
~ PLEASE NOTE ~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon this 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.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox: Ebenezer collection dates will be Sundays, November 17 and November 24. National Collection Week will be November 18-25 for the community. Once again, we need volunteers to greet individuals and groups to bring 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.

The Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio (MHCO) newsletter, *The Vine*, is available in the Missions Center. Included in the newsletter is the 2012 annual financial report along with stories of how hospitality and generosity are practiced at MHCO.

~ MANY THANKS ~

Dear Ebenezer Family: Thank you so much for the White Christmas gift! It is greatly appreciated! Thanks too for your continued prayer and support! May Jesus meet all your needs! – *Wild4the1, Lyn Loewen*

Thank you very much to everyone for their daily prayers and the many cards we have received. Also thank you to Pastor Warren, Pastor Dick, Pastor Jim, and Kathy Brauen for all their visits. – *Mary & David Ream*

Our sincere thanks to Pastor Jim, Kathy Brauen, and Pastor Dick for visiting us during my hospital stay. Also to Pastor Warren for his phone calls of encouragement. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and cards of encouragement. It is wonderful to have a loving and caring church family. – *Alan & Diann Yoder*

Thank you to the ladies who have helped lay out blocks, sewed, knotted, and hemmed 10 comforts for our Sharing Room at our Fall All Day Sew. Also thanks to anyone who has donated materials or yarn. These comforts are given to our missionaries or anyone who may need them. Thanks again. – *The Sewing Committee*

Dear Church Family: Thank you so much for all your prayers and support this past week for my surgery. Your faithfulness to me has not gone unnoticed. I am recovering well and so thankful that we serve the God who heals! Thank you for all you have done for me! – *Megan Hargraves*

Dear Ebenezer Family: During 2013 Findlay Youth for Christ is celebrating 55 years of ministry. Thank you for encouraging us along our journey, and thank you for personally encouraging the two of us via prayer, letters, cards, and the recent White Christmas Gift. – *Serving along with you, Don & Ann Leader*

Dear Ebenezer Family: Thank you from our hearts for the recent White Christmas gift. It is difficult to adequately express our thankfulness to you for this gift. We think and pray for you often, knowing that we are all in the battle and our strength does indeed come from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Again, thank you. – *With Christ's love, Rick & Pat Shaner*

Dear Ebenezer Mennonite Church Family: Thank you so much for the Christmas gift you gave to me. It is such a blessing. Thank you for extending your generosity to me in so many ways. I look forward to being with you during Missions Conference. For Christ's unfading glory. – *Tiffany Bixel*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Nov. 17-25 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week

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

~ 2014 ~

Jan. 10-12 Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)

Jan. 31-Feb. 2 Senior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)



November 3, 2013

Ebenezer Emissary

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 8:30 a.m.** Safe Sanctuary (FH)
- 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 – *All In to Make Disciples*
Pastor Jim (CMC)
Gideon Report – Ken Gortz
- 11:30 a.m.** Parent Committee Meeting (103)
- 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)

Gideon Report: A special welcome to Ken Gortz, a representative from the Crawford County Camp.

Love Offering: In appreciation of Pastor Wade for his faithful service and godly leadership of our Youth Ministries here at Ebenezer, a love offering will be taken following the Morning Worship Gathering today. We pray the Lord's richest blessing on him and his family as he takes on his new position with Youth for Christ at the Findlay High School.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In Rehab: Mary Ream, Hilty Home.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on October 27:

Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	276
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	435
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	92

Giving on October 27:

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Benevolent	120.00
Building Fund	20.00
Christian Education Fund	1,038.57
General Fund	6,280.00
Missions Fund	2,381.53
New Building Fund	20.00
Youth Fund	150.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Kerry & Krista Wright serve with **Converge Midamerica** in **Kentucky**. In 2005 they moved to Louisville, Kentucky to join Michael & Maren Boehm in a church plant. Throughout that first year God taught them a big lesson...to rely upon Him. God always proved to be faithful in His love to them. Many have come to know the Lord these past eight years. In January they will begin a Junior High Youth Program. Please pray for direction and wisdom as they develop and plan for this new ministry at Encounter Church. Thank you, Ebenezer, for all the time you have put in praying for the Wrights, the financial resources, and even work teams sent down to help them. Please send a note to Kerry & Krista at: 9711 Old Six Mile Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40299 or e-mail at: kerrywright@insightbb.com or krista.e.wright@gmail.com.

~ YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS ~

A Parent Committee meeting is planned today 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! – *Ben Moser & Collin Reid*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Steve & Doneta Reigle – *Missions Center*
Dan & Barb Steiner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 4-10

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>)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>) Adult Choir Rehearsal (<i>115</i>) Children's Ministries (<i>age 3-Grade 6</i>) Junior High Meet (<i>CMC</i>) Men's Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary Overflow</i>) Women's Bible Study (<i>S4</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>) Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Finance & Investment Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Junior High – Adult ABF Classes with Jerry Trousdale (<i>CMC</i>) Grades 4-6 (<i>B14</i>) Grades 1-3 (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	Disciple Singers Meet (<i>Grades 1-6, FH</i>) The Good News Hour (<i>2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Opening of 50th Annual Festival of Missions - Jerry Trousdale (<i>CMC</i>)
	12:00 p.m.	Carry-in Lunch for Missionaries (<i>FH</i>) <i>Hosted by Missions Committee</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir (<i>Grades 1-6, 118-119</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Missionary Service with Jerry Trousdale (<i>CMC</i>) Children's Missionary Adventure with Chuck & Naomi Smith (<i>B10&B11</i>)
	8:15 p.m.	Afterglow (<i>CMC</i>)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 ~

Nursery: Jeff & Julie McKanna, Julie, Aurora, & Sydney Motter, John & Jaime Shaw, Anita, Alyssa, Lauren, & Hannah Willow
Good News Hour: Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Miranda Schutz, John & Jaime Shaw, Makayla Smith, Kathy Steiner

50TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF MISSIONS

NOVEMBER 10-17

Footprints of the Past – Footsteps Toward the Future

Please 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.

Hospitality Opportunities!!!!

Our Missions Conference begins next Sunday, November 10, and we need your help. We have several missionaries and their families who need a place to stay and places to eat. What a great way to share your heart of generosity! Please sign up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer to host and/or provide meals for our missionaries. Thank you and may God be praised for your generosity!

Children's Missionary Adventure News

Making Prayer Footprints Around the World: All children Grades 3-6 are invited to travel around the world and learn how to pray scripturally for different cultures and people during the Missions Conference Week at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms B10 & B11. Become a T.H.U.M.B. prayer warrior!

~ UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS ~

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.