

A Safe Sanctuary training class will be held next Sunday, May 4, at 8:30 a.m. in Rooms 113 & 114 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.

May Madness! Next Sunday, May 4 we are asking every family/person to give the gift of food. Bring a sack of groceries (box or canned, no glass, nonperishable foods, no potatoes until right before the third Saturday of the month) for the Bluffton Community Assistance Food pantry.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon Tuesday, May 6, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the Bluffton High School Jazz Band, including a vocal quartet will perform. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. Please see the church bulletin boards for more information.

Attention Fishermen: There is a Charter Fishing Trip with Fisherman's Wharf of Port Clinton, Ohio scheduled for Saturday, June 14, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person which includes bait. Bring your own equipment or rent some. This is a great opportunity to invite friends who don't know the Lord. See Steve Shaw or Jim Lemley for tickets.

~ CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 11 ~

At our Child Dedication Service, parents commit to raise their child to know Jesus Christ for the glory of God. The church family pledges to support the family with love and encouragement, plus provide opportunities for spiritual development of the family. Parents, if you would like to take part in this service we need you to register your child or children in the following ways:

- * Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim.
- * Provide a digital photo of you with the child or children to be dedicated. Send to: info@ebenezymennonite.org.
- * Please register and have photo turned in by May 4.
- * There will be a time in the dedication where your child will specifically be prayed for. This prayer can be offered by you, a family member, friend, or pastor. Please let us know who will be praying.

Any parents who attend Ebenezer are welcome to dedicate their child. The requirement is membership in the family of God, not Ebenezer Mennonite Church. All parents who know Christ as Savior are welcome to participate in this child dedication.

~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~

The VBS team is looking for volunteers junior high and older. We will meet at the church May 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 6:00 to 8:00. We will work on creating the decorations for the stage and putting together other items. This includes painting, creating fun jungle trees and flowers, putting together the crew bags, creating name tags, and much more. If you are can help, contact Melissa Hilty at 419-357-5823 or e-mail at hilty.melissa@gmail.com or just show up on the days you can. Thanks again!

There are several different areas where you can help with VBS, June 1-6. Please fill out the yellow form located in the Missions Center letting the VBS Committee know where you have an interest in serving the children in our community and church. You may place the insert in the offering plate or in the basket in the Missions Center. Thank you! - *VBS Committee*

~ 2014 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES ~

Please fill out the green EMC Communications Card or send your graduation information (name of high school or college, date and time of graduation, and degree if applicable) to info@ebenezymennonite.org. Thank you!

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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| May 11 | Child Dedication Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
<i>Mother's Day Chicken BBQ - Youth Missions Trip Fundraiser (11:30 a.m., CMC)</i> |
| May 18 | Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.m., CMC)
High School Baccalaureate Service (7:00 p.m., CMC)
<i>No Evening Fellowship Service</i> |
| May 25 | Meet the Teacher (9:00 a.m., Various Classrooms)
Graduates Recognition Day (10:15 a.m., CMC)
<i>No Evening Fellowship Service</i> |
| June 1-6 | Vacation Bible School (6:30-9:00 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 | <i>Family Camp (Chain O'Lakes, Albion, Indiana)</i> |
| Aug. 3-6 | Grade School 3 – Grades 2-5 (Miracle Camp) |
| Aug. 3-9 | Grade School 2 – Grades 2-5 (Miracle Camp) |



April 27, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

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| 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 Jim (CMC)
<i>Now What? Planted in Community</i> |
| New members received: Mikaela Diller, Darrell Groman, Ben & Renae Richard, Levi & Lisa Shadle, Sarah Wireman, Ron Zimmerly | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Disciple Singers Meet (B17)
Senior High Navigator 2:7 Discipleship (B17) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Disciple Singers' Musical, <i>I Can Only Imagine</i> (CMC)
<i>Afterglow to follow</i>
Junior & Senior High Small Groups (Various locations) |

Disciple Singers' Choir will present a musical, *I Can Only Imagine*, this evening at 7:00 in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Jake finds himself greatly missing his grandpa. He wonders if heaven is real, if his grandpa is really there. Join *Glorious Day Travels & Tours* as they help Jake realize that heaven is indeed real, that he can see his grandpa there, and he can know the joy and feel the anticipation of spending forever with Jesus in heaven! Come join us and invite your family and friends. An afterglow will be held following the musical.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our Sympathy to the family of Donavin Montgomery. Donavin, the father of Carolyn Zimmerman, passed away on Monday, April 21. Visitation is this afternoon from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Bluffton Chiles-Laman Funeral Home, and services are 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at the funeral home.

