

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 sign up if you plan 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 Communication Card or sign up on the Missions Center bulletin board.

Remember to pray for Don & Ann Leader as they leave this Saturday, November 22. They will be serving at the France Youth for Christ training center in NE France and plan to return Tuesday, December 2.

Please notice: We will have a combined service on Sunday, November 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship will meet at 9:30 a.m. **There will not be an early 8:15 a.m. service that day.**

On November 30, after the combined morning worship service, the Adult Bible Fellowship class officers/leaders will be meeting for a brief informational meeting in the Fellowship Hall (Rooms 112-114). This regards how the ABF classes will be handling the extended part of the class time starting in January, emphasizing how we plan to encourage **Caring** for each other and **Reaching** others for Christ.

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.

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!

Ladies, you and your friends are invited to the annual **Christmas Tea** on Saturday, December 6, at 9:32 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. This year we have *Witness* entertaining us. Please bring your own tea cup. We will have extra cups to share if you do not have one. A free will offering will be collected. Sign up on the Missions Center bulletin board if you plan to attend or check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communication Card.

We wish to thank our Ebenezer family for all the prayers, cards, and love notes for us during these special times in our lives. We also wish to thank Pastor Warren, Kathy, and Pastor Dick & Cheryl for their encouraging words and prayers. – *William & Margaret Herr*

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- 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. 4** Ladies' Reading Fellowship (7:00 p.m., Kathy Steiner's home)
- 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. 10** Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers
(7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- 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)
- Jan. 30-Feb. 1** Senior High Winter Retreat (Miracle Camp)
- Feb. 20-22** Junior High Winter Retreat (Miracle Camp)

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 16, 2008

45th Annual Festival of Missions

Opportunities of the Day

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship Service - Paul Windsor (*Sanctuary*)
- 9:30 a.m.** **Missionaries in all classes -**
Adult Bible Fellowship
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship Service - Paul Windsor (*Sanctuary*)
Children's Church (*2-year-old - grade 3, 106*)
- 12:00 p.m.** Carry-in Lunch for all Missionaries (*Gym*)
Hosted by Agape/Living Faith/Potter's Clay/SALT Classes
- 6:00 p.m.** Cherub Choir (*2-year-old – K, Room 105*)
Children's Choir (*Grades 1-6, Rooms 118&119*)
Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (*115*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Youth Emphasis/Paul Windsor, speaker (*Sanctuary*)
Children's Missionary Adventure with
Steve & Carol Lehman (*CMC*)
- 8:00 p.m.** Afterglow (*please bring finger foods to share, CMC*)

Welcome to each missionary participating in our *45th Annual Festival of Missions, A World Waiting for JESUS* (Matthew 9:37, 38). Paul Windsor, from New Zealand is our guest speaker this morning and in the evening service as well. The flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of all our visiting missionaries given by the Missions Committee.

Scheduled surgery: Rhody Hartman, Friday, November 21, OSU Hospital.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box: Today is the final day for the shoe box collection in the Missions Center.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on November 9:

Contemporary Worship Service	(8:15 a.m.)	212
Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.)	330
Traditional Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.)	256
Prayer Focus Sunday	(5:30 p.m.)	160

Giving on November 9:

\$15,429.66

Benevolent Fund	50.00
Building Fund	160.00
Christian Education Fund	277.83
Current Expense Fund	4,686.83
Missions Fund	3,355.00
New Building Fund	6,900.00

Special Announcement: There will be afterglows every night this week of Missions Conference. Tonight and next Sunday, November 23, please bring some kind of finger foods to share. The week night afterglows will be supplied. Also I could use cookies any time this week that could be used for lunches for the missionaries. Thank you for helping out with these items. – *Ginny Moser*

Prayer Team Commitments: If you haven't already completed the blue insert in last week's bulletin to sign up to be part of one or more prayer teams (church leadership, families, missionaries, outreach, and student ministries), you may still do so. Additional forms are located on the Prayer Table in the Missions Center. Thank you to those who have already indicated your desire to join the various prayer teams beginning January 1, 2009.

Ladies' Walking Program: Our evening walking times are from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. We will not be walking this week during Missions Conference but will begin again on Monday, November 24. Come join us and bring a friend!

Missing from the Library: Armageddon from the *Left Behind Series* by Jerry Jenkins. Please return if found!

Opportunities of the Week: November 17-23

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

Monday	12:00 p.m.	Lunch for Missionaries (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Conference (Sanctuary) Children's Missionary Adventure (CMC)
Tuesday	8:00 p.m.	Missions Afterglow (CMC)
	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (FH)
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lunch for Missionaries (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Conference (Sanctuary) Children's Missionary Adventure (CMC)
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Missions Afterglow (CMC)
	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
Friday	12:00 p.m.	Lunch for Missionaries (FH)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Missions Conference (Sanctuary) Children's Missionary Adventure (CMC)
	8:00 p.m.	Missions Afterglow (CMC)
Sunday	8:15 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (FH) Singles' Bible Study (at Jim Diller's home)
Monday	12:00 p.m.	Lunch for Missionaries (CMC) <i>*Hosted by the Ambassador Class*</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Families for Missions Dinner (CMC)
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (FH)
	10:00 a.m.	Refreshment Hour with Missionary Ladies (CMC)
Wednesday	8:15 & 10:30 a.m.	45th Annual Festival of Missions – Paul Windsor (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Missionaries in Sunday School & ABF Classes
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	Carry-in Lunch for Missionaries (CMC) <i>*Hosted by Berean/Maranatha/Genesis Classes*</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Celebration of Missions (Sanctuary) Children's Missionary Adventure (CMC)
Friday	8:00 p.m.	Afterglow (CMC)

TODAY'S GREETERS

Ralph & Melba Gerber, *Sanctuary Foyer*
Bob & Carolyn Zimmerman, Jr., *Missions Center*
Bruce & Cindy Moser, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

Nursery workers for next Sunday, November 23

Jeff & Jaime Combs, Ron & Sue Epp,
Vicki & Megan Kirkendall, Ginny Moser

A Children's Church Superintendent is needed to finish out the 2009 term. Please prayerfully consider taking on this ministry. Teachers and helpers are needed for the 2 & 3-year-old class and 4 & 5-year-old class for the month of December. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested please contact Joan Steiner at 419-358-0486.

Free tickets are available today 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.

During the Missions Conference there will be three potluck lunches planned for the various Adult Bible Fellowship classes with our missionaries as guests: today 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.

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.

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

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).