The Wild Game Committee is in need of any kind of wild game for the annual Wild Game Event (March 23). If you have some to donate, call Joe Alt at 419-234-1247.

Trip to Haiti with Mission Possible, February 16-23, 2019: We are looking for individuals to help with medical and ministry efforts in Haiti. Please contact Josh Steiner at steinerjd@gmail.com or 419-234-7041 for more information.

Mexico Service and Mission Trip - July 20-27. Current Grades 8 & 9 can begin registering online by using the link on the church website. ebenezermennonite.org/youth. Registration, $100 deposit, and short term mission trip application are due by January 27 when we will have a parent meeting following the morning worship. Contact Pastor David at david.glick@ebenezermennonite.org.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Jan. 25 Parents’ Night Out (6:10 p.m., CMC)
Feb. 2 Maranatha AFB Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
Feb. 8-10 High School Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
Feb. 10-16 SIM Work Team (Charlotte, NC)
Feb. 15 Parents’ Night Out (6:10 p.m., CMC)
Mar. 2 High School Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
Mar. 3 Congregational Missions Budget Meeting (11:20 a.m., CMC)
Mar. 4 Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)
Mar. 5 All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)
Mar. 23 Wild Game Event (5:00 p.m., CMC)
June 12-23 Youth Missions Trip (Naomi’s Village - Kenya - Africa)

~ WHAT’S NEW IN THE LIBRARY ~

Books
Gospel Reset: Salvation Made Relevant, Ken Ham, Answers in Genesis
Zondervan’s Pictorial Bible Dictionary
NIV Cultural Background Study Bible
Blood Letters: The Untold Story of Lin Zhao, A Martyr in Mao’s China, Lian Xi
Prophet with Honor: The Billy Graham Story, William Martin
I Can Only Imagine: A Memoir of Bart Millard, Robert Noland
By Prayer to the Nations: A Short History of SIM, Gary Corwin
Reciprocal Missions: Short-Term Missions That Serve Everyone, DJ Schuetze & Phil Steiner
Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God, Mark Batterson
Women of Easter: Encounter the Savior with Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth and Mary Magdalene, Liz Curtis Higgs

Novels
Noah, Remnant Trilogy, Tim Chaffey & K. Marie Adams, Answers in Genesis
Without Warning, Joel Rosenberg
Baxter Family Christmas, Karen Kingsbury
Lineage of Grace: Five Stories of Unlikely Women Who Changed Eternity, Francine Rivers
Sons of Encouragement: Five Stories of Faithful Men Who Changed Eternity, Francine Rivers
Undoing of Saint Silvanus, Beth Moore
Second Half, Lauraine Snelling

DVDs
Facing Darkness, Samaritan’s Purse (Suggested: upper grade school to adult)
Unbroken: Path to Redemption, Universal (PG-13)
Courageous, Sherwood Pictures Ministries (PG-13)
Design Argument, Stuart Burgess, Answers in Genesis

E-Giving: Giving to Ebenezer is available electronically. This can’t be done by using your checking account or card online (www.ebenezermennonite.org/giving) or by using EasyTith Mobile App. If you desire assistance with the set-up process or have questions or problems, please contact Kathy Brauen at the church office 419-358-8588.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (age 2-Grade 6, Sanctuary)
Grade 7-Adult (CMC, Q&A for candidate Director of Children and Family Ministries)
10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)
10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim (CMC)
Keys to Bible Study: OBSERVE, Mark 4:1-20: Parable of the Sower, Scripture: Pastor David
Special Music: Janice Althaus
11:30 a.m. Wild Game Committee Meeting (FH)
5:15 p.m. Disciple Singers’ Choir (118&k19)
6:30 p.m. Small Groups (Kings, Lemleys)
Sunday Evening Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer)
Youth Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

Director of Children and Family Ministries: The Deacons have unanimously selected Kerry Wright, Jr. as our candidate for the position of Director of Children and Family Ministries. We welcome Kerry today in the Crossroads Ministry Center for a question and answer time during the Adult Bible Fellowship hour. An informational handout is available in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. A two-thirds confirmation vote by the congregation will take place after the morning service next Sunday, January 20. Kerry, Krista, and their children Adalyn, Kerry III, and Kai are presently our supported Youth For Christ missionaries in Louisville, Kentucky. - The Deacons
Wild Game Committee meeting today following the morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall.