Scheduled Surgery: Bristol Motter, tomorrow at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 18:

Good Friday Service (7:00 p.m.) 93

Attendance on April 20:

Easter SonRise Service (7:30 a.m.) 221

Easter Worship Service (10:15 a.m.) 504

Giving on April 20:

\$10,864.18

Benevolent Fund 104.67

Building Fund 385.00

Christian Education Fund 260.00

General Fund 7,313.51

Missions Fund 2,486.00

New Building Fund 200.00

Youth Fund 115.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: David & Marjory Patrick serve with **TEAM in South Africa**. “The Union Bible Institute 2014 year is off to a great start with 94 full time students and 30-plus part-time students, diligent to study the word. We need wisdom from on high and strength for our teaching assignments, administrative tasks, and mentoring of students. Continue to pray for students struggling to pay school fees.” Send a message of encouragement to Dave & Marj at: Union Bible Institute, P.O. Box 50, Hilton 3245 Kwazulu Natal, South Africa or e-mail at: dave.marj@yahoo.com.

Don & Brenda Ernst will share of their ministry with SEND North in Alaska during the Adult Bible Fellowship Hour next Sunday, May 4 in the Crossroads Ministry Center

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Michael & Maren Boehm on the birth of their twin sons on Easter Sunday, April 20. Anders Warren weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. and Merritt Paul weighed 8 lb. 1 oz.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Molly Moser, Jeannie Lee – *Missions Center*

Marvin & Karen Garmatter – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 28-MAY 4

- Monday 9:00 a.m. MOPS (FH)**
Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)
6:00 p.m. Children's Ministries Skate Event
(age 3-Grade 6, meet at Grove Skateland)
6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
 Junior High Meet (CMC)
 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)
Thursday 7:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer Event (CMC)
Saturday 6:15 p.m. Senior High Students *(meet at the schoolhouse, to leave for Lima Rescue Home)*
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Safe Sanctuary Training (113&114)
9:00 a.m. Don & Brenda Ernst/SEND North (CMC)
 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. VBS Training (103)
5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (103)
5:30 p.m. Senior High Navigators 2:7 (B17)
7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 4 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Janet Brauen, Kelli Foster, Jeremy & Christina Lemley

Choral Anthem

Kyrie Eleison (Most Holy One)

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
 Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
 Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
 Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy on me.
 Most Holy One, Father, Righteous Son,
 You who called my name before You spoke the worlds to be.
 From Your place on high, hear a sinner's cry for mercy, Lord, I pray.
 Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
 Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me, on me.
 Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
 Lord, I pray.
 Kyrie.



You are invited to an open house for:

Drake Luginbuhl

Sun., May 18 (12:30-3 p.m.)
 Crossroads Ministry Center

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Navigators 2:7 the new discipleship program has started for all senior high students. This will be the last week to sign up. This will take place on Sundays in Room B17 and will be from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Contact Ben or Collin and we will get you the inside scoop.

Wednesday Night Junior High final night to meet will be April 30 from 7:00-8:30.

All Senior High Students, on Saturday, May 3, we will present a student led service to the men at the Lima Rescue Mission. If you're in high school and are interested, please contact Collin or Ben. We will meet at 6:15 p.m. outside the schoolhouse. Bring \$5 for pizza after the meeting.

Mother's Day Chicken BBQ: Want an awesome way to say thank you to your mom on Mother's Day and support missions at the same time? If so, you should drop off your Chicken BBQ order at the table in the Missions Center or at the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. The youth going on the trip will be sitting at the table for more information. The chicken is from Ted's Market. Make sure to pick up a reminder of your order. We will take orders until Sunday, May 4.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

The Wednesday Night Children's Ministry will end the year with a Skating Event. This Wednesday, April 30, we will meet at Grove Skateland (10970 Ottawa Rd, Columbus Grove) from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There is a charge of \$2 if you want to skate. Non-skaters may enter free. The snack shop will be open for you to purchase snacks. Friends and family members are invited to come too. If you have questions please call/text Marti Meza at 419-296-9574.

Special programming on WTLW-44: The Power Team as seen at Ebenezer in February will be shown this Friday, May 2, 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, 10:30 p.m.

Coed Church Softball games start in July! We need to get our team registered ASAP, so please sign up in the Missions Center! See Sam Brauen with questions.