

MAKING KINGDOM DISCIPLES

TEACHING – REACHING – CARING

Sunday, August 24 Annual Promotion & Christian Education Appreciation Sunday

8:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

Speaker: * Rev. Dr. M. John Nissley

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Class Promotion and Recognition of memory work participants. (*Sanctuary*)

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

Speaker: * Rev. Dr. M. John Nissley

12:00 p.m. Lunch in the Crossroads Ministry Center provided by the C. E. Committee. Menu: roast beef, potatoes, corn, salad, & dessert. There will be no charge.

* Rev. Dr. M. John Nissley presently serves as the Academic Dean and Professor of Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Theology at Winebrenner Theological Seminary in Findlay.

Everyone is invited!

Please sign up for the lunch in the Missions Center or check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card so we will have a count on how many will attend.

Come and show your appreciation for our Teachers and Christian Education workers!

Volunteers are needed to serve and help clean up for Dinner Theatre. Please sign up at the tables in the Missions Center.

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

Aug. 31 Combined Worship Service (10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
Video - *Effective Stewardship: Wisdom on the Environment*
(7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)

Sept. 6&7, 13&14 Dinner Theatre/~~The Rubber Room~~ (6:00 p.m., CMC)

Sept. 7 Agape/Living Faith ABF Breakfast (9:30 a.m., CMC)
Communion Sunday (8:15 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Sept. 21 Children of the Light Concert (7:00 p.m., CMC)

Sept. 28 Gideon Presentation (8:15 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Oct. 11 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (7:30 a.m., FH)

Oct. 18 Women's Spa Night (7:00 p.m., CMC)

Oct. 26 Family Music Night (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)

Oct. 28 All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)

Nov. 9 ***Prayer Focus Sunday***

Nov. 16-23 Missions Conference – *A World Waiting for Jesus*

Nov. 30 Combined Worship Service (10:30 a.m., CMC)

Christmas Praise Night (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)

Dec. 6 Women's Christmas Tea (9:32 a.m., CMC)

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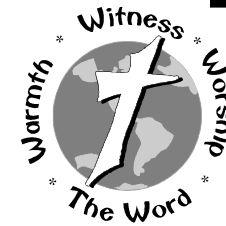
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**Emissary Weekly
August 17, 2008**

Opportunities of the Day

8:15 a.m. Worship Service – Pastor Jim (*Sanctuary*)

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Fellowship
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Pastor Jim (*Sanctuary*)
Children's Church (*3 & 4-years-old*)

5:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (*CMC*)

6:15 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting (*B14*)

7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
Senior High Students Meet (*Schoolhouse*)

8:00 p.m. Afterglow (*snacks will be provided, FH*)

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Jim & Esther Anderson. Their anniversary would have been Thursday, August 14. – *From their daughter Kathy Steiner*

Please return tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the Evening Fellowship Service. David & Marjory Patrick will share with us some of their ministry in South Africa working with TEAM. Snacks will be provided in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Our Sympathy to the family of Lois Rodabaugh. Lois, the mother of Dorthea, passed away on Wednesday, August 13. Services will be held this afternoon at 3:00 at the United Methodist Church, Bluffton.

Don't forget to pick up your Dinner Theatre tickets ***today*** in the Missions Center. ~~The Rubber Room~~ scheduled for September 6, 7, 13, & 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. The meal will include: pork loin, baked potato, green beans, relishes, rolls, & cheesecake. All tickets are \$10.00. ***A donation of \$1.00 per ticket will be given to the Bluffton Community Assistance Corp.*** Please be prepared to pay for your tickets when you pick them up.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on August 10:

Contemporary Worship Service	(8:15 a.m.)	206
Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.)	319
Traditional Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.)	203
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	87

Giving on August 10:

	\$13,451.73
Benevolent Fund	50.00
Building Fund	638.00
Christian Education Fund	281.73
Current Expense Fund	4,033.00
Missions Fund	2,674.00
New Building Fund	5,775.00

Missionaries of the Week: *Ed & Barb Friedman* serve with **TEAM**. Even though they live in the States they are assigned to visit missionaries in France, Italy, Ireland, Germany, Japan, and Nepal. They assist in the development of the Timothy Network in new ministry areas and mentor new Timothy Network couples. Please send a note of encouragement to the Friedmans at edbafriedman@verizon.net.

