**Pray for missionaries**, local and around the world. Please see the Weekly Prayer Guide for the Missionaries of the Week.

**Hello! How are you this week? I’m sharing a safety tip. Would you like to hear it? How can I pray for you?** These words are shared weekly with people who are isolated or facing crime-related challenges in Allen County by Crime Victim Services “Are You OK?” volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Elysia Bush at 419-302-2857 or ebush@crimevictimservices.org.


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**We encourage** our vulnerable population, as well as anyone feeling ill, to continue joining us online. The service will be live in the Crossroads Ministry Center and streamed to the Sanctuary. The following steps will be taken to ensure the safety of all worshippers:

- Worship service will begin at 10:15 a.m., in the following locations:
  - Crossroads Ministry Center – face coverings **required for all those 10 years and older.**
  - Sanctuary – face coverings **required for all those 10 years and older.**
- Emissary newsletters available online only. No handouts will be provided.
- No children’s Sunday School classes. **Children’s Church for 2-4 year old’s tentative start next Sunday, September 13, volunteers needed.**
- All entry and restroom doors will be propped open. Hand sanitizers placed strategically.
- The Café, water fountains, offices, conference room, library, and basement classrooms closed on Sundays.
- Come prepared to remain in Crossroads Ministry Center or Sanctuary. If child requires restroom, must be accompanied by adult.
- Sit alone, sit as a couple, or sit in a family unit and remain in original seat. Extra seats will be available for larger family units. Ushers will assist in seating and if extra chairs needed. Maintain social distance by remaining six feet apart from other persons/family groups.
- Offerings collected online or in boxes at the doors.
- Structured/guided dismissal by ushers.

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**Congratulations** to Bret & Ariel (Schantz) Ketchum who were united in marriage yesterday at the groom’s family home in Lima.

**Please join** in the Celebration of Life service for Terry Huber on Saturday, September 12, at 10 a.m. in the CMC. Terry, brother of David, died on Wednesday, April 8. A video in Terry’s memory will start at 9:30 a.m. Masks are requested, and chairs will be spaced out for social distancing. There will be a time to share your positive and fun memories of Terry. If you would like to share but are unable to attend in person, please send the information to Cheryl.huber@phubertax.com and it will be read during the service.
~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

**Attendance on August 30:**
Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 244

**Giving for August 30:**
- Benevolent Fund 35.00
- Building Fund/HVAC Project 1,082.00
- Christian Education Fund 365.00
- General Fund 6,170.50
- Missions Fund 2,085.00
- Youth Fund 20.00
- Van Fund 238.00

**EasyTithe Giving in August:**
- Benevolent Fund 83.00
- Building Fund 570.00
- Christian Education Fund 472.00
- General Fund 10,638.00
- Missions Fund 5,816.00
- Youth Fund 1,062.00
- White Christmas Giving 60.00

**Total Giving:** $9,995.50

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**Our sympathy** to the family of Tom Burry. Tom, who attended Ebenezer for several years, died on Saturday, August 29. A Celebration of Life service is scheduled 2-4 p.m., next Sunday, September 13, at Arthur Lugibihl Community Center, 301 N. Jefferson Street, Pandora.

**Man Camp** at Miracle Camp is planned for September 25-27. Contact Pastor David or Kerry Wright, Jr. if interested in going. The cost is $147, and the deadline to sign up is September 20.

**Please plan to attend a congregational meeting** immediately following the worship service on September 13 to vote on Pastor David’s continuing contract as Pastor of Student Ministries, among other items. The order of the agenda for the meeting will be: (1) vote on the extension of Pastor David’s contract, (2) discuss pastoral search committee progress and slate ballot vote of members to serve on the search committee, (3) restart of church ministries, (4) deacon board update (current activities and goals), and (5) member feedback discussion. Along with attending the meeting, please be in prayer for the meeting and the search.

**Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio** service group presents a Chicken BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, September 26, from 4-6 p.m. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new transport van. Tickets are $8 and are available now thru September 20. Contact Ruth Hefner, email LVIKE4850@YAHOO.COM, or call/text 567-204-9232. Curb-side pickup will be at Bubba C. BBQ on 158 N. Jackson Street, Bluffton.

**The deacon board** would like to start nominations for church officers earlier this year. We would like ample time for anyone desiring or observing giftedness in another to make that known to the board. If you are currently serving on a committee and will be leaving that position, please seek out a possible replacement. We would like to have nominations no later than September 30. All qualified nominees for the deacon board who are willing to serve will be interviewed by the current board of deacons. See the list of open positions that were in the Emissary last Sunday and inserted today. Please email submissions to Levi Shadle at lshadle@gmail.com or place in his mailbox at the church. Thank you.

**Middle School Ministry:** All students in Grades 6-8 are invited to meet at Suter’s corn maze on Saturday, October 3, at 6 p.m. Cost is $5.

**Note of thanks** for all your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls during my recovery from recent surgery. I am doing better and gaining strength with the Lord’s healing. Thanks again! - Carlene Nusbaum

**Pray for our elders** located in area senior living facilities and nursing homes, isolated in their rooms with limited visitors.