

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

**Bluffton Community Food Pantry needs:** Over the last few months and as enrollment in the program has increased, we have needed to buy groceries on a regular basis. Therefore, we have come up with a list of needs as a way for the church community to know what those needs are. We had 51 families come through the pantry on August 17.

- Tuna/condiments like mayonnaise, relish, ketchup, mustard, etc.
- Toiletries like shampoo, health, and beauty items
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Spaghetti sauce and noodles
- Paper products like toilet paper, Kleenex, and paper towels
- Cured meats like hotdogs, bacon and ham.

The next Pantry Day is Saturday, September 21. You may drop off your donations anytime in the blue tub that is located under the coat rack across from the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for considering these needs and for your continued prayers as we serve the needs of our community. - Sarah Shank and Jami Crawfis, Co-directors of the Bluffton Community Assistance Program

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#### ~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

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**Wednesday Night Children's Ministry** volunteers are needed for several classes: Pre-K-Kindergarten needs two helpers, Grade 2 helper, Grades 3&4 boys teacher and helper, and Grades 5&6 teacher and helper. You may check the box on the green EMC Communications Card or contact Cheryl Potter at 567-204-0611.

**Help Needed:** The Disciple Singers Choir is in need of helpers to assist throughout the next few months. If you are interested please contact Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907 or Renea Zimmerman at 419-369-4543 or check the box on the green EMC Communications Card.

**Please sign up** to go to the Rescue Mission some Saturday night this coming fall, winter, or spring. The sign-up sheets are in the Missions Center. Contact Kathy Steiner at 419-348-3986 if you have any questions.

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#### ~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~

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**The church office** needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Please complete the information sheet on the counter in the Missions Center near our **Welcome & Information Center** or e-mail the church office with the name of your college, starting date, your mailing address, and college year to: info@ebenezermennonite.org. You may also fill out the appropriate information on the green EMC Communications card. Thanks so much!

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#### ~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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www.ebenezermennonite.org  
**E-mail:** info@ebenezermennonite.org

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#### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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- Sept. 28** Ladies Fondue Night (5:30 p.m., CMC)  
**Oct. 6** Christian Education Appreciation Sunday (10:15 a.m., CMC)  
**Oct. 28** Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)  
**Oct. 29** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)  
**Nov. 10-17** *50<sup>th</sup> Annual Missions Conference –  
Footprints of the Past–Footsteps Toward the Future*

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

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#### **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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September 1, 2013

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# Ebenezer Emissary

**A warm welcome to one and all!** Let us open our hearts to the God of love, and our hands in friendship to one another. May God's grace touch us all.

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  
Living Faith ABF & College Age Class  
Breakfast (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 - *Work* - Pastor Jim (CMC)  
**\*\*No Evening Fellowship Service\*\***

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#### ~ SPECIAL WELCOME ~

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**Please welcome Pastor Dale & Ruth Seefeldt:** They arrived from Mableton, Georgia this week and have moved in with Pastor Warren (9255 N. Phillips Road). Pastor Dale begins today as our Pastor of Christian Education and Family Ministries. There will be an Installation Service next Sunday during our Morning Worship Gathering.

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#### ~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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**In the Hospital:** Joe Ginther, Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo and Pastor Dick Tschetter, Blanchard Valley.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on August 25:**

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| Sunday School              | (9:00 a.m.)  | 297 |
| Worship Gathering          | (10:15 a.m.) | 454 |
| Evening Fellowship Service | (7:00 p.m.)  | 73  |

**Giving on August 25:**

\$9,332.06

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| Benevolent                                  | 325.00   |
| Building Fund                               | 405.00   |
| Christian Education Fund                    | 473.06   |
| General Fund                                | 5,694.00 |
| Missions Fund                               | 2,390.00 |
| New Building Fund                           | 45.00    |
| Memorials for Margaret Herr – Missions Fund | \$700.00 |

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionary of the Week: Bonnie Spallinger** serves with **Avant Ministries** in **Tennessee**. This year as a Resident Director she will meet with Maggie, a student she will get to mentor. She has met new freshman at Bryan College and has been able to encourage them as they begin college. God also gave her the opportunity to share the Gospel with 93 women in her dorm. It has been an amazing week of ministry for her. Please pray for Bonnie as she continues working on obtaining her Masters in Professional Counseling. Also pray that she will continue to have opportunities to point students to Christ! Please send Bonnie a note at: Bryan College, 721 Bryan Drive #7658, Dayton, TN 37321 or e-mail at: bonnie.spallinger@gmail.com.

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~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ~

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**Congratulations** to Bob & Dortha Gratz. This coming Friday, September 6, will mark their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

**Congratulations** to Al & Carolyn Frysinger who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this coming Saturday, September 7!

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Paul & Cheryl Burkholder – *Missions Center*

Dan & Barb Steiner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 2-8**

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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> )<br>Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )                      |
|                  | <b>7:05 p.m.</b>  | Small Group ( <i>Bluffton Campus Life Room</i> )  |
|                  | <b>8:30 p.m.</b>  | Dodgeball ( <i>CMC</i> )  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Ambassador ABF Class ( <i>Lima Rescue Home</i> )  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | Sunday School & ABF ( <i>Various classrooms</i> )   |
|                  | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | 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>Back to Church Installation Service for Pastor Dale Seefeldt (CMC)</i>           |
|                  | <b>11:30 a.m.</b> | Youth Ministry Meeting ( <i>CMC</i> )   |
|                  | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | Senior High Small Group Kick Off ( <i>Ron &amp; Tobi Meyer's home</i> )                                 |
|                  | <b>6:31 p.m.</b>  | Small Groups ( <i>King, Lemley, Stockman</i> )  |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )<br>Disciple Singers Choir ( <i>7:00 p.m., 118-119</i> ) |
|                  | <b>7:05 p.m.</b>  | Small Group ( <i>103</i> )  |

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 ~

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**Nursery:**

Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Jeremy & Christina Lemley,  
John & Jaime Shaw, Joshua & Heidi Steiner

**Good News Hour:**

Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Emma Burkholder, Lillian Burkholder,  
Hannah Conley, Cheryl Potter, Kathy Steiner,  
Bev Stockman, Janie Wireman

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Disciple Singers Choir** will not be practicing tonight because of the holiday weekend. We will begin on Sunday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. – *Angela Steiner (567-712-1907)* and *Renea Zimmerman (419-369-4543)*

**For those who were not present** on the Sunday when Pastor Wade's resignation was announced, we wish to inform you that Pastor Wade Slechter has submitted his resignation to the deacons. Wade will be pursuing a position with Youth For Christ, as a representative at Findlay High School. Wade plans to move into his new position on October 1, however, he will remain at Ebenezer until he has received sufficient support contributed toward his new position. We wish Pastor Wade and Hannah the Lord's blessings in their new endeavors, and have truly enjoyed and appreciated their service to Ebenezer.

**Youth Ministry:** The deacons are planning a meeting for the parents of our youth and other interested persons including our youth immediately following the Worship Gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center on September 8. The meeting will be to discuss plans for our youth ministry for the foreseeable future.

**All Junior High and Senior High Students** are invited to come play Dodgeball on Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. – *Pastor Wade*

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**A check for \$900** was presented to the Bluffton Community Assistance Program as a result of Dinner Theatre tickets sold. Thank you for your patronage!

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon this Tuesday, September 3, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Jim Boedicker, who will perform his unique *fingerstyle* guitar playing. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

**Free For All:** You will find a table in the Missions Center under the world map with many items that are free for the taking.