Enriching our Bible Reading: Starting tonight at 6:30 in the Sanctuary Foyer we begin a study on enriching our Bible reading times. We will learn how to make our Bible reading more enjoyable, memorable, and more enriching. Bring your Bible and a pen, for a blessed time together. —Pastor Dick

Year-end reports for 2018 are due on Sunday, January 27. All boards and committees should submit their annual reports to the church office for inclusion in the 2018 Annual Report.

There is a box in the church kitchen window marked SIM for cookie, cake, and brownie mixes. Preferred cookies are chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, and snicker doodles. Please no date, sugar, or plain raisin. Chocolate, white, carrot, and chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, and snickerdoodle mixes are most popular. Brownie and other mixes are good too. Frozen dough can be marked for SIM and put in the church kitchen freezer. Just make your favorite cookie dough, roll into balls or loaves, wrap well, then freeze or do the same with store bought cookie dough. Ebenezer work team will be serving at SIM in Charlotte, North Carolina, February 10-16.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 6:
Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship (9:00 a.m.) 235
Morning Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 379

~ TODAY’S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Larry & Ginny Moser
Missions Center: Bella Basinger, Wes Brauen

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 14-20

(ABF- Adult Bible Fellowship, CMC-Crossroads Ministry Center, FH-Fellowship Hall)

Monday 9:00 a.m. MOPS (FH)
7:00 p.m. Beth Moore’s Paul Study (Sanctuary Foyer)
Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)

Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Men’s Small Group (Bluffton McDonald’s)
6:00 p.m. Legacy & Investment & Finance Com.
Meeting (103)
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (103)

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)
6:00 p.m. Children’s Ministries Family Supper (FH)
Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
7:00 p.m. Children’s Ministries (Various Classrooms)
Cup of Grace (Church Library)
Junior High Wednesday Night (117)
7:05 p.m. Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald’s)
8:30 p.m. Junior High & High School - Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
Dodgeball (CMC)

Thursday 5:15 p.m. Women’s Mystery Dinner (meet at the church)
7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting
Men’s Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (Various Classrooms)
10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B10, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)
10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering (CMC)
11:30 a.m. Congregational meeting to vote on Director of Children and Family Ministries (CMC)
Youth Snow Tubing (Bellefontaine)

5:15 p.m. Disciple Singers’ Choir (118k/119)
6:30 p.m. Small Groups (Kings, Lemleys)
Sunday Evening Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer)
Youth Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:
Jason & Kim Fritsch, Mary Glick, Teresa Marquart
The Good News Hour:
Brett & Kylie Baxter, Janet Brauen,
Jammie, Kirby, & Keaton Falke, Karna Marquart

2019 Birthday/Anniversary Calendars are available in the Missions Center and the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

Women’s Ministries Mystery Dinner is this Thursday, January 17. All you have to do is RSVP and then show up at church at 5:15 p.m. We all go together in a van. Junior High and High School girls are encouraged to attend. It is a relaxed setting to gain wisdom from all generations of our church family and an easy way to invite a friend to a church event! Please call the church at 419-358-8588 to RSVP or go to: womens.ministry @ebenezermennonite.org by Tuesday, January 15.

Snow tubing for Junior High and High School next Sunday, January 20. Bring a packed lunch that we will eat in the Fellowship Hall following the congregational meeting, and then we will leave for Mad River Mountain near Bellefontaine. The cost is $25 for three hours of snow tubing. Food is available for purchase at the lodge. There will be no small groups that night. Please sign up with Pastor David if you would like to go.

Parents’ Night Out: Please register your child/children with Hanné Streicher at 567-204-4772 for a parents’ night out Friday, January 25, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Kenya, Africa Youth missions trip.

Thank you so much for partnering alongside Water4 field partners to eradicate the water crisis. We are so thankful for the support, and 100% of the gift is going directly to programs, furthering the impact. - Blessings, Natalie Estes

Women’s Retreat May 3-5 at Miracle Camp: Women college age and up will have a fabulous time growing in their faith through great speakers, awesome activities, yummy food, and time with friends. Sign up online at www.miraclecamp.com/womensretreat/. Flyers are available in the Missions Center. Contact Katie Kruse at 419-889-0108 or Heidi Steiner at 419-358-0116 with any questions.