

Financial Report – August 2013

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	338,133	149,347	28,700	89,333
Expenses YTD	293,068	129,575	19,046	14,918
Actual Income	275,373	156,595	19,667	18,919

Cash Fund Balances as of 8/31/13:

General.....	\$65,054
Missions.....	*\$119,375
Christian Education	\$27,918
Building	\$21,573
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$2,080
New Building/Land Purchase	\$77,687
Benevolent	\$13,165

*Quarterly mission payments totaling \$41,000 were distributed this past week.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon Tuesday, October 1, at St. John Mennonite Church. A free luncheon will be provided. Chuck Sommers, on the saxophone will provide a blend of Christian and Big Band music. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Men's Bible Study will meet in the Sanctuary overflow beginning October 2, at 7 p.m. We will meet in conjunction with the Wednesday Night Children's Ministries.

Maranatha ABF Class: Please join us for a class party on Saturday, October 5, at 4:30 p.m. at Steve & Doneta Reigle's home at 5498 Road R, Pandora.

The Berean and Ambassador Class Members are invited to attend a lunch outing at Brauen's Gourds, (Don & Jodi Brauen) at 7140 Tom Fett Road on Sunday, October 20, at 12:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in each classroom. Please bring a dessert or salad. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided.

~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY ~

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@ebenezymennonite.org.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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

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September 22, 2013

Ebenezer Emissary

This is the day which the LORD has made. Worship is our opportunity to be glad and rejoice in the LORD's house on the LORD's Day. We come as the children of God, knowing that we are welcomed here where all are meant to be one in the LORD. Let us lay down our burdens and rejoice in the LORD for the LORD is good, the Source of love.

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
 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 to Pray for our Missionaries
11:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting (103)
5:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Meeting (115)
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)

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Aaron & Emily Koogler on the birth of their son, Gunner Dane on Wednesday, September 18, weighing 8 lb. 4 oz. He joins brother Titus and sister Kinzi.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 15:

Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	317
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	422
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	115

Giving on September 15:

\$12,669.68

Benevolent	50.00
Building Fund	615.00
Christian Education Fund	262.68
General Fund	7,722.00
Missions Fund	3,970.00
Youth Fund	50.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the week: Murray & Kathy Trim serve with **TEAM in Japan**. The Trims went to Nagano in August to visit their former church in Suzaka. Pray for them as they travel and fellowship with other missionaries at conferences they will be attending. They have received word that their son Caleb and daughter-in-law Beth Ann have been appointed as missionaries to Japan. Pray for Kathy as she reaches out to ladies she met during her time of surgery and rehab. Please send Murray & Kathy a note of encouragement at: 1-9-10 Higashi Shirakawadai, Suma ku, Kobe shi, Hyogo ken, JAPAN 654-0102 or send an e-mail at: mtrim@teamjapan.org.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High Wednesday Night Kick-off Sunday, September 29. Meet at 2 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 p.m. Make sure you dress warm, fall is coming!

Wednesday Nights start October 2. Junior High students meet in the Crossroads Ministry Center at 7 p.m., class goes till 8 p.m. Junior High students feel free to stay for Dodgeball, 8:30-10 p.m.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Bart & Joy Moser – *Missions Center*
Mike & Kathy Biery – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 23-29

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.	Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Ladies' Fondue Night (<i>CMC</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>)
	2:00 p.m.	Junior High Wednesday Night Kick-off (<i>Meet in school house</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 29 ~

Nursery: Ron & Sue Epp, Jeremy & Ashley Fry,
David & Mary Glick, Jeff & Julie McKanna

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

~ WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS ~

Parents and children from ages 3 through Grade 6, **Save the Date**, Wednesday, October 2, from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for the season kick-off of our Wednesday Night Children's Ministry. For details refer to the flyer that your child brings home or pick up a flyer on the registration table in the Missions Center. **We need you to sign up so we know how many to plan for supper.**

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry begins at the church on October 9, at 7 p.m. There are classes for children ages 3 through Grade 6. Bring friends with you as we have fun learning about God's Word. Please stop by the registration table in the Missions Center to register your children.

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry still need a teacher and helper for Grades 3&4 boys class. 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 NOTE ~

The Service Group of Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio is holding a Flower Bulb Fundraiser. The order form is on the counter in the Missions Center. 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 Friday at 9 a.m. For more information please see the poster on the bulletin boards.

Ladies' Fondue Night is this Saturday, September 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center 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!

The Swiss Community Historical Society will participate in the Bluffton Fall Festival, held on Saturday, September 28. Located at 8350 Bixel Road, between Bluffton & Pandora, the Swiss Homestead will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The event is family friendly and includes many activities geared to children. A lunch will be available for a donation beginning at 11 a.m. while supplies last. At 4:30 p.m. a *Festival Supper* will be hosted. Tickets for the meal will be available at the festival site for \$8.00 per ticket.