

## ***Ebenezer Mennonite Church Staff***

Pastor Dick Potter, Senior Pastor  
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Pastor Wade Slechter, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Rev. Charles Warren, Pastor Emeritus  
Kathy Brauen, Visitation Coordinator/Administrative Assistant  
Deb Hilty, Secretary

**Looking Ahead:** On Sunday, November 2, at our 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. worship services we will have a special time of Community Baby Dedication. Anyone interested please call the church office at 419-358-8588.

**Inspiring Story:** If you were in high school in the late 1950s, you may remember a young man by the name of Bernard Windmiller who reportedly assisted in several ministries at Ebenezer. He went on to become a Reserve Army Chaplain and served in the Vietnam Conflict during 1966. While there, he risked life and limb to rescue a soldier wounded and lying in a rice paddy amid continuing bursts of fire from the Viet Cong. Rev. Windmiller eventually received a Bronze Star for his heroics. Feel free to pick up a copy of this inspiring story including pictures and much more detail from the Prayer Table in the Missions Center.

## ► **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES** ◀

- 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. 2** Communion Service & Community Baby Dedication  
(8:15 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)  
**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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### ***Opportunities of the Day***

### **Annual Promotion & Christian Education Appreciation Sunday**

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship Service – Rev. Dr. M. John Nissley  
(Sanctuary)  
**9:30 a.m.** CE Promotion Service (Sanctuary)  
**10:30 a.m.** Worship Service – Rev. Dr. M. John Nissley  
(Sanctuary)  
**12:00 p.m.** C.E. Appreciation Lunch (CMC)  
**5:00 p.m.** Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)  
**7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)  
Senior High Students Meet (Schoolhouse)

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are given in thankfulness for the many Christian Education volunteers. May God guide and bless them as they begin this new year of serving. They are also in honor of Bill & Joan Steiner's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today.

**A special welcome** to our speaker this morning, Rev. Dr. M. John Nissley. Rev. Nissley presently serves as the Academic Dean and Professor of Spiritual Formation & Pastoral Theology at Winebrenner Theological Seminary in Findlay.

**Congratulations** to Ken & Staci (Wright) Miller who were united in marriage yesterday at the Forest Park United Methodist Church in Lima.

**Scheduled Procedure:** John Gladwell, Wednesday, August 27, at St. Rita's Medical Center.

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on August 17:

Contemporary Worship Service	(8:15 a.m.)	164
Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.)	303
Traditional Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.)	225
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	74

### Giving on August 17:

\$13,485.66

Building Fund	375.00
Christian Education Fund	346.92
Current Expense Fund	4,748.74
Missions Fund	2,105.00
New Building Fund	5,910.00

**Missionaries of the Week:** *Bryan & Felicia Friesen* served in the **Philippines** for 17 years with **SEND International**. They ministered as church planters, area director, counseling, and working with Short Term Ministries. They now serve with JAARS (one of the three main US centers where Wycliffe members work). Bryan will keep on training new missionaries and working with veteran missionaries. Felicia will continue counseling missionaries as they minister in many corners of the globe. Please remember to send a note of encouragement to the Friesens at [bwfriesen@earthlink.net](mailto:bwfriesen@earthlink.net).

**Pick up your Dinner Theatre tickets** today in the Missions Center. ~~The Rubber Room~~ is 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.

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

## Opportunities of the Week: August 25-31

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time <i>(FH)</i>
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i>
		Power of Prayer <i>(FH)</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i>
		Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting <i>(FH)</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & ABF <i>(Various Classrooms)</i>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Combined Worship Service <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	College Students' Meal <i>(FH)</i>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Video - <i>Effective Stewardship: Wisdom on the Environment</i> <i>(Sanctuary)</i>

### Nursery workers for next Sunday, August 31

Jeff & Jaime Combs, Randy & Christy Garmatter,  
Joy & Alexis Moser, Renea Zimmerman

**When God's People Pray:** Join us in the Fellowship Hall beginning Wednesday night at 7:00 as we begin a series on the transforming power of prayer. Each week's session will include a look at what the scriptures have to say on prayer, an inspirational challenge from Jim Cymbala of the Brooklyn Tabernacle (via DVD), discussion, and a time of prayer. Contact Pastor Dick Potter for more information at 419-358-8588.

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Dave & Kathy Brauen, *Sanctuary Foyer*  
Marvin & Gloria Diller, *Missions Center*  
Richard & Gera Bixel, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

**Congratulations** to our coed softball team on their successful season! A good time was had by all, and, as far as we know, no one got hurt! The team received the silver medal after falling to the English Lutheran team in the tournament gold medal round on August 13.

**Children's Church** begins a new year Sunday, September 7. Teachers are needed for the 2-5 year old classes for **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](mailto:huberdeb@gmail.com).

**Singles of all ages:** You are invited to attend a Bible Study and Fellowship on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 11, at Jim & Nancy Diller's home at 280 Riley Street in Bluffton. Please call 419-358-0978 if you need any further information or have any questions.

**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](mailto:info@ebenezymennonite.org). You may also fill out the appropriate information on the green EMC Communications card. Thanks so much!

**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.

**To Ebenezer friends and family:** My heartfelt thanks for all the prayers and love I received from so many of you regarding my recent procedure. After two months with no answers I praise God for doctors who immediately diagnosed and worked to correct my illness. Your continued prayers will be appreciated as I will need another procedure in October to complete the second step in this process. Because God is the great physician we must truly give him the glory for the good things he has done. - *Carole J. Kelley*