

Financial Report – April 2014

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	179,233	97,406	14,217	46,167
Expenses YTD	174,999	80,690	11,845	6,553
Actual Income	168,954	85,004	6,996	9,805

Cash Fund Balances as of 4/30/14:

General	\$31,000
Missions	\$98,452
Christian Education	\$20,431
Building.....	\$19,182
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$4,772
New Building/Land Purchase	\$82,632
Benevolent.....	\$18,214

~ THANK YOU ~

Dear Ebenezer: Thank you so much for allowing us to serve as an extension of your ministry around the world and particularly to the lost here in France. Thank you as well for your commitment to missions and reaching those who do not yet know Christ. We are blessed by your encouragement and support and we're so appreciative of your prayers. We look forward to one day soon visiting with you in person. What a privilege it is to serve alongside one another in glorifying God and in seeing His kingdom extended on earth. - *With grateful hearts, Ryan & Erin Bennett, World Team Church Planters in Paris, France*

Dear Friends at Ebenezer: Thank you for the chance to share about the work in Alaska. We hope you found it encouraging! Also, a big thank you for your financial gift. We enjoyed our time with you, as usual! You have been there for us through monies and prayer for so many years, it is humbling! Thank you and may the Lord return the blessing you have been to us! – *Don & Brenda Ernst*

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

May Madness! Next Sunday, May 25 is Compassion Sunday, an opportunity to sponsor a child in poverty.

The Truth Project produced by *Focus on the Family* will begin Sunday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This 12 week series will focus on pertinent topics such as what is truth, who is man, who is God, philosophy and ethics, sociology and much more. Join us for a time of thinking and discussion. Contact Chuck Niswander for more information.

Volunteer Opportunity: Even during the aging process, most persons still enjoy looking their best. There is a desire by the ladies at Willow Ridge (part of Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio) to have their fingernails polished. Would there be two or three ladies from Ebenezer who would be interested in doing this for 6-7 ladies on a once-a-month basis? The day and time would be flexible around the volunteers. Please contact Kathy Brauen at 419-234-7808 if interested and for more information.

There are a number of items that have been left behind here at the church. Please look over the items placed on the counter above the Lost & Found cupboards in the Missions Center to see if anything belongs to your home.

2014 Church Directories are available and located on the table in the Missions Center on the Information Counter.

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 if you have any questions.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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)



May 18, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

Today is...



There will be no Adult Bible Fellowship classes, but all are encouraged to attend this special time for our youth held in the Crossroads Ministry Center at 9:00 a.m.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

9:00 a.m.	Christian Education Promotion Sunday (CMC)
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 – Pastor Jim (CMC) <i>Second Commandment-Cut Out Idols</i>
5:00 p.m.	Prayer Action Team Meeting (103)
7:00 p.m.	High School Baccalaureate Service (CMC)

No Evening Fellowship Service

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Paul Reichenbach, Bluffton.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Matthew & SooAnn Boehm on the birth of their daughter Hollyn Elizabeth on Friday, May 9, weighing 9 lb. 8 oz.

~ GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 25 ~

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@ebenezermennonite.org.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 11:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	277
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	462

Giving on May 11:

\$10,348.61

Benevolent Fund	120.00
Building Fund	80.00
Christian Education Fund	115.61
General Fund	7,336.00
Missions Fund	2,642.00
New Building	30.00
Youth Fund	25.00
Chicken BBQ Youth Fundraiser	\$1,923.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Dan & Cheryl Reisacher** serving with **Trans World Radio in North Carolina**. With deep thankfulness to Jesus Christ, TWR is excited to announce that the new PANI transmitter is now on the air at full power with a regular broadcast schedule. Reaching a potential audience of 210 million people, the transmitter shares the Good News of Jesus Christ to listeners in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and North India. Dan & Cheryl are also thrilled to announce that they are expecting their first child in October! Please encourage or congratulate them with a note to: c/o TWR, P.O. Box 8700, Cary, NC 27512-8700 or e-mail to: dreisacher@twr.org.

~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS ~

VBS Donations Needed! The VBS Committee is in need of food items to be donated. Please stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer to see what items are needed for the week. All items need to be labeled with VBS and placed in the church kitchen on or before Sunday, June 1. Thank you for helping!

Vacation Bible School is only two weeks away and we are looking for volunteers in all areas to help out during the week of June 1-6, 6:30 to 9:00 each night. We could use your artistic abilities with decorations and supplies and we are now taking registrations for the kids who will be attending. If you are interested in any of these areas please contact a VBS committee member in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer today. Thanks so much!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Steve & Doneta Reigle - *Missions Center*
 Chuck & Saun Niswander - *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 19-25

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	VBS Decorating (<i>CMC</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	7:30 p.m.	Senior High Navigators 2:7 (<i>B17</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Young Women's Conference (<i>CMC</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministries (<i>112</i>) Sunday School & ABF <i>Meet the Teacher (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>Graduate Recognition Day (CMC)</i>

*** No Evening Fellowship Service ***

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 25 ~

Nursery: Jeremy & Ashley Fry, Wes Klinger Family
Good News Hour: Kim Gordon, Brooke Koontz, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Cheryl Potter, Hui Shen

~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION ~

Please complete a form for each child who plans to attend VBS, June 1-6, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Place it in the offering plate or the basket in the Missions Center at the Information Center where you will also find additional forms. For any questions please see a VBS committee member: *Melissa Hilty, Janet Brauen, Kimberly Eachus, Ashley Fry, Mandy Klingler, & Jaime Shaw*

~ PROVERBS 31 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ~

Friday, May 23, 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
All Senior High Girls! Join us for an evening of powerful speakers, wonderful worship, fellowship, games, prizes, food, and more! You don't want to miss out on this experience to strengthen your relationship with Christ and become a woman that honors God! P.S. Please invite others!



You are invited to an open house for:

Drake Luginbuhl

Today (12:30-3 p.m.) in Crossroads Ministry Center

Alyssa Willow

Monday, May 26 (9 a.m.-Noon) in Crossroads Ministry Center

Chelsea Burkholder

Monday, May 26 (Noon-4 p.m.) at 1811 State Route 103, Bluffton

Andrew Schutz

Monday, May 26 (12:30-4 p.m.) at 15932 Road 4, Pandora

Special Music

I Shall Not Want

From the love of my own comfort
 From the fear of having nothing
 From a life of worldly passions
 Deliver me, O God

From the need to be understood
 And from a need to be accepted
 From the fear of being lonely
 Deliver me, O God
 Deliver me, O God

And I shall not want
 No, I shall not want
 When I taste your goodness
 I shall not want
 When I taste your goodness
 I shall not want

From the fear of serving others
 Oh and from the fear of death or trial
 And from the fear of humility
 Deliver me, O God
 Yes, deliver me, O God