
~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

Weekday Christian Education Walker Days 2013-2014

Thursday, October 3; Tuesday, October 15
Friday, November 1; Thursday, November 14
Friday, December 6
Friday, January 24
Friday, February 7; Thursday, February 24
Thursday, March 20
Thursday, April 3; Thursday, April 17
Thursday, May 8

This list represents the days Ebenezer has the opportunity to help with a great ministry, Weekday Christian Education (release time). There are eight classes from 8:15 a.m. to 2:40 p.m., with a lunch break at 12:40. Each class lasts 30 minutes. The task is to walk children from the Bluffton Elementary School to First Mennonite Church, sit with the students during class, then walk them back to school. Volunteers for all or part of the time are welcome. Even parents with children can help. Please contact Pastor Dale at 419-358-8588 or e-mail at: dale.seefeldt@ebenezermennonite.org.

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry will begin on October 2. 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 or contact Pastor Dale at 419-358-8588.

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.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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 *50th Annual Missions Conference –
Footprints of the Past–Footsteps Toward the Future*

~ MANY THANKS ~

My sincere thanks to Pastor Warren, Pastor Dick, and Kathy Brauen for their visits during my hospital stay. We thank God for the many prayers and cards of encouragement from our church family. – *Donna Lehman*

Dear Church Community and Dinner Theatre Participants: Thank you for your donation of \$900 to the Bluffton Food pantry. This money will help many in need and is very much appreciated. Thank you for all of your hard work and time. Thank you also to the many people who have recently donated food and goods from their own pantries. Much thanks, you are a blessing! - *Sarah Shank, Co-director BCAC*

The beauty of kindness is a treasure you have shared so freely. We are overwhelmed and humbled by all your love. The work at the house is amazing!! Thank you for every gift of time, effort, and love you have showered on us as we join you here in Ebenezer Mennonite Church. *The Lord bless you for showing this kindness.* - 2 Samuel 2:5 – *Pastor Dale & Ruth Seefeldt*

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September 15, 2013

Ebenezer Emissary

A joyous welcome to each of you! We count your presence at worship as a blessing. May the grace of God dwell in us all. Lift up your hearts unto the LORD.

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 (CMC)
All In for the Mission

6:31 p.m. Small Groups (King, Lemley, Stockman)

7:00 p.m. Disciple Singers Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Senior High Small Groups (Various locations)

7:05 p.m. Small Group (103)

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 8:

Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	302
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	439
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	69

Giving on September 8:

\$12,452.06

Benevolent	285.00
Building Fund	345.00
Christian Education Fund	481.06
General Fund	6,945.00
Missions Fund	4,226.00
New Building Fund	120.00
Youth Fund	50.00
<i>Memorial for Deryl Shank – Missions Fund</i>	\$980.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: *Joe & Jeanie Stucky* serve with **Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission in Brazil**. They thank everyone for their faithful prayers for them during the six months they had been in the US. They have had safe travels, more than 13,500 miles. They have visited all of their supporting churches including Ebenezer. They have returned to Brazil and God has blessed them abundantly. Joe's hip replacement surgery was successful and he has recuperated very well. Continue to pray for them as they serve. Please send Joe & Jeanie a note of encouragement at: Caixa Postal 95, Mossoro', RN 59600-970, Brazil or e-mail at: jnjstucky@gmail.com.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Bart & Joy Moser – *Missions Center*

Mike & Kathy Biery – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 16-22

Monday	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (<i>173 Albert St., Bluffton</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>) Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Deer Signs (<i>Joe Alt's home</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various classrooms</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>)
	11:30 a.m.	Church Council Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Ministries Meeting (<i>115</i>)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Groups (<i>King, Lemley, Stockman</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir (<i>Grades 1-6, 118-119</i>) Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) Senior High Small Groups (<i>Various locations</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (<i>103</i>)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 ~

Nursery: Janet Brauen, Mandy & Emma Klinger,
Julie, Aurora, & Sydney Motter, Janie Wireman,
Renea Zimmerman

Good News Hour: Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Emma Burkholder,
Lillian Burkholder, Hannah Conley, Cheryl Potter, Bev Stockman

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High Wednesday Night Kick-off Sunday, September 29. Meet at 2:00 p.m. at the school house for a hay ride to the Corn Maze. Cost is \$4. We will come back to the school house for games and a pizza party. Over at 6:00 p.m. Make sure you dress warm, fall is coming!

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Deer Signs: The Wild Game Committee is sponsoring a training to recognize signs of deer activity (scrapes, rubs, tracks, etc.) on Saturday, September 21, at 10:30 a.m. If interested, meet Joe Alt at his home at 9640 Putnam Road, Pandora. If you have any questions, please call Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346.

The Service Group of Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio is holding a Flower Bulb Fundraiser. A beautiful collection of spring and summer flowering bulbs are available for you to plant in your garden. The order form is on the counter in the Missions Center through Sunday, September 22. Payment is required upon ordering, and bulbs should be delivered by mid-late October. All proceeds go to the Service Group of MHCO. If you have questions contact: Melba Gerber, Ruth Hefner, Donita Luginbill, or Joyce Reigle.

Mennonite Memorial Home's Fall Festival and Bake Sale will be held on Friday, September 27, from 9-2 p.m. and Saturday, September 28, from 10-4 p.m. Would you be willing to donate a baked good to this worthy cause? All proceeds from the Bake Sale will go to the MMH's Service Group. Items may be brought to MMH or placed in the church kitchen by that Friday at 9 a.m. On Saturday there will be a Silent Auction of handcrafted items and a lunch of homemade sandwiches and desserts. Also at Maple Crest you may enjoy some apple crisp with cinnamon ice cream, an antique tractor show, and fishing derby!

Ladies' Fondue Night is fast approaching, Saturday, September 28, at 5:30 p.m. Grab a friend and come for an evening of fabulous food and great conversation. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the information table at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center. If you have an electric fondue pot we would love to be able to borrow it. Contact Christy Garmatter at 419-358-0864 or e-mail at: garmatterc@gmail.com if you have one, so we can have a count. No sticks needed. Thank you!

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