

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 today and on November 16, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. If you plan to attend please contact Dave Lugibihl at 419-358-6372.

Free tickets will be available today and next Sunday, November 16, in the Missions Center and the Sanctuary Foyer for the **Families for Missions Dinner** on Friday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. Please pick up a ticket and sign up so we will have a count of how many will be attending. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the catered meal. The missionaries will be our special guests.

The Women's Service Group will be holding their second annual November Bake Sale at the Mennonite Memorial Home on Friday, November 21. If you would like to contribute any home baked goods, please deliver them to MMH by 9:00 a.m., Friday, November 21. You may also place your baked goods in the church kitchen marked for the MMH. Some items being requested are caramel corn, noodles, and preserves. Thank you for supporting the WSG and their mission of serving the residents of MMH.

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 huberde@gmail.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, SALT, 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.

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.

Dear Ebenezer Church Family: Thanks to all of you for the cards, flowers, food, and especially the prayers throughout the past year of mom's illness and passing. A special thank you to our *cheerleaders*, Kathy Brauen and Pastor Warren who were with us every step of the way. God is good! – *In Christian love, Bob Zimmerman, Sr., Denny & Pat Bassett, Bob & Carolyn Zimmerman, Kevin & Amy Parthemore, and families*

Anniversary Open House: Please join Kathy & Jack Adair in celebration of their fifty years of marriage. On Sunday, November 30, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. An informal Open House is being held to honor this special occasion. No gifts please.

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Nov. 22** Refreshment Hour w/Missionary Ladies (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 & Afterglow (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Dec. 6** Women's Christmas Tea (9:32 a.m., CMC)
Ambassador & Berean ABF Class Christmas Potluck
Supper (5:30 p.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. 20** Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- 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
- Jan. 18** Chili Festival (5:00 p.m., CMC)

New Service Times - Beginning January 4, 2009
Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.



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Emissary Weekly

November 9, 2008

Opportunities of the Day

- 8:15 a.m.** **Prayer Focus Sunday** – Dan Wolgemuth
(Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship Elective Classes
Dan Wolgemuth, President, YFC (Sanctuary)
Dirk Case, Executive Director of St. Clair County YFC (CMC)
Sunday School *(2-year-olds – High School)*
- 10:30 a.m.** **Prayer Focus Sunday** – Dan Wolgemuth
(Sanctuary)
Children's Church *(2-years-old through grade 3, 106)*
- 12:00 p.m.** College Students' Meal *(CMC)*
- 5:30 p.m.** Light Supper *(CMC)*
- 6:00 p.m.** Cherub Choir *(2 yrs.–K, Room 105)*
Children's Choir *(Grades 1-6, Rooms 118&119)*
Prayer – a Holy Experiment in Discovering
God's Heart, Dirk Case *(CMC)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Junior & Senior High School Small Groups

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Findlay Area Youth for Christ and on behalf of all of those whose lives have been changed by its ministry.

We welcome Dan Wolgemuth, President, Youth For Christ who is our special speaker during both morning services and to Dirk Case, Executive Director of St. Clair County YFC who will be sharing with us tonight in the Crossroads Ministry Center at 6:00 p.m.

Scheduled surgery: Al Frysinger, Thursday, November 13, at OSU Hospital.

Cherub Choir Parents: If you would like your child to participate in the Christmas program, practice will begin tonight from 6:00 – 7:00.

Tuesday, November 11 is National Veterans Day. Let us recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans and give thanks to God for the peace and freedom we enjoy.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on November 2:

Contemporary Worship Service	(8:15 a.m.)	212
Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.)	364
Traditional Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.)	221
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	111

Giving on November 2:

	\$21,721.38
Benevolent Fund	424.00
Building Fund	338.00
Christian Education Fund	501.26
Current Expense Fund	8,833.66
Missions Fund	8,411.46
New Building Fund	3,213.00
Memorial for Paul Spallinger – New Building Fund	\$25.00

Missions Giving –

\$650 - to Findlay Area Youth for Christ for Don & Ann Leader. They will be going to France for Adult Project Serve, November 22 – December 2.

