

**Ladies' Reading Fellowship** will meet again on Thursday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. at Kathy Steiner's home. The book we are reading is *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers. Spellbinding, unforgettable characters, and powerful work of fiction are some words used to describe this book. It is a powerful retelling of the book of Hosea and is a life-changing story of God's unconditional, redemptive, all-consuming love. To order your copy of the book please call Angela Steiner at 419-643-8260 or e-mail her at angelasteiner@embarqmail.com.

**During the Missions Conference** there will be three potluck lunches planned for the various Adult Bible Fellowship classes with our missionaries as guests: Sunday, November 16, at noon – Living Faith, Agape, and Potters Clay, Friday, November 21, at noon – Ambassador Class, Sunday, November 23, at noon – Berean, Maranatha, and Genesis. If you cannot participate when your class is scheduled feel free to join a group of classes that is convenient for you.

**Missions Conference Dinner:** On Friday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center a catered dinner is planned and all are invited. Tickets will be available in the Missions Center for the next two Sundays for anyone 10 years old through adult. We will also need to know those who will be attending that are younger than 10 years old. The tickets are free, but a donation will be accepted that evening.

**Girls, teens, & ladies** join us for a **Refreshment Hour** with our missionary ladies Saturday, November 22, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Bring a friend as we all enjoy our time together interacting and hearing from our missionary ladies. So we know how many to plan for please check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communication Card or sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center.

**Breakfast Sign-up:** Men please plan now to attend the Missions Conference breakfast on Saturday, November 22, at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest missionaries are Paul Windsor and Rod Kraybill. Please check the box on the EMC Communications Card or sign up on the Missions Center bulletin board.

**Weekday Christian Education (WCE)** is a program of Christian instruction conducted and financed by cooperating churches of the Bluffton community and carried on with the cooperation of Bluffton schools. Classes are held at the First Mennonite Church once a week for students in grades 1-7. Volunteers are needed to escort the various classes to and from the school and church. If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact Karla Burkholder at 419-358-9415. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**The Sewing Committee** wants to thank all the ladies and girls who participated in the All Day Sew. We have completed eight queen and four single comforters to be displayed in the Sharing Room so our missionaries can receive them when they visit our church. Also eight lap robes were finished to add to the other lap robes in the sewing closet which will be used for a mission project in the future. May our Lord bless you for your willingness and time you have dedicated to this ministry. This is a big project and it takes many people to create these comforters. We will have another All Day Sew in March to complete more beautiful comforters for our missionaries and any special projects. It is a true blessing from our Lord when we work together and give of our time, talents, encouragement, and love to others in the name of Jesus.

**We want to thank** the Ebenezer Mennonite Church family so much for your words of affirmation, cards of encouragement, *goodies*, and gifts on behalf of the Pastoral staff over this past month of the Pastor's Appreciation Month. It is a delight to serve with you in furthering God's kingdom. May the Lord richly bless you all. - *Pastors Dick, Jim, Wade, and Warren*

### ► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Nov. 9-16** **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox** Collection Dates
- Nov. 16-23** Missions Conference – *A World Waiting for Jesus*
- Nov. 22** Women's Missionary Breakfast (10:00 a.m., CMC)
- Nov. 30** Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (9:30 a.m.)  
Combined Worship Service (10:30 a.m. CMC)  
*No 8:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service*  
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)
- Dec. 7** *Messiah* at BU (4:00 p.m., no Evening Fellowship Service)
- Dec. 21** Combined Christmas Service (10:00 a.m., CMC)  
Children's Christmas Program (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service (6:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Dec. 28** No Evening Fellowship Service



# Ebenezer

## Emissary Weekly

### November 2, 2008

### Opportunities of the Day

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship & Communion Service –  
Pastor Dick (*Sanctuary*)  
*Dedication to the Lord - Eli Benjamin Lehman*
- 9:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship & Communion Service –  
Pastor Dick (*Sanctuary*)  
Children's Church (*2-years-old through grade 3, 106*)  
*Dedication to the Lord - Adam Chad Fritsch*
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (*B14*)
- 5:30 p.m.** Leadership/Teacher Training **SSDR** (*FH*)
- 6:45 p.m.** Cherub Choir Meet (*2 yrs.-K, Room 105*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service –  
Neil Bittle, speaker (*Sanctuary*)  
Children's Choir (*Grades 1-6, Rooms 118 & 119*)  
Junior & Senior High School Small Groups
- 8:15 p.m.** Missions Committee Meeting (*B14*)

**Benevolence:** In conjunction with this morning's communion services, a benevolent offering will be taken by the ushers following both worship services.

**A special welcome** to Neil & Meredith Bittle, MAF Canada, our missionaries are here visiting with us. They will be sharing during the Evening Fellowship Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Please notice** that the Senior High guys' small group will not be meeting tonight. – *Pastor Wade*

**Cherub Choir** will meet tonight at 6:45 p.m. We will sing during the Evening Fellowship Service.

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on October 26:

Contemporary Worship Service	(8:15 a.m.)	199
Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.)	332
Traditional Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.)	195
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	115

### Giving on October 26:

\$21,417.81

Benevolent Fund	160.00
Building Fund	180.00
Christian Education Fund	427.83
Current Expense Fund	9,589.98
Missions Fund	4,470.00
New Building Fund	6,590.00

**Missionaries of the Week - Don & Ann Leader.** Don is the Executive Director of the Findlay Area Youth for Christ. On August 1<sup>st</sup> Ann joined the Pandora/Bluffton YFC. They plan to travel with a Youth for Christ group to France for a work project November 22 - December 2. Please send an e-mail note to encourage them at leaderdyfc@juno.com.

**Sunday School Done Right:** This training tonight is for all members of Ebenezer, especially for those of you who are in, or plan to be in, any leadership position, i.e. teachers, class officers, and committee members. Come learn the six-step leadership strategy for using our Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship hour as a time to **Reach, Teach, and Minister**, or **Care**, for people, starting tonight at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Please purchase a hat, gloves, scarves, or mittens** for Our Daily Bread in Lima. These items may be for a child, an adult, or can be handmade. Please place items on the table in the Missions Center now through next Sunday, November 9.

**Prayer Group:** Join us on at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday in Room 114 for another time of scripture meditation, praise, prayer requests, and prayer. This week's special emphasis will be *praying for the details of Prayer Focus Sunday scheduled for November 9*. This prayer gathering is led by the Prayer Action Team and is open to everyone.

## Opportunities of the Week: November 3-9

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

- Tuesday 6:15 a.m.** Men's Bible Study (FH)  
**7:00 p.m.** Missions Committee Meeting (B14)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (FH)  
**6:00 p.m.** Wednesday Night Supper (CMC)  
**6:30 p.m.** Worship Team Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
**7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)  
 Adult Bible Study & Prayer (112)  
 Children's Ministry (ages 2-grade 6)  
 Ladies' Bible Study (B17)  
 Men's Bible Study (115)  
 Prayer Group Meet (114)  
 Small Group Meet (Pastor Jim's home)
- Thursday 7:00 p.m.** Singles' Bible Study (at Jim Diller's home)
- Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Prayer Focus Sunday**  
 Dan Wolgemuth, Speaker (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m.** ABF Elective Classes  
 (Dan Wolgemuth in Sanctuary/Dirk Case in CMC)
- 12:00 p.m.** College Students' Meal (CMC)
- 5:30 p.m.** Light Supper (CMC, please bring a dessert to share)
- 6:00 p.m.** Evening Service/Dirk Case, Speaker (CMC)  
 Cherub Choir Rehearsal (105)
- 6:45 p.m.** Prayer Time (CMC)

### Nursery workers for next Sunday, November 9

Susan & DeAnna Bixel, Leah Eiden, Manny & Marti Meza,  
 Joy & Alexis Moser, Renea Zimmerman

**Meals and Lodging** are needed for Missions Conference, November 16-23. Please sign the sheets on the bulletin board in the Missions Center to host or provide a meal for our missionary friends. You may also check the appropriate box on the back of the EMC Communications Card.

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Bob & Dot Gratz, Sanctuary Foyer  
 Mike & Kathy Biery, Missions Center  
 Mike & Bev Powell, Crossroads Ministry Center

**Praying4America:** Thank you so much for your prayers for America over the past month. If you have enjoyed this prayer opportunity, you may want to consider the following idea. Join persons across the United States who each evening at 9:00 (EST) stop whatever they are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, and our citizens; for wisdom and courage for our leaders; that the Bible will remain the basis for the laws governing our land; and that Christianity will grow across our country. As we continue praying, let us never forget that our unified prayers can *awaken* our nation, *renew* our church, and *spiritually transform* our lives.

**Prayer Focus Sunday** is one week from today! Dan Wolgemuth (YFC President) will be challenging us in the morning worship services with the message, *Prayer...What's on Your List?* Dirk Case (Executive Director of St. Clair YFC in Port Huron, MI) will be sharing at 6:00 p.m. on discovering God's heart for prayer and praying for the lost. Our two special guests will each be sharing in the Adult Bible Fellowship hour as well. A light supper for all will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Please mark your attendance for the evening meal on the green EMC Communication Card in your bulletin or sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center and bring a dessert to share with the meal.

**Prayer Team Commitments:** Remember to look for the insert in your bulletin next week, **Prayer Focus Sunday**, where you will have an opportunity to sign up to be part of one or more prayer teams focused on specific areas—church leadership, families, missionaries, outreach, and student ministries.

**Anyone interested** in becoming a volunteer chaplain for the Beaverdam Transport for Christ Chapel is welcome to attend training sessions at the Beaverdam Church of Christ on Sundays, November 9 and 16, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. If you plan to attend please contact Dave Lugibihl at 419-358-6372.

**Children's Church needs adult helpers immediately.** Please prayerfully consider assisting our hardworking loving teachers. Please show your interest by checking the appropriate box on the green EMC communications card, on the Christian Education bulletin board, or by contacting Deb Huber at 419-358-6100 or huberdeb@gmail.com.