

Take me Away! ...and ye shall find rest unto your souls Matthew 11:29. Ladies come join us for the annual spa night on Saturday, October 18, from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Enjoy eight spa stations prepared especially for your relaxation! This year we have the opportunity for two ladies to have a complete make-over. If you are interested in participating please place your name on the list in the Missions Center. A drawing will be done to choose the two participants. Pamper yourself, fellowship with friends, and take time for reflection on God's love. A massage therapist will be available, by appointment, to give you a 10-minute chair massage or a foot massage for \$5. (These are optional, but must be prepaid.) Sign-ups for the massages will begin in the Missions Center next Sunday, October 5. All other spa stations are free! You may also check the appropriate box on your EMC communications card.

Could we please borrow your foot massage\bath for Saturday, October 18? If you are willing to share yours please put your name on it and place it on the counter in the sewing room (Room 115). Thank you so much in advance!!!

www.ebenzermennonite.org: Check out Ebenezer's new web site. You will find under Adult Bible Fellowship Resources helpful scriptures to read and a few questions to think about to help prepare you for each Sunday's lesson.

Attention Hunters: The Wild Game Committee is in need of your *game* that you have harvested (especially venison). The meat will be used for the 2009 Wild Game Event. Contact Gary Lugibihl at 419-235-9416 or Joe Alt at 419-234-1247 with your meat donations. Thank you and good luck hunting!

Ramadan: The last ten days of Ramadan are considered highly blessed by Muslims, especially the 27th night which is also called the 'Night of Power' or the 'Night of Destiny.' It is believed that on this night the prophet Muhammad received the first revelation of the Qur'an. After 30 days of fasting, the end of the month of Ramadan is observed with a day of celebration. On this day, Muslims gather in one place to offer a prayer of thanks. It is traditional to wear new clothes, visit friends and relatives, exchange gifts, eat delicious dishes prepared for this occasion and wait patiently for the next year. As Ramadan ends on September 30, let us keep this group of people in our prayers that they will be open to experiencing the one true God, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Ebenezer Mennonite Church: Thank you all for your support and prayers during my pregnancy and Kolton's arrival. Thank you to Pastor Warren, Pastor Dick, and Kathy for all your kind words and for the CD. - *Sincerely, Shawn, Nancy, Shane, & Kolton Stratton*

Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods to the Mennonite Memorial Home Women's Service Group Fall Festival bake sale held yesterday. The bake sale was a success because of your generosity.

Thank you for the early Christmas present. We are blessed to have your partnership with us in this ministry. Thank you for your continued support in finances, prayers, and volunteering with Youth for Christ. It is our privilege to serve with you. - *Don & Ann Leader*

A special thank you: I want to thank all of you at Ebenezer for the prayers and cards sent during my recent surgery. - *Carol Daniels*

Dear Ebenezer Family: I would like to say a big thank you to all of you who have prayed for my family and me during my surgery and recovery period. We appreciated the visits at the hospital, the numerous cards, and the scrumptious meals. God bless always! - *Marti Meza*

▶ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- 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 (Evert, 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** Leadership/Teacher Training/**Sunday School Done Right**
(6:00-7:30 p.m., FH, Sessions 1&2)
- Oct. 20** Wild Game Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., FH)
- Oct. 26** Leadership/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)



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Emissary Weekly

September 28, 2008

Opportunities of the Day

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastor Dick (*Sanctuary*)
Gideon Presentation – Gerald Glick
- 9:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastor Dick (*Sanctuary*)
Gideon Presentation – Gerald Glick
Children's Church (*2-years-old through grade 3, 106*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups Meet

Flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of Mandy Schneck on her birthday Tuesday, September 30. - *Love, Mom & Denny*

A special welcome to Gerald Glick from Arlington. He is visiting with us this morning to present a Gideon Bible update. An offering for Bibles will be taken at the door following both the morning services.

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 *Creating a Prayer Ministry in Your Church*.