Missionaries of the Week – *Steve & Carol Lehman* serve with **Mission Aviation Fellowship** in **Idaho**. Steve continues in his position as Assistant Manager of Safety. Carol is an Administrative Assistant in the Recruiting Department. She helps with the Orientation Class for Prospective MAFers held every July. Please send an e-mail note to encourage them at slehman@maf.org.

Missionary Updates: Copies of letters received in October from the following missionaries are available in the Missions Center underneath the large world map – *Neil & Meredi Bittle, Tim & Tiffany Gallant, David & Mary Glick, Duane & Millie Gow, Rod & Lori Kraybill, Don & Ann Leader, Lyn & Lori Loewen, Rick & Pat Shaner, and Stan & Ronda Unruh.*

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Reminder: Don't forget to gather your items for this special ministry to share God's love with others. Today through next Sunday, November 16, the shoe boxes will be collected in the Missions Center.

Prayer Team Commitments: Remember to complete the insert in today's bulletin to sign up to be part of one or more prayer teams focused on specific areas - church leadership, families, missionaries, outreach, and student ministries.

Opportunities of the Week: November 10-16

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

Monday	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Walking Program
	7:00 p.m. Christian Education Com. Meeting <i>(B14)</i>
Tuesday	6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study <i>(FH)</i>
	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Walking Program
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Game Time <i>(FH)</i>
	6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper <i>(CMC)</i>
	6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal <i>(Choir Room)</i>
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal <i>(Choir Loft)</i>
	Adult Bible Study & Prayer <i>(112)</i>
	Children's Ministry <i>(ages 2-grade 6)</i>
	Ladies' Bible Study <i>(B17)</i>
	Men's Bible Study <i>(115)</i>
	Prayer Group Meet <i>(114)</i>
	Small Group Meet <i>(Pastor Jim's home)</i>
Thursday	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Walking Program
	7:00 p.m. Singles' Bible Study <i>(at Jim Diller's home)</i>
	Men's Basketball - Open Gym <i>(CMC)</i>
Saturday	6:00 p.m. Genesis Class Party <i>(FH)</i>
Sunday	8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Opening of 45th Annual Festival of Missions – Paul Windsor <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
	9:30 a.m. Missionaries in Sunday School Classes
	12:00 p.m. Carry-in Lunch for Missionaries <i>(Gym)</i>
	Hosted by Living Faith, Agape, SALT, & Potter's Clay Classes
	7:00 p.m. Evening Missionary Service <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
	Children's Missionary Adventure <i>(Gym)</i>
	8:15 p.m. Afterglow <i>(Gym)</i>

Nursery workers for next Sunday, November 16

Jared & Sarah Lehman, Donita Luginbill, Cheryl Potter, Cindy, Molly, & Rachel Moser, & Heidi Steiner

TODAY'S GREETERS

Don & Vicki Kirkendall, *Sanctuary Foyer*
 Jim & Sharon Shoemaker, *Missions Center*
 Kevin & Gina Burkholder, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

Ladies' Walking Program: Our evening walking times are beginning tomorrow, November 10, at 6:30. We will be walking from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Come join us and bring a friend!

SIM workers needed February 1-7. Contact Ruth Bixel as soon as possible at 419-358-5078.

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 **Missions Conference** which begins November 16. This prayer gathering is led by the Prayer Action Team and is open to everyone.

All seniors are invited to attend a free breakfast with entertainment by the BHS Drama Club this Wednesday, November 12, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bluffton Middle School Cafetorium.

Bluffton University's student led Family Consumer Science Association (FCSA) will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner to support the Churches United Food Pantry, Friday, November 14, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church in Bluffton. A non-perishable food item or monetary donation is requested upon admission. All proceeds will benefit the Churches United Pantry (CUP) located in Lima, OH. For more information please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center.

Happy Birthday to Allene Luginbuhl who will celebrate 90 years next Saturday, November 15. An open house is scheduled that day from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. at the Mennonite Memorial Home. No gifts please.

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.

Date Change: Ladies' Reading Fellowship will meet on Thursday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m. at Kathy Steiner's home (previously scheduled for November 20).

Thank you so much for all the hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves that you have donated for *Our Daily Bread Kitchen*. I'm sure they will be most appreciated and used! Today is our last day for donations.