

Choral Anthem
Every Hour

Ev'ry hour, joy and sadness. Ev'ry hour, peace and madness,
Sickness, healing, laughing, weeping. Ev'ry hour, You are near.

Ev'ry hour, need and plenty. Ev'ry hour, light and heavy,
Failing, trying, living, dying. Ev'ry hour, You are near.

(Chorus)

You never slumber, nor blink Your eyes.

You're ever watchful and always wise.

We trust Your love; we need Your pow'r, ev'ry hour.

Breath by breath, You sustain me. Ev'ry step, You're the timepiece,
Gently leading, faithful to me. Sov'reign God, You are here.

(Chorus)

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!

O bless me now, my Savior.

(Chorus)

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Power Team Committee: We will have a meeting in Room 103 today following the Worship Gathering.

All reports from 2013 and the proposed Missions Budget for 2014 were approved at the congregational meeting on Sunday, February 23. A motion was made to exercise our 20A land option to purchase land east of the church with a total cost not to exceed \$70,000. The motion was approved by a verbal vote.

Evening Sew is tomorrow, March 10, from 6-9 and the All Day Sew is on Tuesday, March 11, from 9-3 p.m. 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 next small group Connections: Connecting Christ with Culture will focus on the book *How to Be Rich*, by Andy Stanley. This will be a seven week series beginning Wednesday, March 12. The group will meet at the Bluffton McDonald's at 7:05 – 8:10 pm. Contact Pastor Jim if interested. The book is available for \$10. Read the introduction and first chapter.

Ladies...mark your calendars for Mommy/Son Date Night coming up Saturday, March 22, at 6. Join us for an exciting *Nascar Picnic* themed evening complete with a real Sprint car! Tickets are available today and next Sunday, March 16, in the Missions Center for \$10 a family.

Due to completion of its newly-renovated Rehab Center and an increase in the number of residents being served, Mennonite Memorial Home is looking to hire individuals to fill several nurse aide positions. If you have an interest or would like more information, please call Deb Lamb or Heidi Goes at 419-358-1015.

The Lima Beane Chorus will present its 66th Annual Show, *You Bet*, on Saturday, April 5, at the Civic Center in Lima. Show times are 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Civic Center 419-224-1552 or by contacting any member Tony Gratz, Charles Huffman, Nelson Koogler, or Ralph Phillips. Tickets are \$15. for reserved seating.

~ MANY THANKS ~

Thank you to everybody who volunteered and helped with the Power Team Rally. It is not possible to do an outreach event like this without the help of a great church family. Thank you to the Power Team Committee for the time you put into it long before the week came. Thanks again to those who sponsored school assemblies. Thank you! - *Kevin & Gina Burkholder*

Thank you Ebenezer Mennonite Church and the Women's Ministries for the wonderful surprise of gift cards. – *Diana Basinger*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Mar. 22** Mommy/Son Date Night (6:00 p.m., CMC)
Mar. 29 **Wild Game Event** (5:00 p.m., CMC)
Mar. 30 Senior High Big Game Hunt (3:30 p.m., various)
Apr. 5 Small Group (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission)
Apr. 17 Senior High Man Night (more info to come)
Apr. 27 Disciple Singer's Spring Musical
I Can Only Imagine (7:00 p.m, CMC)
May 3 Senior High (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission)
May 11 Mother's Day Chicken BBQ -
Youth Missions Trip Fundraiser (11:30 a.m., CMC)
June 1-6 Vacation Bible School (6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)
June 15-21 Middle School 1 – Grades 5&6 (Miracle Camp)
June 22-28 Senior High 1 – Grades 9-12 (Miracle Camp)



March 9, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

We are grateful for your presence today. In this place of worship, let your worries give way to peace and your doubts be changed into hope. Let us remind ourselves that the Lord holds the whole world in His hands. May the Lord bless us all.

