

**The Power Team** is coming to Ebenezer in February 2014! We are booking schools for them to go to while they are here. The cost is \$500 per school assembly. They provide the students with a motivational talk and then invite the students to the evening crusade. Some schools are unable to finance assemblies. If you, a business, or someone you know would like to sponsor an assembly, please call Gina Burkholder at 419-957-5304.

**Helping Hand Ministry:** Located in the Missions Center at the Information Center you will find a yellow flyer. Please check the work ministry areas listed on the flyer in which you are gifted and may be interested in occasionally serving those needing assistance in our church family. You may place the completed flyer in the offering plate, church office, or give to Kerris Wright, Coordinator of the *Helping Hand Ministry*.

**Meal Ministry:** The Adult Bible Fellowship classes have often ministered to members who have had surgeries, families with newborns, etc. by providing full course meals or even just a frozen meal that can be easily prepared when help is needed. The Women's Ministries has formed a list of those who would like to help provide a meal for those who may not be a member of an ABF class. There are two ways that you can be involved in this ministry. If you know of someone who could benefit from some extra help with meals or if you would be willing to have your name on a list to be called upon to prepare a meal, please contact Deb Hilty at 419-358-8588 or send an e-mail to: info@ebenezermennonite.org or fill out the pink *Caring by Sharing a Meal* form available in the Missions Center.

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~ THANKS ~

**Thank you more than I can say:** I would like to thank the church and pastoral staff for cards, prayers, and visits during my recent surgery. - Paul Gladwell

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

**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)  
**Oct. 6** Christian Education Appreciation Sunday (10:15 a.m., CMC)  
**Nov. 10-17** *50<sup>th</sup> Annual Missions Conference –*  
*Footprints of the Past–Footsteps Toward the Future*

~ 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

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**Adult Bible Fellowship Classroom Locations**

**Agape** (College & Career) - 103-104  
**Genesis** (Young adults, singles, & married) - Sanctuary Foyer  
**Maranantha** - Sanctuary Overflow  
**Living Faith** - 117 (Crossroads Ministry Center)  
**Berean** - 118 & 119  
**Ambassador** - 113-114 (Fellowship Hall)



June 2, 2013

**Ebenezer**  
**Emissary**

**We** extend a warm and cheerful welcome to all. We pray that God will be very real to you as you worship in spirit and truth.

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 (All classes combined in the CMC)  
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 Wade  
*After God's Heart – A Dancing Heart*  
**4:00 p.m.** Power Team Committee Meeting (103)  
**6:30 p.m.** Vacation Bible School - *Kingdom Rock*

~ PASTORAL SEARCH NEWS ~

**The Pastoral Search Committee**, by unanimous decision, has named Dale Seefeldt as their number one candidate for the new Pastor/Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries position. Dale and his wife, Ruth, are visiting Ebenezer today and will be teaching a combined Adult Bible Fellowship session this morning. The Pastoral Search Committee wishes to thank the congregation for their prayers and patience during this process.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on May 26:**

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| Sunday School     | (9:00 a.m.)  | 272 |
| Worship Gathering | (10:15 a.m.) | 435 |

**Giving on May 26:**

\$11,888.12

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Benevolent               | 175.00   |
| Building Fund            | 25.00    |
| Christian Education Fund | 589.80   |
| General Fund             | 8,468.32 |
| Missions Fund            | 2,280.00 |
| New Building Fund        | 200.00   |
| Youth Fund               | 150.00   |

*Memorials for Charles Kinsinger – Missions Fund* \$430.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the week** are *Les & Verla Unruh*. In April Les & Verla completed 45 years of service with SIM, serving in Ethiopia, Liberia, and at SIM USA. Les continues at SIM and recently enjoyed a trip to Liberia to see how the Liberian Church has grown to be spiritually more mature. They are rejoicing in God's faithfulness. They will be celebrating 50 years of marriage on June 8. Their children, Stephen & Lori, Stan, Lee & Michelle, and Rodney & Faith, plan to be at the celebration before returning to their fields of service. Continue to pray for Les & Verla and their family as they continue to serve the Lord. Please encourage them by sending a note at: 511 Crescent Leaf Lane, Rock Hill, SC 29730 or e-mail at: lesunruh1997@gmail.com.

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~ NEW ADDRESS ~

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**Recently** Evan Neiswander moved to the Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 W. Elm Street, Bluffton, OH 45817.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Jerry & Vickie Cartwright – *Missions Center*

Dan & Barb Steiner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 3-9

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | Vacation Bible School - <i>Kingdom Rock</i>                                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | Men's Small Group ( <i>Arby's</i> )<br>Vacation Bible School - <i>Kingdom Rock</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>6:30 p.m.</b>  | Vacation Bible School - <i>Kingdom Rock</i>                                                                         |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | Vacation Bible School - <i>Kingdom Rock</i>                                                                         |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | Vacation Bible School - <i>Kingdom Rock</i><br>Closing Program ( <i>CMC</i> )                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | Sunday School & ABF ( <i>Various classrooms</i> )                                                                   |
|                  | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | Middle School (Miracle Camp - Grades 5&6)<br>The Good News Hour ( <i>2&amp;3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11</i> ) |
|                  | <b>10:15 a.m.</b> | Worship Gathering ( <i>CMC</i> )                                                                                    |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )                                                                     |

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 9 ~

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**Nursery:** Ron & Sue Epp, Jeremy & Ashley Fry,  
Kevin & Melissa Hilty, John & Jaime Shaw

**Good News Hour:** Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Emma Burkholder,  
Phil & Sarah Shank, Hui Shen

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~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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[www.ebenzermennonite.org](http://www.ebenzermennonite.org)

**E-mail:** [info@ebenzermennonite.org](mailto:info@ebenzermennonite.org)

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**Our Daily Bread:** To pick up your copy of the June, July, & August 2013 issue, please stop by the Information Center in the Missions Center or the wall rack in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.



*You are invited to an open house for:*

**Brittany Good**

*Sat., June 29 (4-8 p.m.)*

204 N. Main Street, Bloomdale

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~ PRAYER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~

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**We are looking for volunteers** to pray during VBS. We will meet at 6:45 p.m. in the Choir Room (Room 115) to pray for the Bible School teachers, all the various helpers, committee, and most of all for each child attending. We will be praying tonight through Thursday, so if you would be available one or more of the evenings, we would love to have you join us. - *Prayer Action Team*

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on Tuesday, June 4, at St. John Mennonite Church. A Hymn Sing will follow a free potluck luncheon. 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.

**Maple Crest Senior Living Village** is having a Garage Sale Saturday, June 8, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. including lots of furniture, Nordic Track, knickknacks, lamps, and more. Proceeds support the Memory Garden and Pier Project at Maple Crest. If you have questions, call 419-358-1015 ext. 263.

**The Service Group** of Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will be holding a bake sale at the Maple Crest Garage Sale on Saturday, June 8, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Would you donate a home-baked treat to this fundraiser? Baked good items can be delivered Friday, June 7, or Saturday morning, June 8, by 7:00 a.m.