Congratulations to Joel & Krista Steiner on the birth of their son, Andrew Christopher, on Thursday, August 7, weighing 8 lb. 10 oz.

In Rehabilitation: Margaret Herr, Hilty Memorial Home.

Attention College Students: The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Please complete the information sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Missions Center or e-mail the church office with the name of your college, starting date, your mailing address, and college year to: info@ebenezymennonite.org. You may also fill out the appropriate information on the green EMC Communications card. Thanks so much!

Children's banks that were given out before Founder's Day may be brought to the Sunday School hour of Promotion Sunday on August 24. All money collected will go towards payment of the new building.

Opportunities of the Week: August 18-24

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

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
		Prayer Time (<i>FH</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>FH</i>)
		Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
		Ladies' Reading Fellowship (<i>Common Grounds</i>)
Sunday	8:15 & 10:30 a.m.	Christian Education Appreciation Sunday/Speaker Rev. Dr. M. John Nissley (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Class Promotion (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	12:00 p.m.	C.E. Appreciation Lunch (<i>CMC</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)

Nursery workers for next Sunday, August 24

Karla Burkholder, Jason & Kim Fritsch, Dave & Channan Garmatter, Cindy, Molly, Rachel Moser, Cheryl Potter

Just one more week left before Promotion Sunday: There are two Sunday School substitute teachers needed for grades 2 & 3 and two teaching assistants for the 5-year-old class. These assistants would work with three others on a one Sunday a month rotation. A special thanks to all who have volunteered. Please contact the church office at 419-358-8588 or Joan Steiner 419-358-0486 if you are willing to help.

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 day.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Bob & Dot Gratz, *Sanctuary Foyer*
 Jim & Nancy Spallinger, *Missions Center*
 Kevin & Melissa Hilty, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

Children's Church begins a new year Sunday, September 7. Teachers are needed for the 2-5 year old classes **all quarters**. Please consider teaching/helping at least one month this year. Indicate your interest on the green communication card in the bulletin or by contacting Deb Huber at 419-358-6100 or huberdeb@gmail.com.

Dear Ebenezer Family: I just wanted to update you on how my summer at Echo Ranch Bible Camp went. It was truly a summer of growth for me as I have never felt so drawn to God in my life. Every day I heard or experienced God's touch and that is one of the most amazing experiences/feelings ever. Challenges were overcome and campers came to Christ with open hearts! I led my first person to Christ earlier this summer when I counseled at horse camp and I've been so blessed to get to know these kids and share God's love. Although Alaska is a dangerous place God was watching over us keeping us safe. Thank you so much for your support and prayers! I can't wait to share more about my God experiences when I get home. – *Always, Kathy Spallinger Romans 8:31*

Dear Friends at Ebenezer: Warm greetings from the South. As we are preparing to go to Liberia in September we want to take the time to thank you again for blessing us in so many ways. Your prayers as well as your generous financial support mean so much to us. You are a vital part of our team and we want to thank you for standing with us. We were excited as we saw God answer prayer during our last six months in Liberia. The Lord changed hearts and situations that only He could do. We know that we will be challenged during this term as the SIM team there is growing and rebuilding after the war. Would you pray with us for daily wisdom that we would be sensitive to the needs of the growing team, especially to new people on the team, for good health, and that we would grow in our own spiritual lives. We will miss not being here when your team comes in February. That is always a highlight for us. Thank you again for your partnership. Rejoicing in God's faithfulness! – *Les & Verla Unruh*

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 September 28 and October 5, 19, 26.