

Financial Report – February 2014

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	89,617	48,703	7,108	23,083
Expenses YTD	78,450	14,034	7,842	121
Actual Income	77,805	34,156	2,504	4,163

Cash Fund Balances as of 2/28/14:

General.....	\$40,431
Missions.....	\$114,260
Christian Education	\$19,942
Building	\$22,254
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$4,065
New Building/Land Purchase	\$81,057
Benevolent.....	\$21,159

~ MEAL MINISTRY ~

The Adult Bible Fellowship classes have often ministered to members who have had surgeries, families with newborns, etc. by providing full course meals or even just a frozen meal that can be easily prepared when help is needed. The Women's Ministries has formed a list of those who would like to help provide a meal for those who may not be a member of an ABF class. There are two ways that you can be involved in this ministry. If you know of someone who could benefit from some extra help with meals or if you would be willing to have your name on a list to be called upon to prepare a meal, please contact Deb Hilty at 419-358-8588 or send an e-mail to: info@ebenezymennonite.org or fill out the pink *Caring by Sharing a Meal* form available in the Missions Center.

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~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 9 Paul Windsor/Langham Partnership (7:00 p.m.)
Apr. 17 Senior High Man Night (more info to come)
Apr. 18 Good Friday/Communion Service (7:00 p.m., CMC)
Apr. 20 SonRise Service (7:30 a.m., CMC)
 SonRise Breakfast (8:30 a.m., CMC)
 Easter Worship Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Apr. 27 Disciple Singer's Spring Musical
I Can Only Imagine (7:00 p.m., CMC)
Apr. 30 Children's Ministries Skate Night (Grove Skateland)
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)
June 29-July 6 Youth Missions Trip (BMHC, Black Mountain, NC)
July 6-12 Junior High 1 – Grades 7&8 (Miracle Camp)
July 18-20 Family Camp (Chain O'Lakes, Albion, Indiana)
Aug. 3-6 Grade School 3 – Grades 2-5 (Miracle Camp)
Aug. 3-9 Grade School 2 – Grades 2-5 (Miracle Camp)

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March 16, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome everyone! We invite all of you to praise God with hearts and hands and voices. Let us be mindful of the wonders God has given us. Come rejoice in God and together sing praises to His name. Reach out in warmth to all who have gathered in the house of the Lord.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
 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 Dale (CMC)
Now What? Pray the Lord of the Harvest!
11:30 a.m. Youth/Parent Missions Trip Meeting (School house)
5:00 p.m. Prayer Action Team (103)
6:00 p.m. Disciple Singers Rehearsal (CMC)
6:31 p.m. Small Groups (Rhody Hartman's, Jim Lemley's)
7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
 Junior & Senior High Small Groups
 (Various locations)

~ YOUTH/PARENT MISSIONS TRIP MEETING ~

Today following the morning Worship Gathering in the schoolhouse there will be a meeting for all Senior High students, and their parents, 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!

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on March 9:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	243
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	412
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	74

Giving on March 9:

\$12,144.91

Benevolent Fund	290.00
Building Fund	510.00
Christian Education Fund	495.91
General Fund	6,184.00
Missions Fund	4,270.00
New Building Fund	245.00
Youth Fund	100.00
<i>Benevolent – Willow Family</i>	\$50.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Don & Ann Leader are in their 13th year of serving as Executive Director with **Findlay Area Youth for Christ**. Currently there are 17 staff persons doing Middle School and High School Campus Life clubs in nine schools, City Life in Lima with Rally Point, and the youth performing group Children of the Light. There have been over 3,000 different students attend the activities this school year and 89 have started a new relationship with Christ. Please pray for them as they lead the staff and seek God's direction in strategic planning for the ministry's future. Please e-mail a note to Don & Ann at: leaderdyfc@juno.com or dnaleader@gmail.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 ~

Paul & Cheryl Burkholder – *Missions Center*
Mike & Kathy Biery – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 17-23

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</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.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministries (<i>112</i>)
		Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B4, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Wild Game Committee (<i>FH</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
		Junior & Senior High Small Groups (<i>Various locations</i>)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 23 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery: Jeremy & Ashley Fry,
Dave & Mary Glick, Aaron & Emily Koogler

Good News Hour: Deb, Tim, & Daniel Huber,
Krista Lehman, Joan Steiner

~ THANK YOU ~

Thanks so much for all the food, prayers, and visits shared during our recent surgeries. A special thank you to Pastor Dick for his visits and to Pastor Warren for his phone calls of encouragement. – *Dave & Sherlyn Lugibihl, Dawne Courtney*

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Combined Small Groups tonight: Both the guys' and girls' small groups will be combining forces to talk over Luke 4-8. We will be meeting at the normal time of 7:00 and everyone will meet in the school house. If you have not been a part of small groups in the past, this is a great time to join us!

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. beginning here at Ebenezer. Students, there will be pizza, funny pictures, and a good time. Parents, there will be an adult driving every vehicle.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Women's Ministries Note: Mommy/Son Date Night has been cancelled.

The Trustees are now accepting bids for the 2014 mowing of the church and cemetery lawns. Please submit your bid to the church office no later than 5:00 p.m., Sunday, April 6.

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.

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