

Ebenezer Mennonite Church  
Summer Morning Worship Gatherings

**Hands**

Hands - (hands) *n.* The chief organs for physically manipulating the environment. They are also the richest source of tactile feedback; the sense of touch is intimately associated with human hands.



**Hands Held Together**

- July 6 – Devoted Community**  
Acts 2:37-47
- July 13 – Explosive Community**  
Acts 4:23-37
- July 20 – Founder’s Day**



**Hands Lifted Up**

- July 27 – Worship That Leads to Work - Acts 13:1-5**
- Aug. 3 – Putting Angels to Work - Acts 12:1-19**

**Hands Reaching Out**

- Aug. 10 – Feet - Acts 8:26-40**
- Aug. 17 – Stranger Danger**  
Acts 10
- Aug. 24 – Christian**  
Education  
Appreciation Day
- Aug. 31 – Sharing Our**  
Stories  
Acts 22:1-21



**New Weather Cam Installed at Echo Ranch Bible Camp**

In the fall of 2007 a new FAA weather cam was installed at Echo Ranch, Auke Bay, AK. This weather cam will enable pilots to have a better understanding of what weather conditions in Berner’s Bay look like and in doing so help them to make more informed and thereby safer flight decisions. It is through cooperative efforts with local, state, and federal agencies that Echo Ranch hopes to provide goodwill that will ultimately enhance the ministry of Echo Ranch Bible Camp here in southeast Alaska and abroad. In order to access the weather cam images just go to [www.akweathercams.faa.gov](http://www.akweathercams.faa.gov). Then click Juneau on the Alaska map. Finally, click Berner’s Bay to see the images.

**Missing Items:** Please call the church office at 419-358-8588 if anyone knows the whereabouts of a dark colored Coleman sleeping bag with orange trim and a pink duffle bag with blankets inside. These items did not return home from recent Miracle Camp trips.

**► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀**

- July 7** Church Softball League (6:00 p.m., Bluffton Village Park)
- July 18&19** Bill Glass Weekend of Champions (Findlay)
- July 20** **Founder’s Day** (10:00 a.m., CMC) *No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service*
- Founder’s Day Meal** (12:00 p.m. CMC)
- July 25-27** Family Camp (Ouabache State Park - Bluffton, IN)
- Aug. 24** Family Music Night (Sanctuary)

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**Ebenezer**  
Emissary Weekly  
June 29, 2008

**Opportunities of the Day**

- 9:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Grade School (*grades 2-4, leave for Miracle Camp*)
- 10:30 a.m.** Combined Worship Service – Pastor Jim  
(*Sanctuary*)  
Baptismal Testimonies  
Children’s Church (*3 & 4-years-old*)
- 12:00 p.m.** Baptismal Service (*at Zimmerman’s Pond*)
- 5:45 p.m.** Missions Committee Meeting (*B14*)
- 6:15 p.m.** Missions Committee Meeting with  
Bonnie Spallinger (*B14*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Missionary Report/Bonnie Spallinger &  
Praise & Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
Afterglow (*CMC*)

**Please join us for a baptismal service** immediately following the morning combined worship service. The baptism will be at the Zimmerman Pond on Cool Road just south of Highway 30. Come and encourage those who are being baptized. Those being baptized are: Joe & Tina Alt, Amber Bewsey, Evania Bonifaz, Kyle Huber, John Shaw, Jené Sommers, and Andrea Spallinger. Pray this will be a meaningful and encouraging experience for each of them.

**Congratulations** to Jason & Kim (Hilty) Fritsch on the birth of their son, Adam Chad, on Thursday, June 26, weighing 6 lb. 7 oz.

**Congratulations** to Tyler & Elizabeth (High) Brodman who were united in marriage yesterday here at the church. Flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of their wedding day.

**Grade School to Miracle Camp**  
June 29-July 2 • Grades 2-4  
Leah Conley *Drivers: Joel & Jodi Conley*

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on June 22:

Contemporary Worship Service	(8:15 a.m.)	160
Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.)	285
Traditional Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.)	242
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	79

### Giving on June 22:

\$9,438.86

Benevolent Fund	200.00
Building Fund	440.00
Christian Education Fund	520.98
Current Expense Fund	4,822.88
Missions Fund	2,015.00
New Building Fund	1,440.00

**Missionaries of the Week:** *Michael & Maren Boehm* serve with *Midwest Church Planting* in *Kentucky*. They have started the Encounter Church (along with Kerris, Jr. & Krista Wright). Pray for them as they minister to the people of their church. They would like to see the people grow in their love for the Lord. Please send an encouraging email note to the Boehms at: theboehms@insightbb.com.

