

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Youth leadership evaluation forms are available in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and in the Missions Center. Parents will receive a form electronically. Please place completed forms, by Sunday, June 8, in the baskets provided in the CMC Foyer and in the Missions Center.

Open House: If you would like to learn more about what God is doing through Cru's Valor ministry at Texas A&M, there will be an Open House for Tiffany Bixel on Saturday, May 31, from 2-4 p.m. at Wayne & Susan Bixel's house (7510 Grismore Road, Bluffton).

PrimeTimers will take place at noon Tuesday, June 3, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, *Easy Ed & The Country Pals* will be featured. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Family Campers: Packet Pick-Up for Family Camp 2014 will be on Sundays June 8 & 15 in the Missions Center. Packets contain information for group meals and services, site information for our group, and other general info. If you have not registered for Family Camp and would like to join us, you can still register at www.camp.IN.gov. Dates for camp are July 18-20, at Chain O' Lakes State Park in Indiana. Any questions, e-mail Christy Garmatter at garmatterc@gmail.com.

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 at 419-384-3588 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.

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.

Congratulations to our 2014 Graduates

Arlington High School – May 25

Alyssa Willow

Bluffton High School – May 24

Jacob Bishop * Drake Luginbuhl * Molly Moser

Cory-Rawson High School – May 25

Chelsea Burkholder

Pandora/Gilboa High School – May 18

Summer Burkholder * Andrew Schutz

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Bluffton University – May 4

Cory Hilty – *BA Middle Childhood Education*

Bowling Green State University – May 10

Kaite Rhodes – *BS in Early Childhood Education*

Ohio State University – May 4

Andy & Rachel Rothstein – *Doctors of Optometry*

Rhodes State College – May 3

Evania Bonifaz - *Nursing*

Jeremy Lemley – *Occupational Therapy Assistant*

University of Findlay – May 3

Kelsey Goldsberry – *Early Childhood Education*

Sawyer Goldsberry - *Accounting*

Marti Meza – *Masters in Education*

Laura Spallinger – *Animal Science*

Washington University – May 16

Adam Marquart – *Juris Doctor*

Wilmington College – May 10

Alexis Moser – *BS Agriculture Production*

Minor in Communications

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

June 1-6	Vacation Bible School (6:30-9:00 p.m.)
June 15-21	Middle School 1 – Grades 5&6 (<i>Miracle Camp</i>)
June 22-28	Senior High 1 – Grades 9-12 (<i>Miracle Camp</i>)
June 29-July 6	Youth Missions Trip (<i>BMHC, Black Mountain, NC</i>)
July 6-12	Junior High 1 – Grades 7&8 (<i>Miracle Camp</i>)
July 18-20	<i>Family Camp</i> (<i>Chain O'Lakes, Albion, Indiana</i>)
Aug. 3-6	Grade School 3 – Grades 2-5 (<i>Miracle Camp</i>)
Aug. 3-9	Grade School 2 – Grades 2-5 (<i>Miracle Camp</i>)



May 25, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

We are genuinely glad you have chosen to worship with us this Memorial Day Weekend! Tomorrow is a day where we actively remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. We can honor them by visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on their graves, by visiting memorials, and by flying the U.S. Flag at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Fellowship Stephen Ministries (112) Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School) <i>Meet the Teacher</i> (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 – Pastor Jim (CMC) <i>Third Command-Speak Highly of the Lord</i> <i>Graduate Recognition Service</i> *No Evening Fellowship Service*

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our Sympathy to the family of Dan Sommers. Dan, husband of Deb (Anderson), son of Dean & Darlyn Sommers and brother of Tom and Bill Sommers, passed away on Monday, May 19. Services were held on Thursday, May 22, in Delaware, Ohio and graveside service at the Ebenezer Cemetery.

Our Sympathy to the family of Edna Dalke. Edna, wife of Rev. Dan Dalke, died Tuesday, May 20, in Inman, Kansas. Rev. Dalke was a long-time pastor at Ebenezer. Memorial services will be held Saturday, June 7, at 3:00 p.m. at the Pleasant View Home of Inman.

Transition to Home: Paul Reichenbach is receiving therapy at the Mennonite Memorial Home.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 18:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	291
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	425

Giving on May 18:

\$19,865.78

Benevolent Fund	210.00
Building Fund	850.00
Christian Education Fund	772.01
General Fund	8,484.00
Missions Fund	8,969.77
New Building	280.00
Youth Fund	300.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week are Scott & Nikki Russell serving with ABWE in Chile. *After 24 years of missionary service, God has expanded our ministry beyond the borders of Chile. Now our missionary service extends to all of Latin America. We have been asked to serve as the Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. Thus, we will be serving in all of South America, Central America (including Mexico, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica), and the islands of the Caribbean. With this new ministry role, we will be responsible for our operations and some 230 missionaries serving throughout these regions.* Please send a note of encouragement to Scott & Nikki at: ABWE, P.O. Box 8585, Harrisburg, PA 17105 or email to: scott@abwe.org.

~ 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, Lynda Rodabaugh & Jaime Shaw*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Clyde Wireman - *Missions Center*
Jim & Marty Lemley - *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 26-JUNE 1

Monday	**Holiday – Church Offices Closed**
Tuesday	6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>) 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting (<i>103</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>) 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>) 7:05 p.m. Connections (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>) 7:30 p.m. Senior High Navigators 2:7 (<i>B17</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. Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>) 5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (<i>103</i>) 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School Begins

** No Evening Fellowship Service **

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 1 ~

Nursery: Gail Schantz, Janet Brauen, Kelli Foster
Good News Hour: Kathy Steiner, Renea and Caitlyn Zimmerman



You are invited to an open house for:

Alyssa Willow
Tomorrow (9 a.m.-Noon) in Crossroads Ministry Center

Chelsea Burkholder
Tomorrow (Noon-4 p.m.) at 1811 State Route 103, Bluffton

Andrew Schutz
Tomorrow (12:30-4 p.m.) at 15932 Road 4, Pandora

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Open Gym: High School students and young adults are invited to come play some basketball on Wednesday May 28, from 8:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

Youth volunteers are needed for the Gideons' Dinner on Friday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. This is another scholarship toward the Youth Missions trip to Black Mountain Home for Children in Black Mountain, North Carolina. We need at least 12-15 volunteers to serve. Please let Ben or Collin know if you are able to help.

Youth and Parents: Please make sure to fill out the yellow Parent Communication Card insert in the Emissary today and drop off in the Missions Center in the basket on the Information Center counter. Thanks for keeping the communication open!

Mission Trip Information: Those students planning on going on the Missions Trip to Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth, and Families, need to get their information and initial payment to Ben or Collin today.

~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS ~

Dear Church Family: We want to take this time to thank you for your generous donations and time you have given us over the last few weeks. We are so glad and very appreciative for the amazing support our church family provides. VBS would not be as fruitful. We are now only seven days away and there are still many details that need finalized. If you are wondering how you can help, there are many ways listed below.

- Recreation crew
- Crew leader for 4, 5, & 6-year-olds
- Greeters (individuals who greet the parents and their children as they arrive for VBS)
- Two crew leaders for Grades 4-6
- One individual who would be willing to work the T-shirt table. (taking money and possible orders if we run out of T-shirts)

Even if you can only help one night or more, we would love to have you and would very much appreciate it. If you are willing to help please stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Our theme verse for this year's VBS: *Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.* Matthew 28:20. Thanks for your support. - *VBS Committee: Melissa Hilty, Janet Brauen, Kimberly Eachus, Ashley Fry, Mandy Klingler, Lynda Rodabaugh & Jaime Shaw*