

Fall Festival: The Mennonite Memorial Home will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. As part of the festival, the Women's Service Group will be holding a Bake Sale. Would you be willing to donate a baked good to this worthy cause? All proceeds from the sale are directed to items purchased for the residents and staff of MMH. Baked goods marked with MMH may be brought to the church kitchen by Friday, September 26, by 9:00 a.m. or you may take your items directly to MMH. Thank you for your contribution!

Cherub Choir will begin Sunday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 105. Any child 2-years-old through kindergarten is welcome to come. Any questions please contact Janet Brauen (419) 358-0495 or janetbrauen@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast & Trap Shoot: Plan now to attend and bring a friend to our second annual breakfast & trap shoot on Saturday, October 11, at 7:30 a.m. We will meet for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The trap shoot will be located outside the church. Tim Gibson will be sharing how an extension ladder that came through the windshield of his semi-tractor changed his life. Bring your shot gun and shells. If you don't have a shot gun someone will let you use theirs or just stay and watch the fun! Please sign up in the Missions Center on the Bulletin Board or you may check the appropriate box on the green EMC communications card. Contact Tim Diller for more information at 419-646-3682.

Ramadan 30 Days of Prayer: The spiritual battle over the souls of the lost is very real. It seems harder and harder to be able to communicate the Gospel effectively today. What we need is to pray for the doors to open again. We have found a tool to help us pray. It will focus us, and Christians from all over the world, to pray strategically during Ramadan, the holy month for Muslims. So, during Ramadan 2008, September 1-30, please pray and get others praying with you. The battle is a serious one, but it is already won in heaven through Jesus' shed blood. Let us pray with rejoicing of our salvation, yet with a very urgent sense for all who are lost. Get your own booklet, get on the email list, or read the prayer guides online during Ramadan. It's all at: 30-Days of Prayer for the Muslim World <http://www.30-days.net>. For more information, contact Rosie Good at 419-358-0384.

Volleyball Sign Up: Interested in playing some volleyball? We are trying to put together a volleyball team to play in the BFR recreation league. Games are Tuesday and Thursday nights September 30th – October 30th (Single Elimination Tournament November 4th - 13th to follow the season.) If interested please contact Wade Slechter at 419-358-8588 or check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card.

Dedication to the Lord: 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.

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Sept. 22** Wild Game Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., FH)
- Sept. 28** Gideon Presentation (8:15 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
- Oct. 1** Supper & Kick-off for Children's Ministry (6:00 p.m., Bill Steiner's home)
- Oct. 4** Ambassadors ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Oct. 5** Cherub Choir Begins (7:00 p.m., 105)
- Oct. 8** Wednesday Night Children's Ministry Begins (7:00 p.m.)
- Oct. 10-12** SpringHill Women's Fall Retreat (Evert, MI)
- Oct. 11** Men's Breakfast & Trap Shoot (7:30 a.m., meet in FH)
- Oct. 18** Women's Spa Night (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- Oct. 26** Family Music Night (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Oct. 27** Evening Sew (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- Oct. 28** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- Nov. 1** Berean ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- 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)
Maranatha ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)



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Emissary Weekly

September 14, 2008

Opportunities of the Day

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastor Dick (*Sanctuary*)
- 9:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastor Dick (*Sanctuary*)
Children's Church (*2-years-old through grade 3*)
- 11:30 a.m.** Youth Leaders' Meeting (*Schoolhouse*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Dinner Theatre/~~The Rubber Room~~ (*CMC*)

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Bob & Denise Thompson on Tuesday, September 16th. – *With love, Kaitlin and Mom & Dad*

Youth Leaders' Meeting: Attention small group leaders and anyone interested in leading a High School or Junior High small group, there will be a meeting in the schoolhouse today after the second worship service. Food will be provided. Please contact Pastor Wade with questions.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall this Wednesday night at 7:00 as we continue a series on the transforming power of prayer. This week's session is on *The Word of God and Prayer*. Please contact Pastor Dick Potter for more information at 419-358-8588.

Missionaries of the Week: David & Mary Glick live in Bluffton and David serves with **Youth for Christ** in the Pandora/Bluffton area. David is excited to see how God is going to use him this school year. Please pray for these teens. It is amazing to see how God is going to work in the lives of our youth now and in the coming year. You may send an e-mail note to the Glicks at dwglick@juno.com.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on September 6:

Dinner Theatre (6:00 p.m.) 235

Attendance on September 7:

Contemporary Worship Service (8:15 a.m.) 198

Sunday School & ABF (9:30 a.m.) 396

Traditional Worship Service (10:30 a.m.) 236

Dinner Theatre (6:00 p.m.) 276

Giving on September 7:

\$19,745.30

Benevolent Fund 332.00

Building Fund 633.00

Christian Education Fund 393.35

Current Expense Fund 9,570.00

Missions Fund 5,605.00

New Building Fund 3,211.95

White Christmas Gifts for Ebenezer member missionaries.

