
~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Bluffton Community Food Pantry needs: Over the last few months and as enrollment in the program has increased, we have needed to buy groceries on a regular basis. Therefore, we have come up with a list of needs as a way for the church community to know what those needs are. We had 51 families come through the pantry on August 17.

- Tuna/ condiments like mayonnaise, relish, ketchup, mustard, etc.
- Toiletries like shampoo, health, and beauty items
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Spaghetti sauce and noodles
- Paper products like toilet paper, Kleenex, and paper towels
- Cured meats like hotdogs, bacon and ham.

The next Pantry Day is Saturday, September 21. You may drop off your donations anytime in the blue tub that is located under the coat rack across from the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for considering these needs and for your continued prayers as we serve the needs of our community. - Sarah Shank and Jami Crawfis, Co-directors of the Bluffton Community Assistance Program

PrimeTimers will take place at noon this Tuesday, September 3, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Jim Boedicker, who will perform his unique *fingerstyle* guitar playing. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Sept. 8 **Back to Church** (10:15 a.m., CMC)

Disciple Singers Choir (7:00 p.m., 118-119)

Oct. 6 Christian Education Appreciation Sunday (10:15 a.m., CMC)

Oct. 28 Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)

Oct. 29 All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)

Nov. 10-17 **50th Annual Missions Conference** –

Footprints of the Past—Footsteps Toward the Future

~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry will begin in October. Volunteers are needed for several classes: Pre-K-Kindergarten teacher and helper, Grade 2 helper, Grades 3&4 boys teacher and helper, and Grades 5&6 teacher and helper. Please pray and consider if God is leading you to be involved in this ministry. You may check the box on the green EMC Communications Card or contact Cheryl Potter at 567-204-0611.

Nursery Workers Needed: A new fall/winter schedule is being developed for the nurseries, but volunteer numbers are low. We are seeking men and women (High School on up) who love babies and would enjoy caring for them during the Adult Bible Fellowship or during the Worship Gathering. If you are interested or have questions please e-mail Melissa Hilty (hilty.melissa@gmail.com) or Heidi Steiner (steinerhl@gmail.com) before Monday, August 26.

Help Needed: The Disciple Singers Choir is in need of helpers to assist throughout the next few months. This will not require every week attendance but enough time with the choir to become familiar with the children and music. If you are interested please contact Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907 or Renea Zimmerman at 419-369-4543 or check the box on the green EMC Communications Card.

Please sign up to go to the Rescue Mission some Saturday night this coming fall, winter, or spring. Instead of the ABF classes being assigned to each service, we would like individuals or groups of friends to go and minister the first Saturday evening of each month. The sign-up sheets are in the Missions Center. Thank you for your willingness to serve! Contact Kathy Steiner at 419-348-3986 if you have any questions. *Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.* Matthew 25:40

The Power Team is coming to Ebenezer in February 2014! We are booking schools for them to go to while they are here. The cost is \$500 per school assembly. They provide the students with a motivational talk and then invite the students to the evening crusade. Some schools are unable to finance assemblies. If you, a business, or someone you know would like to sponsor an assembly, please call Gina Burkholder at 419-957-5304.



August 25, 2013

Ebenezer Emissary

An enthusiastic welcome to all! With love and joy let us worship God and strive to grow in grace. Come now, let us worship and have fellowship together.

Please take a moment to fill out the green Ebenezer Communications Card in your Emissary. These cards are a vital communication link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to use these cards and place completed ones in the offering plate or the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Fellowship
Stephen Ministries (112)
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)

10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11)

10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering - *Back to School*
Pastor Jim and Pastor Wade (CMC)

7:00 p.m. Disciple Singers' Party (118&119)
Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Donna Lehman at Blanchard Valley.

