or Pastor Wade.
- \* Provide a digital photo of you with the child or children to be dedicated. Send to: [info@ebenezermennonite.org](mailto:info@ebenezermennonite.org) or contact Pastor Wade at 567-204-1868 or e-mail him at [wade.slechter@ebenezermennonite.org](mailto:wade.slechter@ebenezermennonite.org).
- \* Please register and have photo turned in today. There will be a time in the dedication where your child will specifically be prayed for. This prayer can be offered by you, a family member, friend, or pastor. Please let us know who will be praying.

*Any parents who attend Ebenezer are welcome to dedicate their child. The requirement is membership in the family of God, not Ebenezer Mennonite Church. All parents who know Christ as Savior are welcome to participate in this child dedication.*

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~ THANK YOU ~

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**We thank you** for responding to the Lord's leading! Last week was Compassion Sunday, more than 11 children will be sponsored by you through *Compassion International*. What a blessing! There have been more than 40 children over the past five years who have been sponsored through caring persons of Ebenezer. If you would like to join in, it is not too late. Please see Charlie today or call Alison anytime at 419-634-7086. – *Charlie & Alison Mosler*

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~ NEW IN THE LIBRARY ~

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**Adult Novels**

Intervention Series – Terri Blackstock

*Intervention*  
*Vicious Cycle*  
*Downfall*

*The Twelfth Iman* – Joel Rosenberg

*The Tehran Initiative* – Joel Rosenberg

*When Jesus Wept* – Bodie & Brock Thoene

Kauffman Amish Bakery Series – Amy Clipston

*A Life of Joy*  
*A Season of Love*

**Missions**

*Miraculous Movements* – Jerry Trousdale

Jerry Trousdale is one of the speakers for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Missions Conference.

*Changing the Mind of Missions. Where Have We Gone Wrong?*

James F. Engel & William A. Dyrness

**Christian Life**

*Vertical Church* – James MacDonald

*Jesus. A Theography* – Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola

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~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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**May 12, 19, 26** Vacation Bible School Registration

**May 19** Christian Education Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.m., CMC)

Safe Sanctuary Training (11:30 a.m., 103)

**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** 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Missions Conference



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May 5, 2013

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## Welcome to EBENEZER

**Welcome to worship! In the spirit of the psalmist who said, *I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High (Psalm 9:2)*, let us joyfully lift our hearts to God.**

**We are genuinely glad you have chosen to worship with us! Make yourself at home, you are among friends who would love for you to be part of the family! 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!**

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~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

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- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)  
VBS Training (*Schoolhouse*)
- 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 – A Heart that Seeks God/  
Saul and the Witch of Endor (CMC)*
- 4:00 p.m.** Pastoral Search Committee Meeting (*103*)
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Groups (*King's, Niswander's, Stockman's*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
Student Small Groups Meet
- 7:05 p.m.** Small Group (*103*)
- 8:15 p.m.** *Selah* (*Sanctuary*)

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on April 28:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	269
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	429
Disciple Singers' Musical	(6:00 p.m.)	215

**Giving on April 28:**

**\$10,285.63**

Benevolent	80.00
Building Fund	965.00
Christian Education Fund	272.63
General Fund	6,308.00
Missions Fund	2,635.00
New Building Fund	25.00

Memorials for Mary Jane Lugibihl      Missions Fund - \$405.00  
Christian Education Fund (Library) - \$25.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the week: Don & Ann Leader.** Don is the Executive Director of the Findlay Area Youth for Christ. The summer activities will soon begin. The Campus Life leaders have many plans for the youth. Small groups will include group activities as well as a Bible study time. Continue to pray for these young people as they are reached one at a time. Please encourage Don & Ann by sending a note at: 189 Hillcrest Drive, Bluffton, OH 45817 or e-mail at: leaderdyfc@juno.com.

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~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

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**Congratulations** to Porter & Nancy King. They are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today!

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**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.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Steve & Doneta Reigle – Missions Center  
Dan & Barb Steiner – Crossroads Ministry Center

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 6-12

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Arby's</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Committee Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer ( <i>103</i> ) Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Dodgeball ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Stephen Ministries ( <i>112</i> ) Sunday School & ABF ( <i>Various classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2&amp;3 year olds-B10,</i> <i>4 year olds-K-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering ( <i>CMC</i> ) Child Dedication Service
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Small Groups ( <i>Epp's, King's, Niswander's</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) Student Small Groups Meet
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Small Group ( <i>103</i> )
	<b>8:15 p.m.</b>	<i>Selah</i> ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12 ~

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**Nursery:** Janet Brauen, Ron & Sue Epp,  
Jeff & Julie McKanna, John & Jaime Shaw  
**Good News Hour:** Jeremy & Christina Lemley, Kathy Steiner

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~ NEW ADDRESS ~

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**Recently** Marie Place has moved to the Betty House at the Willow Ridge Greenhouses. Her new address is: 101 Willow Drive, Bluffton, OH 45817.

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~ CHICKEN BBQ YOUTH FUNDRAISER ~

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**Last Day to Order**

**The Youth Ministry is having its Annual Chicken BBQ** on Mother's Day, May 12, to support the 2013 Youth Missions Trip to La Mision Mexico, July 1-8. The dinners will include a half chicken and two sides or just a half chicken. Orders may be taken out or enjoyed at the church. You can find a pink order form in the Missions Center by Pastor Wade's office and a basket in which you may place your order. You can also e-mail Pastor Wade at: wade.slechter@ebenezymennonite.org with your order. Thank you for supporting the 2013 Youth Missions Trip!



*You are invited to an open house for:*

<b>Diana Basinger</b>	Sun., May 19 – 1-4 p.m.	CMC
<b>Matthew Spallinger</b>	Sun., May 26 – 12:30-4 p.m.	~~~~~ ~~~~~ 6260 N. Phillips Rd.,
<b>Kyla Dawson &amp; Delaney Reineke</b>	Sun., May 26 – 1-4 p.m.	The Centre

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Pastoral Search Committee** meeting today at 4:00 p.m. in Room 103.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on Tuesday, May 7, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free potluck luncheon, the Hilty Child Care will give a musical presentation. 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.

**Promotion Sunday** will be held on 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 the Scripture Memory Program, please note this needs to be completed by Sunday, May 12. If you have any questions please contact Joan Steiner 419-358-0486.

**At Willow Ridge,** Bill Herr, Mennonite Memorial Home Chaplain, needs assistance in leading a Bible Study one day a week. Would you be willing to lead a Bible study at Willow Ridge once a week? The day would be Wednesday or Thursday (whichever day) at 10:30 a.m. and last 1/2 hour. The study plan is at the volunteer's choice. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Ring at 419-358-1015, Volunteer Coordinator, at Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio.