

**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.

**Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study** will begin on October 2 at 7, in the Grade 5 classroom. Title of the study book is, *Good and Evil*. Books may be purchased (\$5.50) ahead of time from Linda Sommer. Please contact Linda at 419-358-0054.

**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.

**Ten Thousand Villages** Archbold will be hosting a Fair Trade Oriental Rug Event, October 2-5. Please see the bulletin boards for more information and flyers.

**Christian Education Appreciation Sunday** will be held on October 6, with Pastor Dale Seefeldt presenting the message. A small token of our appreciation will be given to those who have been involved in the various CE areas at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center after the service; Sunday School, ABF, Wednesday Evening Activities, VBS, Small Groups, Audio-Visual, Nursery, Miracle Camp Coordinator, Family Camp Coordinator, Recreation, CE Room Coordinator, and Library. The CE Committee is thankful for the time and dedication to the Lord's work that the 241 volunteers have given. We are also grateful to the congregation for their prayers and financial support. – *CE Committee*

**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 next Sunday, October 6. The meeting will be held to discuss the Youth Ministry Plan (Please see insert).

**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.

**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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~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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- Oct. 13** Worship & Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)  
FaithFull Singles Luncheon (11:30 a.m., CMC)
- Oct. 27** Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon (11:30 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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~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY ~

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**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. 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. Please contact Pastor Dale at 419-358-8588 or e-mail at: dale.seefeldt@ebenezermennonite.org.

**Postcards and Visitor Invites:** Available in the Missions Center are ready made Welcome postcards and also smaller cards with all the church contact information you can use to invite someone to worship. What a blessing a postcard in the mail can be!

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~ PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYER CHAIN ~

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**Please call the church office** for any names or concerns that you want listed in the Weekly Prayer List or announced during our Worship Services. To start the Prayer Chain, call or text Kathy Brauen at 419-234-7808 or call the church office at 419-358-8588.

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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September 29, 2013

# 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  
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 Be Sent Out*
- 11:30 a.m.** Wednesday Night Children's Workers Meeting (*103*)
- 2:00 p.m.** Junior High Wednesday Night Kick-off  
(*Meet in school house*)
- 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*)

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on September 22:**

Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	284
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	415
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	126

**Giving on September 22:**

\$12,903.90

Benevolent	155.00
Building Fund	175.00
Christian Education Fund	573.90
General Fund	7,180.00
Missions Fund	4,703.00
New Building Fund	50.00
Youth Fund	67.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the Week:** *Phil & Mindy Steiner* work with high school students in the **San Francisco Bay Area** with **Be2Live**. Through mission trips to Mexico and a Leadership Academy at home, they build relationships with students and help them live in the way of Jesus. Pray for God's protection, wisdom, and courage for their family and the other ministries in their area as they minister. Thank you so much! It is such a blessing to know there are others praying with and for us. Please send Phil & Mindy a note of encouragement at: P.O. Box 682, Novato, CA 94948 or e-mail at: pmsteiner@juno.com.

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Junior High Wednesday Night Kick-off:** Meet at 2 p.m. at the school house today 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.

**Parents of Youth:** Inserted last Sunday in the Emissary was a Communications Form for the Youth Ministry. Please fill out the form and drop in the offering plate today or give to Pastor Wade. There are extra forms in the Missions Center.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Kevin & Gina Burkholder – *Missions Center*  
Jerry & Vickie Cartwright – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK:**  
**SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 6**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Small Group ( <i>173 Albert St., Bluffton</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton 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>6:00 p.m.</b>	Wednesday Night Children's Ministry Kick-off ( <i>Bill &amp; Joan Steiner's home</i> )
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer ( <i>103</i> ) Adult Choir Rehearsal ( <i>115</i> ) Junior High Meet ( <i>CMC</i> ) Men's Bible Study ( <i>Sanctuary Overflow</i> ) Women's Bible Study ( <i>S4</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Dodgeball ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Maranatha ABF Class Party ( <i>Steve &amp; Doneta Reigle's home</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Stephen Ministry ( <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, 4 year olds-K-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Christian Education Appreciation Sunday ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Youth Ministry Meeting ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Trustee Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
	<b>6:31 p.m.</b>	Small Groups ( <i>King, Lemley, Stockman</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers Choir ( <i>Grades 1-6, 118-119</i> ) Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) Senior High Small Groups ( <i>Various locations</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Small Group ( <i>103</i> )

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 ~

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**Nursery:** Janet Brauen, Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber

**Good News Hour:** Kim Gordon, Brooke Koontz,  
Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Phil & Sarah Shank, Hui Shen

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~ WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS ~

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**Parents and children** from ages 3 through Grade 6. This Wednesday, October 2, from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. is the season kick-off for 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.

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~ INVITATION TO SINGLES ~

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**FaithFull Singles:** The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and *all* singles age 50 and older to our next gathering scheduled for Sunday, October 13. A luncheon will be provided. Hope to see you there!

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Did you get your Passport?** Last Sunday each family received a specially made booklet for this year's 50<sup>th</sup> Missions Conference (1963-2013). It is filled with information about each of our missionaries and so much more. If you did not receive a copy please pick one up off the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center table or contact one of the church staff.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon this 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.