**Afterglow Tonight:** Bonnie Spallinger will be sharing in our Evening Fellowship Service at 7:00 followed by an Afterglow. Join us for a time of praise and worship led by our Worship Team and good fellowship. Snacks will be provided.

**Special Wednesday evening** prayer times will be continued through July 2 & 9, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please take the opportunity to join us so that we can keep the number of transitions and needs here at Ebenezer covered in prayer. *Call to me and I will answer You and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.* Jeremiah 33:3 - *Pastor Dick*

**Flowers for the Sanctuary:** Please sign your name on the Flower Calendar in the Missions Center if you would be interested in supplying an arrangement for our Sanctuary on August 10 & 17 and September 21 & 28.

## Opportunities of the Week: June 30 – July 6

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - Walking Program – Gym

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Founder's Day Committee Meeting (FH)
		VBS Committee Meeting (Library)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Prayer Time (FH)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	Contemporary Service (Sanctuary)
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Sunday School/ABF Classes (Classrooms)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Senior High (Grades 9-12, leave for Miracle Camp)
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Youth Missions Trip Report (Sanctuary)

Nursery workers for next Sunday,  
July 6

Janet Brauen, Bob & Patty Geiger, Melissa Hilty, Crystal  
Badertscher, Gail, Quinn, Madison, & Ariel Schantz, Hui Shen

**Recent Move:** Thelma Sharrock, Mennonite Memorial Home for rehabilitation.

**Questions?** The Pastors and Deacons invite you to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m. regarding the move to one unified worship service beginning on January 4, 2009. The meeting will be held in the Crossroads Ministry Center and will include a question-and-answer time.

**Founder's Day** is scheduled for Sunday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m. As we will celebrate our past, we look forward to what God would have for us in the future. There will be an emphasis that day on retiring the remaining construction loan on the Crossroads Ministry Center of \$200,000 on or before December 31, 2008. Tickets for the noon meal that day will be available beginning next Sunday, July 6. Please be sure to get your ticket so we can have a count of how many will attend. There will be no charge for the meal.

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Paul & Jean Reichenbach, *Sanctuary Foyer*

Tony & Joyce Gratz, *Missions Center*

Jeremy & Christina Lemley, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

**Summer Adult Softball League** begins Monday, July 7. Games are played on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. They will be held at the Village Park. The complete schedule will be in next week's Emissary. Players for Ebenezer include: Sam Brauen, Craig Burkholder, Jessica Epp, Jeremy & Ashley Fry, David & Mary Glick, Dan Gratz, Melissa Hilty, Greg Kidd, Aaron & Emily Koogler, Pastor Wade, Nick Roby, Josh & Heidi Steiner, Andrea Stockman, and Marc Zweibel. Mark your calendars to come support your EMC Softball Team!

**Just a reminder** to all Sunday School Scripture Memory Program Students – Promotion Sunday will be August 24, and your memory work will need to be completed before this date.

**10 MORE WEEKS UNTIL...**new Sunday School classes begin (August 31). Please pray that many hearts will be moved to volunteer to become teachers, teaching assistants, or substitute teachers. There are several openings in each of the areas. Think about volunteering your time and help for one of the positions. It would be truly appreciated. More information will follow in July. If you are interested please contact Joan Steiner 419-358-0486 or the church office.

**We wish to thank all** for your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement during the time Gerry had two hip surgeries and now as she recuperates in the Mennonite Memorial Home. A special thank you to Pastor Warren, Pastor Dick & Cheryl, and Kathy Brauen for their visits. – *Vinton & Geraldine Bucher*

**I would like to thank you** for your prayers, cards, and those who visited me. A special thanks to Pastor Warren and Kathy Brauen. – *Donna Steiner*

### The Choice Is Mine

(Verses taken from special music)

*If I would live, then I must die. And bid this fleeting world good-bye. Its treasures dear I must deny. The choice is mine. I'll walk by faith where I am led. It matters not what lies ahead. And if the path be crimson red, the choice is mine.*

*If I the King of heaven choose. If I the things of earth refuse. The best I gain, the worst I lose. The choice is mine. Because He gave His life for me. Because of love at Calvary. I take Him for eternity. The choice is mine.*