
~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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 next Sunday, October 13. A luncheon will be provided following the Worship Gathering. Hope to see you there!

Congregational Meeting: On Sunday, October 20, we are planning a Congregational Meeting after the Morning Worship Gathering in order to present and approve the Legacy Designation Contribution initiative (Informational packet will be available next Sunday, October 13). We will have a guest speaker from The Mennonite Foundation in Goshen, Indiana, to give a short (10 minutes) presentation on this initiative. Questions will be entertained, followed by the vote on the initiative.

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 your classroom. Please bring a dessert or salad. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided.

The 2014 trip to serve at the SIM headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina, is scheduled for February 9-15 with sign up beginning in December. There will be opportunities to work in the archives, kitchen, maintenance, and roofing areas. A group is also being recruited to go the week of February 2-8 to work on the roofing project. Please contact Steve Shaw (419-358-4391) soon if you are interested in helping on the roof for one or both of these weeks.

~ NOTE OF THANKS ~

Thank you for your many cards with their greetings, blessings, and reminders of God's faithfulness. As you have encouraged our hearts, may God encourage yours. We especially appreciate your prayers in our behalf. – *Dick & Ruth Tschetter*

Thank you to my church family for praying for me while I was in the hospital with pneumonia. I am so very grateful because I could feel the answers to those prayers. Thank you to Pastor Warren and Pastor Dick for with visiting me. I am feeling much better, but could certainly use a few more prayers. – *Sherlyn & Dave Lugibihl*

Ebenezer Mennonite Church: It is our privilege and honor to serve alongside you as partners. The staff is blessed by your prayers, financial support, and the time some have been volunteering with us. Our kick-off events have been very well attended and the relationship building process is well under way. Continue to pray as the staff shares the most important relationship need, a personal relationship with Jesus, the Christ. Thank you! You are making a difference in the lives of students! – *Don & Ann Leader and the YFC Staff*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Oct. 20** Congregational Meeting (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 *50th Annual Missions Conference –
Footprints of the Past–Footsteps Toward the Future*
Dec. 14 Ladies' Christmas Tea (10:00 a.m., CMC)

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

Children's Classroom Locations

- Infant & Toddler Nursery - 105-106
2 year olds - B16
3&4 year olds - B-10
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  
**Maranatha** - Sanctuary Overflow  
**Living Faith** - 117 (Crossroads Ministry Center)  
**Ambassador/Berean** – 118-119



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October 6, 2013

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# Ebenezer Emissary

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY!

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~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

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- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
Stephen Ministry (112&113)  
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.** CE Appreciation Service – Pastor Dale (CMC)  
*All In for Our Children*  
**11:30 a.m.** Youth Ministry Meeting (CMC)  
**5:00 p.m.** Haiti Missions Trip Informational Meeting (FH)  
Trustee Meeting (103)  
**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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~ NOTE TO ALL OUR CE VOLUNTEERS ~

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**A small token of our appreciation** will be given to those who have been involved in the various CE ministries. Please stop by the tables at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center. The CE Committee is thankful to all our volunteers for their time and dedication. We are grateful to the congregation for their prayers and financial support. – *Christian Education Committee*

**On this CE Appreciation Sunday**, the church would like to recognize the hard work of the members of our CE Committee: Joan Steiner-Chairperson & Children's Sunday School Supt., Pastor Jim-Teacher Training Ministries, Tom Willow-Adult Bible Fellowship Supt., Heidi Steiner-Support Ministries, Pastor Wade-Student Ministries, Cheryl Potter-Wednesday Night Children's Ministry, Kathy Steiner-Children's Church Supt., Bill Steiner-Treasurer, Ginny Moser-Secretary. Please take the time to thank these people today and pray for them as the year unfolds.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on September 29:**

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| Sunday School              | (9:00 a.m.)  | 283 |
| Worship Gathering          | (10:15 a.m.) | 436 |
| Evening Fellowship Service | (7:00 p.m.)  | 102 |

**Giving on September 29:**

**\$10,003.62**

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Benevolent               | 90.00    |
| Building Fund            | 110.00   |
| Christian Education Fund | 388.62   |
| General Fund             | 5,860.00 |
| Missions Fund            | 3,405.00 |
| New Building Fund        | 50.00    |
| Youth Fund               | 100.00   |

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the Week: Stanley & Ronda Unruh** serve with **MAF Indonesia**. Stanley flies for MAF and for some time he has felt that partnering with the Department of Health to provide an air ambulance service would be one way they could serve the people of Aceh. They are thankful they have been able to rent government property for a hanger over the past 17 years of their MAF career. They have seen the Lord do great things in providing for them and they continue to trust Him. They are thankful for your prayers. Please send a note to Stanley & Ronda at: Lr. Tonjong Indah IX, No. 50, Komplek Bulog, Leueng Bata, Banda Aceh, Indonesia or e-mail at: Stan sunruh@maf.org or Ronda runruh@maf.org.