Missionaries of the Week: Chuck & Anita Howard are entering their 40th year of ministry with HCJB Global and are serving in Quito, Ecuador. Classes began at the Alliance Academy International on August 28. They are trusting the Lord for a fruitful year of teaching and ministry with their multi-cultural student body. Following their home ministry assignment this summer they are excited to be back in the fellowship and challenge of working with their local Spanish Church, the Light of the Valley Bible Church (Iglesia Biblica Luz del Valle). Please send an e-mail note of encouragement to the Howards at choward@hcjb.org.ec.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on September 21:

Contemporary Worship Service	(8:15 a.m.)	189
Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.)	377
Traditional Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.)	216
Children of the Light Concert	(7:00 p.m.)	169

Giving on September 21:

	\$11,471.60
Building Fund	68.00
Christian Education Fund	553.60
Current Expense Fund	4,448.00
Missions Fund	1,794.00
New Building Fund	4,229.00
Children of the Light Concert Offering	379.00

Praying4America: Stop by the Prayer Table in the Missions Center and pick up a *Prayer Map of America* to help us focus our prayers for our nation and community during the thirty days beginning on October 6 and leading up to Election Day on November 4. There are two prayer requests for each of the thirty days as we pray across America, taking just a few minutes but potentially making a huge impact. The unified effect of believers praying can *awaken* our nation, *renew* our church, and *spiritually transform* our lives.

All ABF Classes need to elect/choose your officers or representatives for this coming year. Please let the church office or Kathy Steiner know who your next year's officers will be.

It's a bestseller that bookstores can't keep on the shelf. It's helped thousands and created controversy for others. Join Jim & Pat King for a journey through *The Shack*. With *The Shack* in one hand and the Bible in the other, we'll take nine Wednesdays to explore *where tragedy confronts eternity*. We'll start Wednesday, October 8, at Jim & Pat's home at 152 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton. Time frame will be 7:05-8:10 p.m. Contact Jim at 419-296-0885 or jim.king@ebenezermennonite.org or on Facebook. You'll need a copy of the book and a Bible. Please invite your friends.

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

Opportunities of the Week: September 29-October 5

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

Monday	7:00 p.m.	MOPS Bible Study (118)
Tuesday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (FH)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry Kick-off <i>(at Bill & Joan Steiner's home)</i>
	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.	Singles' Bible Study <i>(at Jim Diller's home)</i>
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Ambassadors ABF Class <i>(Lima Rescue Home)</i>
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	College Student Meal (FH)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (B14)
	7:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsals Begin (105)

Nursery workers for next Sunday, October 5

Crystal Badertscher, Lynette & Amber Bewsey, Janet Brauen,
Arlene Garmatter, Melissa Hilty,
Gail, Quinn, Madison, & Ariel Schantz

Prayer Group: You are invited to join together for a time of reflection and prayer at 7:00 p.m. in Room 114 each Wednesday beginning October 8. As we did this summer on Wednesday evenings, we will pray for personal requests, for specific areas of church ministry (different each week) and for our community and world outreach. This gathering will be led by the Prayer Action Team and is open to everyone.

Ladies' Bible Study: Beginning October 8, on Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in Room B17 we will continue our Bible Study by Beth Moore, *Wising Up, Wherever Life Happens*, words of wisdom from the Book of Proverbs, wisdom for all areas of your life: relationships, family, money, work, and more.

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.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Tim & Bev Stockman, *Sanctuary Foyer*
Dennis & Pat Bassett, *Missions Center*
Bart & Joy Moser, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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. **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.

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

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.

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.

There's no place like home: On Sunday, October 12, 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center we'll look at ways we can create community in a culture that has lost its place. From *My Heart – Christ's Home* to *Making People Feel at Home* we'll look at how we can better reach, teach, and care. Please make plans to join us at *Home*. Anyone high school age and older is invited to come *Home*. This will take the place of the evening service. Please contact Pastor Jim for more information.