Total \$2,347.01

\$161.86 to Michael Boehms

\$161.86 to Dale Seefeldts

\$202.33 to Laverne Busenitz'

\$161.86 to Rick Shaners

\$323.75 to Paul Dillers

\$80.93 to Linda Sommer

\$161.86 to Tim Gallants

\$80.93 to Bonnie Spallinger

\$161.86 to David Glicks

\$242.79 to Phillip Steiners

\$161.86 to Don Leaders

\$283.26 to Kerris Wrights, Jr.

\$161.86 to Lyn Loewens

The Adult Choir will begin weekly rehearsals starting on Wednesday, September 17, from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Anyone high school age and older who has a desire to honor the Lord and minister to the church through singing is welcome to join us. Please feel free to give choir a try and enjoy the musical and Christian fellowship that is experienced during this time. Hope to see you there! - *Thanks, Brent Zimmerman*

All those involved in the Wednesday Night Children's Ministry please mark your calendars for **Sunday, Sept. 21, at 4:30 p.m.** for our orientation/training time in Room B17.

Children of the Light is a musical ministry of Findlay Area Youth for Christ, Inc. Whether they are singing gospel, folk, and choral anthems or sharing in an informal atmosphere, they demonstrate the freshness of a life committed to Jesus. **Children of the Light** will be in concert here Sunday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

Opportunities of the Week: September 15-21

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

Tuesday 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH)

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)

6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

Power of Prayer (FH)

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting (FH)

Singles' Bible Study (at Jim Diller's home)

Sunday 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Children's Workers Training (B17)

6:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (115)

7:00 p.m. **Children of the Light Concert** (CMC)

Junior & Senior High Small Groups Begin

Nursery workers for next Sunday, September 21

Jessica Amstutz, Bob & Patty Geiger, Donita Luginbill,
Joy & Alexis Moser

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry begins at the church October 8, at 7:00 p.m. There are classes for children from age 2 - grade 6. Be sure to bring a friend with you as we have fun learning about God's Word. **Parents and children** are invited on October 1, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for the season kick off at Bill & Joan Steiner's home (8161 Columbus Grove Road). A light supper will be provided. For details refer to the flyer on the registration table in the Missions Center. Please stop by the registration table today to register your children and if you plan to attend the kick off please sign up so we know how many to plan for the supper.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Dave & Lora Basinger, *Sanctuary Foyer*

Chuck & Saun Niswander, *Missions Center*

Don & Vicki Kirkendall, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

Men's Small Group Bible Study is starting up Wednesday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 115 and running in conjunction with the Wednesday Night Children's Ministry. For more information call Don Dawson at 419-236-8427 or Steve Reigle at 419-384-3260.

Hospice Volunteers: Bridge Hospice, a non-profit organization, is offering training courses for prospective volunteers 6-9 p.m. on Mondays from September 22 through November 3. Classes will be held at Birchaven Retirement Village located just off S. R. 224 East (east of Findlay). The courses will cover topics such as the basic principles of hospice, understanding the special needs of patients and their families, effective communication, patient care, pain and symptom management, spiritual care giving, and understanding grief and loss. For more information, call Julie Tiell, Bridge Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 419-423-5351. Please contact the church office at 419-358-8588 if you would be interested in carpooling.

The trustees are taking bids for snow removal for the upcoming season. Turn in your bids to the church office.

Local Prayer Event: A training conference for men and women to help us unlock the door to spiritual freedom through strategic prayer is scheduled for September 26-27 at Shawnee Alliance Church. Christine Wyrzten will be teaching us how to construct a personalized prayer map for someone for whom we've been praying for years. Other topics include: *You're a Child of Promise, Who Is My Enemy, Battlegrounds & War Tactics, and Forgiveness*. Cost for the conference is \$45 which includes meals and snacks. For more information, pick up a brochure from the Prayer Table in the Missions Center or speak with Carol Bixel (419-358-8151) or Kathy Brauen (419-358-8588).

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 October 5 & 19 and November 2, 9, & 30.

Church Around The World: The monthly newsletter about how God is moving worldwide is located on the table in the Sanctuary Foyer for those who would like to pick up a copy.