

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.

MOPS registration is now taking place for the 2014-2015 year. For more information please contact Jessica Meyer at 419-303-3190.

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.

~ 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 today or early this week.
- * 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.

~ 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 ~

- May 18** Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.m., CMC)
High School Baccalaureate Service (7:00 p.m., CMC)
No Evening Fellowship Service
- May 25** Meet the Teacher (9:00 a.m., Various Classrooms)
Graduate Recognition Day (10:15 a.m., CMC)
No Evening Fellowship Service
- 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** 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)

~ NEW IN THE LIBRARY ~

Bible

- One Perfect Life* by John MacArthur
An Alternative to Family Devotions by Jim Weidmann & John Warner
10 Commandments Family Nights Tool Chest
Basic Christian Beliefs
Simple Science Family Nights Tool Chest
Christian Character Qualities

Juvenile Non-Fiction for ages 8 & up

- Bible Animals* by The Bible Discovery Collection

Missions

- Home is Where God Calls Us* by Dwight L. Short

Women's Interest

- 7 by Jen Hatmaker
A Well-Tended Soul by Valerie Bell
Unquenchable by Carol Kent

Biblical Studies

- Four Blood Moons* by John Hagee

Biography

- Trapped in Hitler's Hell* by Anita Dittman
50 People Every Christian Should Know by Warren W. Wiersbe
Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus by Nabeel Qureshi



May 4, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome to worship! In the spirit of the psalmist who said, "I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High" (Psalm 9:2), let us joyfully lift our hearts to God.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 8:30 a.m.** Safe Sanctuary Training (113-114)
- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Don & Brenda Ernst (CMC)
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)
Why the 10?
- 5:30 p.m.** Senior High Navigator 2:7 Discipleship (B17)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups (Various locations)

Don & Brenda Ernst will share of their ministry with SEND North in Alaska during the Adult Bible Fellowship Hour today in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

2014 Church Directories are now ready and will be handed out today by the ushers following the Morning Worship Gathering.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Phil & Sarah Shank on the birth of their son, Roman Patrick, Wednesday, April 30, weighing 8 lb. 4 oz.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Porter & Nancy King. Tuesday, May 6, will mark their 61st wedding anniversary!

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 27:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	283
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	415
Disciple Singers' Musical	(7:00 p.m.)	208

Giving on April 27:

\$10,864.18

Benevolent Fund	147.00
Building Fund	300.00
Christian Education Fund	621.69
General Fund	5,311.00
Missions Fund	4,012.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Daniel & Lynn Plett serve with Trans World Radio in the Slovak Republic. Because of their proximity to Ukraine, the peoples of this country have been much on their hearts. Programs in Ukrainian come through the Slovak station, and thankfully, the coverage remains strong. They look forward to being back in the States this summer to update us on the exciting explosion of ministry growth in their area. Please send them additional encouragement by sending a note to: Box 12, 820 02 Bratislava 22, Slovak Republic or by e-mail: thepletts@zoznam.sk.

~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~

The VBS team needs volunteers junior high and older. We will meet at the church May 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to create the decorations for the stage and putting together other items. If you can help, contact Melissa Hilty at 419-357-5823 or e-mail at hilty.melissa@gmail.com or just come. Thanks again!

VBS Teacher Training is **cancelled** for today due to only having 11 volunteers out of the 50 that are needed in order for VBS to be a successful event, 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 where a committee member will answer any questions you may have. Thank you! - *VBS Committee*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

– Steve & Doneta Reigle *Missions Center*

– Dan & Barb Steiner *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 5-11

Monday	9:00 a.m.	<i>MOPS</i> Steering Committee Mtg. (FH)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:00 p.m.	VBS Decorating (CMC)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>) Dodgeball (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103) Youth Missions Trip Mtg. (113-114)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	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.	Child Dedication Service (<i>10:15 a.m., CMC</i>)
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Mother's Day Chicken BBQ</i> - Youth Missions Trip Fundraiser (CMC)
	5:30 p.m.	Senior High Navigators 2:7 (B17)
	6:30 p.m.	Small Groups (<i>Jim & Marty Lemley's home</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 11 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Naomi Miller, Teresa Marquart, and Steven & Traci Heinze

Good News Hour:

Leah Eiden, Kim Gordon, Brooke Koontz,
Joan Steiner, Emma Burkholder,
Kathy Steiner, Hannah Conley, Lillian Burkholder

~ **Miracle Camp** ~

Miracle Camp Reminder: If you have not done so, now is the time to register online as camps could fill up quickly. After registering, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center at the Information Center so you can receive your scholarship and we can plan transportation. If you have questions, please call Diane Sharrock at 419-302-8438.



You are invited to an
open house for:

Drake Luginbuhl

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

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Last Day to place your order for Mother's Day Chicken BBQ. Want an awesome way to say thank you to your mom on Mother's Day and support youth missions at the same time? If so, 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.

Dodgeball and Bread of Life: This will be the last week of Dodgeball and Bread of Life for the summer. A special thank-you to all the volunteers and helpers who made this activity possible!

Youth Mission Trip Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, we will be having a meeting for the youth missions trip. This meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. We will be going over the financials, our specific jobs we will be doing, what to pack, and some important paper work information. If you are signed up to go and will not be able to attend, please email us at youth@ebenezermentonite.org so we can communicate to you the necessary information. We will be at the church till 10:00 p.m. with Dodgeball and Bread of Life, so you can stop by late and get the information as well.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

May Madness! Next Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day) we are asking every family/person to bring either diapers (sizes 2, 4, & 5's plus newborns), baby shampoo, or baby lotion for Heartbeat of Lima. There will be tables set up at the front of the Crossroads Ministry Center for you to place your donations.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon this 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.