**Youth For Christ Chicken BBQ:** St. John Mennonite Church will be hosting a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, March 17, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets ($8) are on sale today and next Sunday, March 10, in the Crossroads Ministry Center foyer. The money raised will help students attend YFC camp. The dinner includes half a chicken, applesauce, green beans, roll, and drink. Dessert will be available for purchase that day. Contact Bev Stockman at 419-234-8278 for more details. Thank you for supporting YFC and our youth!

**There are many items** that have been left behind here at the church. Please stop by the table in the hallway beside the Fellowship Hall to claim any items that may be yours.

**A large number of books** from the library of Charles & Anita Warren are now available to the congregation. They are located on the west wall of the library with signs indicating the location. Please come to the church library to peruse the books of various kinds. You may take as many as you want. As you might imagine, there are several in the Hindi language along with reference books, study guides, and current and older topics.

**Many thanks** for the large donation of pantry items to the Bluffton Community Assistance Corporation. Especially during the holidays, we need all the help we can get to feed our community members. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. – God bless you all, Pat Rodabaugh

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**~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~**

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**~ WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT MAKING DISCIPLES? ~**

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

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**March 3, 2019**

Welcome in the name of Christ! We are glad that you have come to worship. Our prayer for you is found in Hebrews 13:20: Now may the God of peace ... equip you with everything good that you may do his will ... Remembering that in God’s will there is perfect peace, let us joyfully seek guidance from our Creator. Blessings on you all!

Make yourself at home, you are among friends who would love for you to be part of the family! Please take a moment to fill out the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary. This communication is a vital link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to place completed ones in the offering plate.

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**~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
(Various Classrooms)

10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4-6 year olds-B11)

10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim (CMC)
Kingdom People Habits: Problems with Prayer
Scripture Reading: Pastor David – Matthew 6:5-13
Special Music: Kara Zink

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting (CMC)

5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (103)

5:15 p.m. Disciple Singers’ Choir (118 & 119)

6:30 p.m. Small Groups (Jim King’s, Jim Lemley’s, Steve Reigle’s)
Evening Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer)
Youth Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

**Congratulations** to Tyler & Julie Bixel on the birth of their son, Elias Samuel, on Saturday, February 23, weighing 7 lb. 14 oz.

**The congregational business** meeting to approve the 2018 Reports and the proposed 2019 Missions Budget will be held today following the morning service. Annual Reports for 2018 are available in the Crossroads Ministry Center foyer and the Missions Center.
Marching to Camp: Help send our youth to summer camp! With the rising cost of summer camp ($425), we’d like to continue to support as many Ebenezer campers as we can this year. During the month of March, we will be collecting donations towards the summer camp partial scholarships. Inserted in the Emissary are special envelopes you may use, or designate “CE Fund” on your giving envelope. Miracle Camp information will be passed out today in the classrooms to students in Grades 1-12. Thanks for supporting our youth! – CE Committee

Spring Forward, Daylight Savings Time! Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead next Saturday night.

Serve to Send allows our youth to serve our church family while earning funds towards the missions trip to Mexico. The donations for the services rendered will be placed in a fund at the church and distributed to the students to pay for part of the expenses for the youth missions trip to Mexico. Contact Cindy Moser at 419-234-2770 or moserfamily@hotmail.com to coordinate the service.

Youth Converge Conference for Grades 8-12 in Elida is April 5-6 and the cost is $50. Please let Pastor David know if you plan to attend. A non-refundable $10 deposit is due when registering.

Grades 6-12: Meet at the Southgate Lanes Bowling alley on Friday, March 29, at 5:45 p.m. We will bowl from 6-8 p.m. The cost is $7 and includes shoes and bowling time. Food will be available for purchase.

The Run for God program has begun and would like to welcome anyone who may be interested in joining. We will meet at the church on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted. We will then pick up on Wednesday evenings once Wednesday evening services have ended for the summer. Our plan is to participate in the May Day run in Bluffton on the first Saturday of May. So come on out and get your running shoes on and let’s get moving for God! Walkers are more than welcome, we do not want to leave anyone out because they feel they cannot run. Thank you and hope to see you there! - Rachel Mathewson 419-604-0664

Evening Sew is tomorrow from 6-9 p.m., and All Day Sew is on Tuesday, March 5, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. We will be knotting comforters for our missionaries. Please bring a hot and cold dish for a noon potluck on Tuesday. The potluck is also open to all spouses of those working and all widows/widowers to be our guest.

FaithFull Singles: The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and all singles age 50 and older to our gathering scheduled for next Sunday, March 10. A luncheon will be provided following the Worship Service, and Ebenezer student musicians led by Rachael Lewis will provide string instrument music for our enjoyment. Hope to see you there!