

Financial Report – May 2014

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	224,042	121,757	17,771	57,708
Expenses YTD	215,624	84,458	17,048	6,553
Actual Income	205,234	107,423	9,827	12,600

Cash Fund Balances as of 5/31/14:

General.....	\$26,074
Missions.....	\$117,103
Christian Education	\$18,059
Building	\$20,522
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$5,547
New Building/Land Purchase	\$83,312
Benevolent.....	\$13,467

Swiss Day 2014 will occur on Sunday, June 29 in the Crossroads Ministry Center at 12:30 p.m., beginning with a potluck meal. Everyone is welcome and invited to bring something to share. Drinks will be provided. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m., there will be a presentation in word and picture about several proposed new developments the Swiss Community Historical Society is working on. At about 3:00 p.m. the historic Schumacher Swiss Farmstead (8350 Bixel Road) will be open to visitors for the rest of the afternoon. For more information please see the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

~ BAPTISM SMALL GROUP ~

Interested in baptism? A baptism service will be held Sunday, August 3, at 6:30 p.m. In preparation, a three week baptism small group series will be held on Sundays July 13, 20, and 27 from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Bluffton Campus Life Room. Lunch included. Please contact Pastor Jim if you have any questions at 419-358-8588 or e-mail at jim.king@ebenezermennonite.org.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- June 29-July 6** Youth Missions Trip (BMHC, Black Mountain, NC)
- July 6** Worship and Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
FaithFull Singles Luncheon (11:30 a.m., FH)
- July 6-12** Junior High 1 – Grades 7&8 (Miracle Camp)
- July 18-20** Family Camp (Chain O'Lakes, Albion, Indiana)
- July 23** Ladies-Where's Dinner (meet at church at 5:45)
- Aug. 3** Baptism Service (6:30 p.m., Stratton Pond)
- Aug. 3-6** Grade School 3 – Grades 2-5 (Miracle Camp)
- Aug. 3-9** Grade School 2 – Grades 2-5 (Miracle Camp)
- Aug. 13** Ladies-Where's Dinner (meet at church at 5:45)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYER CHAIN ~

Please call the church office for any names or concerns that you want listed in the Weekly Prayer List or prayed for during our Worship Services. To start the Prayer Chain, call or text Kathy Brauen at 419-234-7808 or call the church office at 419-358-8588.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Ebenezer Communications Card

Please take a moment to complete the information below. Place in the offering plate or the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am interested in information on:

- Ebenezer Mennonite Church Baptism Membership
 Child dedication Getting involved in ministry
 Joining a small group Prayer requests _____



June 22, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

We extend a warm and cheerful welcome to all. We pray that God will be very real to you as you worship Him today. With the assurance of God's presence, let us joyfully worship before our loving Creator.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship/Daniel & Lynn Plett (CMC)
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)
- 10:00 a.m.** Senior High 1 – Grades 9-12 (Leave for Miracle Camp)
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)
Seventh Command – Be People of Purity
- 11:30 a.m.** Berean Adult Bible Fellowship Class &
Missions Committee Luncheon (FH)
- 1:00 p.m.** Junior High Cookout (Bluffton Village Park)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Group (Pastor Jim & Pat's home)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Truth Project (FH)

Welcome to our missionary guests Daniel & Lynn Plett with Trans World Radio in Bratislava. During Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:00 this morning in the Crossroads Ministry Center they will share about their ministry. Their latest prayer requests and newsletter are available on the rack in the Missions Center. All ABF classes are invited to this great opportunity to hear how God is working in Bratislava.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on June 15:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	240
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	388

Giving on June 15:

\$11,503.09

Benevolent Fund	315.00
Building Fund	330.00
Christian Education Fund	429.09
General Fund	6,684.00
Missions Fund	3,335.00
New Building	310.00
Youth Fund	100.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Chuck & Naomi Smith** who serve with **New Tribes Mission** currently in **Wisconsin**. Chuck & Naomi spend their Tuesday afternoons opening their home for a Spanish Kids Club. After opening with a few songs they move on to the lesson, followed by a new verse for the week. This year 12 of the kids memorized verses. Their excitement is contagious as they arrive and compete to be the first to recite their verse. What a privilege it is for us to have a part in these young lives and to help them grow in their understanding of God. Send a note to Chuck & Naomi at: 915 N. Hartwell Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186 or e-mail to: chuck_smith@ntm.org.

~ CAMP NEWS ~

Senior High 1 – Grades 9-12 (June 22-28)

Grace Bell	Kassandra Bishop	Audrey Bowsher
Leah Conley	Chloe Garmatter	Michaela Garmatter
Kim Gordon		

Driver to and from camp: Larry Moser

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Emma Burkholder, Adel Sommers - *Missions Center*
Jack & Joyce Reigle - *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 23-29

Monday	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (<i>173 Albert St., Bluffton</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee (<i>103</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	5:45 p.m.	Women's Ministries <i>Where's Dinner?</i> (<i>Meet at church</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>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Truth Project Small Group (<i>Tim & Diana Diller's home</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,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Group (<i>Pastor Jim & Pat's home</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) Truth Project (<i>FH</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 29 ~

Nursery: Janet Brauen, Mandy Klinger, Josh & Heidi Steiner

Good News Hour: Janet Brauen, Summer Burkholder,
Pat King, Mandy Klinger, Bev Stockman

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

All Junior High Students are invited to a cookout at the Village Park in Bluffton from 1:00-3:00 this afternoon. This will be a great time to celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. All students' grades 7-9 are invited, as this is a chance for us to welcome in our new grade 7 students and say goodbye to those who just finished grade 8. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers for food, and there will also be Frisbee, corn hole, volleyball, and other fun outdoor activities. If you have an activity or a food dish that you would like to provide, feel free to bring it!

Attention all Senior High youth who are going on the summer missions trip to Black Mountain, North Carolina. There will be a get-together in the school house this Wednesday, June 25, at 7:00 p.m. There will be pizza, pop, and games.

Parents of Missions Trip Youth: The final payment for the missions trip will be due before we leave on Sunday, June 29. The cost for the trip comes out to be \$286. For those who served at the Gideon's dinner, the cost is \$263. Those going on the trip will need to be here at the church no later than 6:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 29, so that we can leave at 6:30 a.m. For questions, contact Collin Reid at collin.reid@ebenezermennonite.org or 419-277-7343.

~ YOU ARE INVITED ~

The children of Annabelle (Stover-Plett) Ropp, invite everyone to a surprise 80th Birthday Open House in the Crossroads Ministry Center on Saturday, June 28, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Annabelle and her late husband Don were supported by Ebenezer during their missionary service in Suriname, and her children Dora (Tom) Becker and Daniel (Lynn) Plett continue to be blessed by Ebenezer's support.

FaithFull Singles: The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and **all** singles age 50 and older to our next gathering scheduled for Sunday, July 6. A luncheon will be provided following the Worship & Communion Service. Hope to see you there!

The Wild Game Committee is sponsoring a Fishing Derby Saturday, July 12, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Plan now to attend. Look for more details next week.