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Corey & Andrea (Stockman) Leichty who were united in marriage yesterday here at the church.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on August 18:

Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	260
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	429
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	42

Giving on August 18:

\$10,967.22

Benevolent	320.00
Building Fund	300.00
Christian Education Fund	235.02
General Fund	6,399.20
Missions Fund	3,408.00
New Building Fund	55.00
Youth Fund	250.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Lee & Michelle Sonius serve with HCJB Global in Ghana. They have packed up and closed down the house as they prepared to return to Ghana. They want to thank everyone who has prayed for their family this year as they transitioned to the USA. God has answered your prayers in so many ways. Their hearts are filled with gratitude as well for those who have given so generously to make it possible for them to return! They say thank you for partnering with them as they work in Africa. Pray the Lord will give them wisdom as they consider school options for Kyle's high school years. He is currently in Grade 8. Please send them a note at: Box CT PMB 218, Cantonments, Accra, Ghana or e-mail at: Isonius@hcjb.org or msonius@hcjb.org.

~ RECENT OFFICE MOVE ~

Pastors on the move! Pastor Warren's office has been moved to the northwest corner of the church library. As in the past, he invites you to stop by anytime to visit and pray. {Library users, you are welcome to continue to stop by the library *anytime* the church is open.} Over the next week, Pastor Dick Potter will be moving into Pastor Warren's previous office, and Pastor Dale Seefeldt will be moving into Pastor Dick's previous office.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Mateo Bonifaz and Gabe Meyer – *Missions Center*
Jack & Joyce Reigle – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK:
AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 1**

- Monday 7:05 p.m.** Small Group (*at Pastor Jim's home*)
- Tuesday 6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Arby's*)
7:00 p.m. Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (*103*)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*FH*)
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer (*103*)
Worship Team Rehearsal (*CMC*)
7:05 p.m. Small Group (*Bluffton Campus Life Room*)
8:30 p.m. Dodgeball (*CMC*)
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Living Faith ABF & College Age Class
Breakfast (*CMC*)
Sunday School & ABF (*Various classrooms*)
10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (*2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11*)
10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering – *Back to Work (CMC)*
5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (*103*)

~ No Evening Fellowship Service ~

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 ~

Nursery: Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber, Gail Schantz

Good News Hour: Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Emma Burkholder, Lillian Burkholder, Hannah Conley, Cheryl Potter, Bev Stockman

~ EBENEZER SUMMER SOFTBALL~

The Ebenezer Heavy Hitters softball team had a great season, going 8-2 on the year. The team lost their first game, then proceeded to win eight games in a row before closing the season with a loss in the league semifinals. Team members included Crystal Badertscher, Kristen Bash, Anne Bassitt, Sam Brauen, James Crawfis, Tom & Anne Downey, Thomas Eachus, Jeremy & Ashley Fry, Randy Garmatter, Melissa Hilty, Dave Huber, Greg Kidd, Charlie Mosler, Heidi Steiner, and Cameron Warner.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Senior High Back to School-Small Group Kick Off will be Sunday, September 8, from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. located at Ron & Tobi Meyer home at: 7055 Lugabill Road, Bluffton.

All Junior High and Senior High Students are invited to come play Dodgeball on Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. – *Pastor Wade*

Disciple Singers Choir: We have a spot reserved for you in the Christmas program this year! We are opening it up to all Sunday School children (Grades 1-6) whether you want to join the choir or not. So put on your thinking caps and let us know what talent you have been given to do and then have your parents contact us. We will start the year like we usually do with fun, games, and food, everyone is welcome. So come have some fun tonight at 7:00 in Rooms 118&119. For those who wish to join the choir, this will give you an idea on what we are planning to do for the Missions Conference and Spring Musical. Disciple Singers will not be practicing next Sunday evening, September 1, because of the holiday weekend. We will begin on Sunday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. – *Angela Steiner (567-712-1907)* and *Renea Zimmerman (419-369-4543)*

~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~

The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Please complete the information sheet on the counter in the Missions Center near our **Welcome & Information Center** or e-mail the church office with the name of your college, starting date, your mailing address, and college year to: info@ebenezer mennonite.org. You may also fill out the appropriate information on the green EMC Communications card. Thanks so much!

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

Ebenezer Mennonite Church

8905 Columbus Grove Road, Bluffton, OH 45817

Phone: 419-358-8588

www.ebenezermennonite.org

E-mail: info@ebenezermennonite.org