We are genuinely glad you have chosen to worship with us! Make yourself at home, you are among friends who would love for you to be part of the family! 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! May our time together strengthen each of you today and in the days that follow.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Membership Class (Church Library)
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour
(2 year olds-B4, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim (CMC)
Now What? Person of Peace
- 11:30 a.m.** Legacy Designated Contributions
Informational Meeting (FH)
Power Team Committee Meeting (103)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (103)
Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (115)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (King, Lemley)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers Rehearsal (Rooms 118&119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups
(Various locations)

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Power Team Attendance:

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| Friday, February 28 | (7:00 p.m.) | 464 |
| Saturday, March 1 | (7:00 p.m.) | 686 |

Attendance on March 2:

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| Sunday School & ABF | (9:00 a.m.) | 245 |
| Worship Gathering | (10:15 a.m.) | 312 |
| Power Team Rally | (4:00 p.m.) | 473 |

Giving on March 2:

\$13,212.79

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| Benevolent Fund | 50.00 |
| Building Fund | 347.00 |
| Christian Education Fund | 599.79 |
| General Fund | 6,542.00 |
| Missions Fund | 5,424.00 |
| New Building Fund | 250.00 |

Memorial for Dick Tschetter – General Fund \$100.00

Benevolent – Willow Family \$450.00

Missions Giving –

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| \$500 | Children Choosing Christ training videos |
| \$50 | Gideon Memorial for Martha Shaner, mother of Rick |
| \$2,400 | Audrey Burkholder, Teens for Christ |

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: *Phil & Deb Leach* have served with **BEE World** for 12 years. They are thankful that we have been a faithful ministry partner with them. Pray that God has a great plan for them and that He will accomplish His purpose in them. Please e-mail a note to Phil & Deb at phil.leach@mac.com.

~ WILD GAME EVENT NEWS ~

Volunteers are needed to help serve food and also to help with clean-up for the Wild Game Event on Saturday, March 29. If you are willing to help in either of these areas, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Wayne & Susan Bixel – *Missions Center*
Tim & Bev Stockman – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 10-16

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. <i>MOPS (FH)</i> |
| | 6:00 p.m. Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC) |
| | 7:00 p.m. Christian Education Com. Meeting (103) |
| | 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 | 6:00 p.m. Junior High Movie Night (School house) |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms) |
| | 10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour |
| | (2 year olds-B4, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11) |
| | 10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering (CMC) |
| | 11:30 a.m. Parent/Youth Missions Trip Meeting |
| | (School house) |
| | 5:00 p.m. Prayer Action Team (103) |
| | 6:00 p.m. Disciple Singers Rehearsal (CMC) |
| | 7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary) |
| | Junior & Senior High Small Groups |
| | (Various locations) |

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 16 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery: Kevin & Melissa Hilty,
Jeremy & Christina Lemley, Jeff & Julie McKanna
Good News Hour: Deb, Tim, & Daniel Huber,
Krista Lehman, Joan Steiner

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Small Groups: Senior High guy's small group is cancelled this week due to the Pandora Community Dodgeball tournament. Senior High girls meet together at the church in the Missions Center; call Evania for more information 803-847-2591. Junior High guys and girls small groups will meet as usual.

Junior High Movie Night Extravaganza! We will be eating some pizza, playing some games, and watching a movie this Saturday night, March 15, from 6:00 until 9:00 in the school house. Come on over and have some fun!

Missions Trip News: Parent/Youth Meeting next Sunday, March 16, around 11:30 a.m. following the morning Worship Gathering in the schoolhouse. This meeting is for Senior High students with an interest in going on the mission trip to Black Mountain Home for Children in Black Mountain, North Carolina. The dates scheduled are June 29 through July 6. This meeting will help you better understand what will be going on and what needs to be done in preparation. Hope to see you there!

The Big Game Hunt: Senior High students, be ready to take on the world outside of Ebenezer as we go on a photo scavenger hunt. This will be happening on Sunday, March 30, from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. here at Ebenezer. Students, there will be pizza, funny pictures, and a good time. Parents, there will be an adult driving every vehicle.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Dean & Darlyn Sommers. This Friday, March 14 will mark their 61st wedding anniversary!

~ SPECIAL MEETING TODAY ~

An informational meeting regarding Legacy Designated Contributions will follow the Morning Worship Gathering. Come have lunch with us in the Fellowship Hall. Vyron Schmidt from Everence will be here to explain this type of estate planning and answer questions. The church recently received a check for missions in the amount of \$15,887.64 from the Mary Jane Lugibihl estate, representing the first deposit to the Legacy Fund, which was approved by the congregation on October 20, 2013. Please contact Chuck Niswander with any questions.