

**Ladies' Reading Fellowship:** We will meet on Thursday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 104 to discuss the book, *Welcome to the Funny Farm*. Please contact Angela Steiner at 419-643-8260 if you would like a copy of the book. The author is Karen Scals Linamen.

**Ramadan:** Today, there are several million Muslims and more than 13,000 mosques in North America. During Ramadan (September 1-30) and now that Muslims are becoming our neighbors, how do we talk to them about Christ? What do Muslims think about Jesus? Which beliefs do we share in common with Muslims and where do we differ from them? Do we worship the same God they worship? Is the Father of Jesus the God of Muhammad? Dr. Timothy George, noted theologian and an executive editor of *Christianity Today* tackles these hard questions in his book, *Is the Father of Jesus the God of Muhammad?* The book avoids the angry condemnation of all Muslims on the one hand, or a compromising of Christian truth-claims on the other. Muslim views are stated fairly and objectively from Muslim scholars.

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## ► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- 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. 6** Nominating Com. Meeting (7:00 p.m., Chuck Niswander's home)
- Oct. 8** Wednesday Night Children's Ministry Begins (7:00 p.m.)
- Oct. 10-12** SpringHill Women's Fall Retreat (Ewart, MI)
- Oct. 11** Men's Breakfast & Trap Shoot (7:30 a.m., meet in FH)
- Oct. 12** Home Teacher Training (5:30-8:00 p.m., CMC)
- Oct. 16** Ladies' Reading Fellowship (7:00 p.m., 104)
- Oct. 18** Women's Spa Night (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- Oct. 19** Teacher Training/**Sunday School Done Right** (6:00-7:30 p.m., FH, Sessions 1&2)
- Oct. 26** Teacher Training/**Sunday School Done Right** (6:00-7:30 p.m., FH, Sessions 3&4)
- 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)
- Teacher Training/**Sunday School Done Right** (6:00-7:30 p.m., FH, Sessions 5&6)
- 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)



***Ebenezer***  
Emissary Weekly  
September 21, 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, 106*)
- 4:30 p.m.** Wednesday Children 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 Meet

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are in appreciation to Kevin and Mary Gratz for your hard work and time invested in this year's dinner theatre, *The Rubber Room*. Our church family is so blessed by your faithful ministry and God-given talents.

**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. Please return tonight at 7:00 to hear them in concert in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

**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 *Why Prayer Matters*.

**Missionaries of the Week: Duane & Millie Gow** live in Cary, NC. Millie works at **Trans World Radio** where she serves as receptionist and switchboard operator. Duane continues his ministry of driving the van for the Glendale Retirement Center in Cary. They are thankful that God has allowed them to have a small part in the great ministry of TWR. They are thankful that we have been partners with them. Please send an e-mail note of encouragement to the Gows at duanegow@aol.com.

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on September 13:

Dinner Theatre (6:00 p.m.) 281

### Attendance on September 14:

Contemporary Worship Service (8:15 a.m.) 177

Sunday School & ABF (9:30 a.m.) 336

Traditional Worship Service (10:30 a.m.) 207

Dinner Theatre (6:00 p.m.) 291

### Giving on September 14:

\$17,760.20

Benevolent Fund 5.00

Building Fund 280.00

Christian Education Fund 396.87

Current Expense Fund 10,718.33

Missions Fund 3,520.00

New Building Fund 2,840.00

**Attention all those involved** in the Wednesday Night Children's Ministry. An orientation/training time will be in Room B17 today at 4:30 p.m.

**Wild Game Committee meeting** will be tomorrow night at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

**New Addresses:** Two members of our church family have recently moved to the Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 W. Elm Street, Bluffton. Gertrude Porter is in Room 214 and Thelma Sharrock Room 103.

**See You at the Pole** is a student-initiated, student organized, and student-led event. That means this is all about students meeting at their school flagpole to pray - for their school, friends teachers, government, and their nation. **SYATP** is not a demonstration, political rally, nor a stand for or against anything. **SYATP** is scheduled annually on the fourth Wednesday in September, which is September 24, at 7:00 a.m.

**Attention Adult Bible Fellowship Classes:** Please elect/choose your officers or representatives for this coming year within the next couple weeks. A meeting of class officers and representatives is being planned for later this fall to help facilitate some of the changes in store for January 2009. Remember, ABF officers and leaders will help create an atmosphere where discipleship training can happen! Please let the church office or Kathy Steiner know who your next year's officers will be.

## Opportunities of the Week: September 22-28

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

**Monday 7:00 p.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting (FH)

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

**7:00 p.m.** Worship Planning Meeting (CMC)

**Wednesday 7:00 a.m.** Junior & Senior High Students –

**See You at the Pole** (High School Flag Pole)

**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.** Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (FH)

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

**Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.** Gideon Presentation (Sanctuary)

### Nursery workers for next Sunday, September 28

Andy & Natalie Armstrong, Ron & Sue Epp,  
Jason & Kim Fritsch, Bev Stockman

**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.

**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

Richard & Gera Bixel, *Sanctuary Foyer*

Keith & Alice Bates, *Missions Center*

Kevin & Gina Burkholder, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

**The trustees** are taking bids for snow removal for the upcoming season. Please turn in your bids to the church office before Sunday, October 5.

**Fall Festival:** The Mennonite Memorial Home will hold its annual Fall Festival next 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!

**Transport for Christ Chapel Dedication:** You all are invited Sunday, October 5, from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for music and fellowship for the chapel dedication at the Pilot Travel Center (I-75, Exit 135 & US 30 North, Beaverdam). Please bring your own lawn chair. If you want more information contact Wayne or Lynne Dunlap at 419-792-1917.

**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.

**Dear Church Family:** A special thank to all of you who have prayed for me. I also appreciate so much the prayers and visits from Pastor Dick, Pastor Warren, and Kathy Brauen. – *Thelma Sharrock*

**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.