

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox: Ebenezer collection dates will be Sundays, November 17 and 24. You may pick up a box to fill off the table in the CMC Foyer. 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.

Transport For Christ Second Chance Chapel will be WTGN's *Church of the Week* on Sunday, November 24. Pastor Charles Warren will be speaking. The Chapel will be using the Beavertown Methodist Church as their place to be on air. They will also be *Church of the Week* on prayer time November 25-29.

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.

~ THANK YOU ~

Dear friends and family at Ebenezer: Thank you so much for your generous White Christmas Gift. The day I received your check I also received a statement telling me I owe German taxes from 2011...for approximately the same amount. God works in mysterious ways! I praise the Lord for His provision through you! *For the Mighty One has done great things for me and Holy is His name!* Luke 1:49 – *God bless, Bonnie Spallinger*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Nov. 17-25 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week

Nov. 25 MOPS (FH)

Dec. 9 MOPS (FH)

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

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

Jan. 13 MOPS (FH)

Jan. 27 MOPS (FH)

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

NATIONAL VETERANS DAY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Let us give thanks to God for the peace and freedom we enjoy and recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans.

Choral Anthem

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

(Chorus)

We will stand as children of the Promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
'Til the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw the day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth.

(Chorus)

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

(Chorus)



November 10, 2013

Ebenezer Emissary

50TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF MISSIONS



~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Junior High-Adult Bible Fellowship Classes
with Jerry Trousdale (CMC)
Grades 4-6 with Ruth Seefeldt (B14)
Grades 1-3 with Kathleen Needler (Sanctuary Foyer)
- 9:45 a.m.** Cherub Choir (age 2-K, B11)
- 10:00 a.m.** Disciple Singers Choir Meet (FH)
The Good News Hour with Lee Sonius
(2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11)
- 10:15 a.m.** Festival of Missions – Jerry Trousdale (CMC)
- 12:00 p.m.** Carry-in Lunch for all Missionaries (CMC)
Hosted by Missions Committee
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers Choir (Grades 1-6, 118&119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Festival of Missions – Jerry Trousdale (CMC)
Children's Missionary Adventure with
Chuck & Naomi Smith (B10 & B11)
- 8:15 p.m.** Afterglow (please bring finger foods to share, CMC)

Welcome to each missionary participating in our 50th Annual Festival of Missions, *Footprints of the Past-Footsteps Toward the Future* (Romans 10:14,15). Also a special welcome to our guest speaker Jerry Trousdale, Director of International Ministries for CityTeam International.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on November 3:

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| Sunday School | (9:00 a.m.) | 303 |
| Worship Gathering | (10:15 a.m.) | 456 |
| Evening Fellowship Service | (7:00 p.m.) | 101 |

Giving on November 3:

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| | \$20,874.61 |
| Benevolent | 140.00 |
| Building Fund | 395.00 |
| Christian Education Fund | 922.61 |
| General Fund | 11,042.00 |
| Missions Fund | 8,125.00 |
| New Building Fund | 250.00 |
| Love Offering – Pastor Wade Slechter | \$1,905.25 |
| Gideon Offering | \$100.00 |

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our Sympathy to the family of Martha Beach. Martha, the sister of Ruth Amstutz, passed away on Monday, October 28. Services were held Wednesday, October 30, at Chiles-Laman Funeral Home, Bluffton.

Our Sympathy to the family of James B. Hanf. James, the father of Jim, passed away on Tuesday, November 5. Services were held yesterday at the St. Rose Catholic Church, Lima.

~ UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS ~

November 10-17 – Festival of Missions Week

*No small groups

*Junior and Senior High Sunday School classes will meet with the ABF in the Crossroads Ministry Center

*Junior High will not meet on Wednesday

*No Dodgeball or Bread of Life on Wednesday

Saturday, November 16 – Youth Night – 7:00 - CMC

Band: Shine Bright Baby

Bring your friends and come out for a concert and message from Chip Kirk and Richard Sharp and unveiling of our 2014 Missions Trip

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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Paul & Cheryl Burkholder – *Missions Center*
Ron & Sue Epp – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 11-17

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. <i>MOPS (FH)</i> |
| | 10:30 a.m. Devotions with Missionaries (103) |
| | 12:00 p.m. Lunch for Missionaries (FH) |
| | 7:00 p.m. Missions Conference (CMC) Children's Missionary Adventure (B10&B11) |
| Tuesday | 8:15 p.m. Missions Afterglow (CMC) |
| | 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's) |
| | 10:30 a.m. Devotions with Missionaries (103) |
| | 12:00 p.m. Lunch for Missionaries (FH) |
| | 7:00 p.m. Missions Conference (CMC) Children's Missionary Adventure (B10&B11) |
| Wednesday | 8:15 p.m. Missions Afterglow (CMC) |
| | 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH) |
| | 10:30 a.m. Devotions with Missionaries (103) |
| | 12:00 p.m. Lunch for Missionaries (FH) |
| | 7:00 p.m. Missions Conference (CMC) Children's Missionary Adventure (B10&B11) |
| | 8:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (115) Missions Afterglow (CMC) |
| Thursday | 10:30 a.m. Devotions with Missionaries (103) |
| | 12:00 p.m. Lunch for Missionaries (FH) |
| Friday | 10:30 a.m. Devotions with Missionaries (103) |
| | 12:00 p.m. Lunch for Missionaries (FH) |
| Saturday | 8:30 a.m. All Church Breakfast with Chip Kirk/Richard Sharp (CMC) |
| | 7:00 p.m. Youth Night – Band: Shine Bright Baby Chip Kirk/Richard Sharp (CMC) |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. Junior High-Adult Bible Fellowship Classes with Richard Sharp (CMC) Grades 1-6 with Chip Kirk (Sanctuary Foyer) |
| | 9:45 a.m. Cherub Choir (age 2-K, B11) |
| | 10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11) |
| | 10:15 a.m. 50th Annual Festival of Missions Chip Kirk/Richard Sharp (CMC) |
| | 1:30 p.m. Junior & Senior High Skating (Cube-Findlay) |
| | 5:00 p.m. Disciple Singers Choir (Grades 1-6, 118&119) |
| | 6:00 p.m. Festival of Missions Banquet (CMC) |
| | 7:00 p.m. Celebration of Missions Chip Kirk/Richard Sharp (CMC) Children's Missionary Adventure with Kathleen Needler (B10-B11) |

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 ~

Nursery: Jeremy & Ashley Fry, David & Mary Glick,
Deb Hilty, Teresa Marquart

Good News Hour: Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Miranda Schutz,
John & Jaime Shaw, Makayla Smith, Kathy Steiner

50TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF MISSIONS NOV. 10-17

Footprints of the Past – Footsteps Toward the Future
Remember to bring your 50th Mission Conference Passport each evening so you can receive your passport stamp from Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, and the USA!

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** 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.

Children's Missionary Adventure – 7:00 p.m.
November 10, 11, 12, 13, & 17

Ages 3-Grade 2: Follow the missionary adventures of the Apostle Paul and his companions. Experience what Paul and his helpers had to go through to spread the Good News, in Room B10.

Grades 3 thru 6: Travel around the world and learn how to pray scripturally for different cultures and people. The children will become "T.H.U.M.B." prayer warriors, in Room B11.

Cookies Needed: A noon meal is served for our missionaries each day this week. If you would like to provide some cookies, please place in the church kitchen marked, *Missionaries*. Thanks!

Missions Afterglow: During missions conference week there will be a time of fellowship following the services tonight, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Please bring finger foods for the evening fellowship following each of these services.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Anyone willing to donate a deer or any type of wild game for our 2014 Wild Game Event, please contact Joe Alt at 419-234-1247. Thank you.