

A Safe Sanctuary training class will be held Sunday, November 3, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for those age 17 to adult who have not taken the class and are planning to or are currently working with children. There is a sign-up sheet in the Missions Center for all who plan to attend. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Dale at 419-358-8588.

Wild Game Committee Members: We will have a meeting next Sunday, November 3, at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon Tuesday, November 5, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the Bluffton High School Show Choir *Center Stage* and Bluffton High School Chamber Choir will perform. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Mennonite Disaster Service is a volunteer network of Anabaptist churches who respond in Christian love to those affected by disasters in Canada and the United States. They are holding a training day Saturday, November 9, at First Mennonite Church in Bluffton. If you would be interested in attending or need more information please contact Steve Reigle at 419-384-3260.

20 years of shoeboxes! This year we celebrate 20 years of shoeboxes with Samaritan's Purse. Ebenezer joined this exciting project in 1996 and each year we have had faithful people bring their shoeboxes, pray for the ministry, and volunteer their time to help spread God's message of love and having a personal relationship through Jesus Christ. Ebenezer collection dates will be Sunday, November 17 and November 24. National Collection Week will be November 18 to November 25th for the community. Once again, we need volunteers to greet individuals and groups who will be bringing shoeboxes to the Bluffton (Ebenezer) relay center. If you are willing to donate two hours of your time please sign up in the Mission Center.

Ladies we are looking for volunteers to decorate a table or tables for our annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 14. The table setting will be for six ladies per table. If you are interested please contact Kelli Foster or Christy Garmatter. If you already agreed to decorate a table we will be in contact to confirm.

Furniture donations: If you have gently used furniture you would be willing to donate to a single mother in need, please contact Susan Bixel at 567-242-9919 or Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346. Thank you.

Choral Anthem

Great Is Your Name Medley

You are the Lord, the famous One, famous One;
Great is Your name in all the earth!
The heavens declare You're glorious, glorious;
Great is Your fame beyond the earth!

And for all You've done and yet to do,
With every breath I'm praising You.
The Desire of Nations and every heart,
You alone are God; You alone are God!

You are the Lord, the famous One, famous One;
Great is Your name in all the earth!
The heavens declare You're glorious, glorious;
Great is Your fame beyond the earth!

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming:

Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing, God!
All powerful, untameable;
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim:
You are amazing, God!

Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing, God!
Incomparable, unchangeable;
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same.
You are amazing God!

You are the Lord, the famous One, famous One;
Great is Your name in all the earth!
The heavens declare You're glorious, glorious;
Great is Your fame beyond the earth!
You are amazing God! You are amazing God!
You are amazing God!

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Nov. 10-17 50th Annual Missions Conference –

Footprints of the Past–Footsteps Toward the Future

Nov. 17-25 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week

Dec. 14 Ladies' Christmas Tea (10:00 a.m., CMC)



October 27, 2013

**Ebenezer
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~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 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.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim (CMC)
All In to Make Disciples
- 11:30 a.m.** Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon (CMC)
- 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)

~ WELCOME TO EBENEZER LUNCHEON ~

You may have been attending Ebenezer for several months, weeks, or perhaps visiting for the first time today. Whatever the case, we want you to know that we are glad you've chosen to worship with us. You are invited to join us for a Welcome Luncheon immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center. All college age students are also invited. The luncheon will give us the opportunity to further introduce you to our church and the ministries of our church.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In Rehab: Mary Ream, Hilty Home.

Surgery Planned: Greg Kidd, Tuesday, October 29, Ortho. Inst. of Ohio.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on October 20:

Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	286
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	466
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	92

Giving on October 20:

\$12,869.85

Benevolent	90.00
Building Fund	135.00
Christian Education Fund	420.85
General Fund	8,209.00
Missions Fund	3,765.00
New Building Fund	150.00
Youth Fund	100.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the week: Paul & Barby Windsor. Paul & Barby have moved from Auckland (New Zealand) to Bangalore (India) just seven weeks ago. The primary reason for this shift is that Paul can be based more centrally for his work with Langham Preaching. With the Program Director for the global work stepping down, Paul has been asked to be the interim Director until a permanent appointment is made. This means he has responsibility for a work that stretches across 50 countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Pray for Barby & Paul and the family as they adjust to being apart from each other. Send an e-mail note to them at: paulwindsornz@gmail.com or barbywindsor@gmail.com.

50TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF MISSIONS - NOV. 10-17

Footprints of the Past – Footsteps Toward the Future

Don't forget to sign up!

► **All Church Breakfast** on Saturday, November 16, at 8:30 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Breakfast will be provided.

► **Missions Banquet** is on Sunday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Tickets for adults are \$5. Children ages 10 and under free. **Menu:** pork tenderloin, baked steak, green beans, red garlic potatoes, garden salad, dinner roll, assorted pie, and cheese cake.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Mariah Burkholder, Rachel Moser – *Missions Center*
Marvin & Karen Garmatter – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 3

Monday	9:00 a.m. <i>MOPS (FH)</i>
	6:00 p.m. Evening Sew (CMC)
	7:05 p.m. Small Group (173 Albert St., Bluffton)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
	9:00 a.m. All Day Sew (CMC)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)
	6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
	Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
	Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6)
	Junior High Meet (CMC)
	Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow)
	Women's Bible Study (S4)
	7:05 p.m. Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)
	8:30 p.m. Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
	Dodgeball (CMC)
Saturday	7:00 a.m. Women's Ministries Trip (Holmes County)
	9:00 a.m. Senior High Service Project (school house)
	7:00 p.m. Berean ABF Class (Lima Rescue Home)
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Safe Sanctuary (FH)
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
	10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11)
	10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering (CMC)
	5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (103)
	Wild Game Committee Meeting (FH)
	6:31 p.m. Small Groups (King, Lemley, Stockman)
	7:00 p.m. Disciple Singers Choir (Grades 1-6, CMC)
	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
	Senior High Small Groups (Various locations)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 ~

Nursery:

Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber, Gail Schantz

Good News Hour:

Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Miranda Schutz, John & Jaime Shaw,
Makayla Smith, Kathy Steiner, Renea Zimmerman

~ UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS ~

Saturday, November 2 – Senior High

Service Project: Fresh start at 9 a.m. 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 goodies to take to the residents at Mennonite Memorial Home and spend time visiting.

~ YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS ~

A Parent Committee meeting is planned next Sunday, November 3, in Room 103 after the Morning Worship Gathering. We will review the 5th Quarter, discuss service opportunities, and detail our volunteer list. Hope to see you there!

Bread of Life Ministries (John 6:35): This is a Junior and Senior High activity which will coincide with Wednesday night Dodgeball. The evening will consist of cooking, fun, food, and fellowship in the Church Kitchen. It will last from 8:30-10.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Next Sunday during our Morning Worship Gathering we will give thanks to the Lord and to Pastor Wade for his faithful service and godly leadership of our Youth Ministries here at Ebenezer. We pray the Lord's richest blessing on him and his family as he takes on his new position with YFC at the Findlay High School. Please note that a love offering for the Slechter family will be taken next Sunday, November 3, in recognition and deep thankfulness for their six years of ministry to our congregation.

The vote during the congregational meeting last Sunday on the motion to accept the Legacy Designated Contribution Policy was received, verbally, in favor of the motion.

All Day Sew is tomorrow evening, October 28, from 6-9 and on Tuesday, October 29, from 9-3 p.m. We will be knotting comforters for our missionaries. Please bring a hot and cold dish for a noon potluck on Tuesday. The potluck is also open to all spouses of those working and all widows/widowers to be our guest. Everyone is invited. Please come and share this evening or day with us.

The Trustees are accepting snow-removal bids for 2013-14. Please submit bids to the office no later than noon, Friday, November 1.