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~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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**In the Hospital:** Grant Crawford, the son of Eric & Lisa Crawford, is in the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Albert (Bud) Garver, Jr. Albert, the father of Maxine Crawford, passed away on Thursday, October 3. Services are incomplete at time of printing.

**Scheduled Surgery:** Diann Yoder, Tuesday, October 8, Blanchard Valley Hospital.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Mateo Bonifaz and Skyler Noble– *Missions Center*  
Dan & Barb Steiner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <i>MOPS (FH)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                  | <b>7:05 p.m.</b>  | Small Group (173 Albert St., Bluffton)                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>6:30 a.m.</b>  | Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | Game Time (FH)                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)<br>Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)<br>Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6)<br>Junior High Meet (CMC)<br>Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow)<br>Women's Bible Study (S4) |
|                  | <b>7:05 p.m.</b>  | Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                  | <b>8:30 p.m.</b>  | Dodgeball (CMC)                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                  | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | The Good News Hour (2&3 year olds-B10,<br>4 year olds-K-B11)                                                                                                                                             |
|                  | <b>10:15 a.m.</b> | Worship & Communion Service (CMC)                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                  | <b>11:30 a.m.</b> | FaithFull Singles Luncheon (FH)<br>Youth Ministry Parent Committee Meeting (103)                                                                                                                         |
|                  | <b>6:31 p.m.</b>  | Small Groups (King, Lemley, Stockman)                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Disciple Singers Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)<br>Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)<br>Senior High Small Groups (Various locations)                                                                   |
|                  | <b>7:05 p.m.</b>  | Small Group (103)                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 ~

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**Nursery:** David & Mary Glick, John & Jaime Shaw,  
Joshua & Heidi Steiner

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

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~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

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**Congratulations** to Ryan & Gayle (Zimmerman) Lowry who were united in marriage yesterday at the UNOH Center in Lima.

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~ WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES ~

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**Children's Ministry** begins at the church Wednesday, 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. Parents please stop by the registration table in the Missions Center to register your children.

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~ YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS ~

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**There will be a Youth Ministry meeting** today for the parents of our youth and other interested persons including our youth immediately following the Worship Gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center. The meeting will be held to discuss the Youth Ministry Plan that was inserted in last Sunday's Emissary. Extra copies can be found in the Missions Center.

**Youth Ministry Parent Committee:** We will have a meeting following the Worship Gathering next Sunday, October 13, in Room 103.

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~ UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS ~

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**Friday, October 18 – Senior High**

**Fifth Quarter** will be held in the Crossroads Ministry Center following the Bluffton Football game. There will be fun, food, games, and open gym. The event will be over at midnight. **Help needed:** We need tailgate food. If you are willing to help out please contact Pastor Wade at 567-204-1868 or sign up at the table in the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center. Thanks!

**Saturday, November 2 – Senior High**

**Service Project:** Fresh start. Come for breakfast, time of prayer, and cleaning of the school house.

**Sunday, November 17 – Junior & Senior High**

**Ice Skating** at the Cube in Findlay, meet at the schoolhouse at 1:30 p.m., we will return by 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 21 – Senior High**

**Service Project:** We will be making some goodies to take to the residents at Mennonite Memorial Home and spend some time visiting.

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~ HAITI MISSIONS TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING ~

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**If you are interested** in traveling with or just hearing more about the upcoming Ebenezer Missions Trip to Haiti from February 12-19, 2014 please come to the informational meeting this evening at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to attend but would still like information please call, text, or e-mail Charlie Mosler at 419-303-4974 or mosler@findlay.edu.

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~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

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**Congratulations** to Dick & Rosalee Greenway. Tomorrow, October 7, will mark their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary!