

### Women's Ministries Movie Night:

Movie: *Prince Caspian* (Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis)  
Where: Schoolhouse  
When: Friday, January 2, at 7:00 p.m.  
Who: Any lady who needs a break after the stresses of the holiday season, young and young at heart!  
Attire: Comfy is the word! Pajamas, slippers, sweats, blankies and be ready to snuggle in for the show!  
Eats: Brink a snack to share...Hot chocolate and hot water for tea provided  
GAB: We'll discuss Biblical images and themes from the movie afterward

**Prepare to enter another world** as we explore *Narnia*. We'll join the characters Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy in a world frozen by the evil White Witch, Jadis. Join Jim & Pat King for a journey through the film, *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. For nine Wednesdays we'll meet to make *Connections – Where Culture Meets Christ*. We'll start Wednesday, January 7, at Jim & Pat's home at 152 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton. Time frame will be 7:05 to 8:10 p.m. Contact Jim at 419-296-0885 or jim.king@ebenezymennonite.org or on Facebook. Bring your Bible. Anyone 18 years and older are welcome to attend this discussion group. Please invite your friends.

**Attention All Men:** There will be a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, January 10, at 7:30 a.m. Dick Shaneyfelt from Pandora will be giving his testimony. Please check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communication Card or sign-up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center so we can have a good count on how many to plan for the breakfast.

**The Trustees** (with the concurrence of the Deacons) have decided to sell the parsonage. They will be listing it with a realtor sometime in January. Until then offers will be considered from any current church member/attendee for the parsonage in its current (as-is) condition. Contact any Trustee for more information.

**Looking for dependable child care** for 5-10 hours a week. Please contact the church office for more information at 419-358-8588.

**New Address:** 1LT Aaron Schmutz  
FC03-101 TF Lift  
Bagram, Afghanistan  
APO AE 09354

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

**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!

**Thank you to** Marvin Diller and Ralph Gerber who each week faithfully help count the offering and deliver it to the bank for safekeeping. Your dedication and good spirits make this an enjoyable time. – *Sam Brauen*

### ► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Jan. 9-11** Junior High Winter Retreat (Miracle Camp, *Notice date change*)
- Jan. 10** Men's Fellowship Breakfast (7:30 a.m., FH)
- Jan. 12** **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Jan. 18** Chili Festival & **Wacky Talent** Night (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- Jan. 26** **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Jan. 30-Feb.1** Senior High Winter Retreat (Miracle Camp)
- Feb. 7** Living Faith Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Feb. 14** Men's Fellowship Breakfast (7:30 a.m., FH)
- Mar. 7** Senior High/Agape Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Mar. 14** Men's Fellowship Breakfast (7:30 a.m., FH)
- Apr. 4** Ambassador Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Apr. 18** Wild Game Event (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- May 2** Berean Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)



**Please notice our new vision logo above and on the front of today's bulletin.**

**This design graphically shows three people working together. Each person is a different color, which indicates which color word or vision word they represent below it. The yellow glow behind all represents how Christ is the center of all that we do for him as we REACH, TEACH, CARE.**

### Ebenezer Emissary Weekly December 28, 2008 Opportunities of the Day

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastoral Staff (*Sanctuary*)
- 9:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastoral Staff (*Sanctuary*)  
Children's Church (*2-year-olds-Grade 3, Room 106*)

**There will be Children's Church today** for 2-year-olds-Grade 3 in Room 106.

**2009 Birthday/Anniversary Calendars:** The ushers will be handing out the new church family birthday/anniversary calendars following today's worship services.

**Congratulations** to Mark & Natalie Pickering on the birth of their daughter, Seilah KayLynn, on Sunday, December 21, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz.

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on December 21:

Christmas Worship Service	(10:00 a.m.)	451
Children's Christmas Program	(7:00 p.m.)	225

### Attendance on December 24:

Christmas Eve Service	(6:00 p.m.)	263
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### Giving on December 21:

\$11,009.77

Benevolent Fund	480.00
Building Fund	135.00
Christian Education Fund	152.00
Current Expense Fund	4,632.77
Missions Fund	2,504.00
New Building Fund	3,106.00

**Missionaries of the Week:** *Jorge & Lynn Mogrovejo* serve in **Ecuador** at the seminary SEMBEC. They were thrilled at the record enrollment with just over 50 students! In November Lynn and son Jonathan spent a week interpreting for a large medical team from Alabama. Please send an encouraging note to them at [jorglynn@cue.satnet.net](mailto:jorglynn@cue.satnet.net).

**In the Hospital:** Will Steiner at St. Rita's Medical Center.

**Scheduled Surgery:** Seth Bixel, tomorrow at St. Rita's Medical Center.

**Anyone willing and able** to help with the move of the Sunday School classrooms please meet tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. in the Missions Center. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

**Praise the Lord!** The total amount of faith promises received towards our 2009 Missions budget is at \$187,757.00. Additional cards (which are located on the tables in the Missions Center and Foyers) may be completed and turned in to the Church Office or placed in the offering plate through the end of the year.

## Opportunities of the Week: December 29-January 4

Monday - Wednesday & Friday 7:30 a.m.

Walking Program – CMC

**Monday 10:00 a.m.** Sunday School Classroom Moving Day

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

**7:00 p.m.** Worship Team Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (FH)

**7:00 p.m.** Maranatha Class Party (CMC)

**Thursday \*\* Happy New Year! - Church Office Closed \*\***

**Friday 7:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Movie Night  
(Schoolhouse)

**Saturday 7:00 p.m.** Potter's Clay Class (Lima Rescue Home)

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)

**10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (ages 2-K, B10)

**10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering (CMC)

~ **Helpers for Sunday, January 4** ~

**Nursery:**

Crystal Badertscher, Gail, Quinn, Madison, & Ariel Schantz

**The Good News Hour:**

Sharon Forrer, Madison Schantz, Marissa Schutz,  
Renea Zimmerman

**TODAY'S GREETERS**

Ralph & Melba Gerber, *Sanctuary Foyer*  
Marvin & Gloria Diller, *Missions Center*  
Jerrod Amstutz & Austin Marquart, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

**Junior High Winter Retreat:** Students, be sure to pick up a medical release form for Miracle Camp Winter Retreat from the Junior High Classroom. If you plan to attend this year's winter retreat, January 9-11, please return completed form to either Pastor Wade or the church office.

**Year-end reports** and proposed budgets for 2009 are due on Sunday, January 25. All boards and committees should submit their annual reports for 2008 and proposed budgets for 2009 to the church office for inclusion in the 2008 Annual Report. The annual congregational business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18.

**The Good News Hour** will be starting Sunday, January 4, for 2-years-old - Kindergarten. This will be held in Room B10 from 10:00 a.m. and run until the end of the Worship Gathering. It will be taking the place of Children's Church. During this time children will be involved in several creative Bible centered activities and receive a snack. If you have any questions or are willing to occasionally volunteer your time, please contact Joan Steiner at 419-358-0486.

**Volunteers for the Good News Hour:** Please meet for a brief (10 minutes) informational meeting after the Sunday, January 4, Worship Gathering. The meeting will be held in the basement (B10).

**From the Trustees:** With the move to the Crossroads Ministry Center (CMC) on January 4 there are some pieces of equipment which would make the facility more worship service friendly. The acoustic panels and classroom carpeting have been ordered and will soon be installed, but some specific pieces of equipment are video projection equipment (\$19,459) and a portable stage (\$4,780). If you would like to give a year-end gift to these upgrades, please mark your giving envelope **Transition Equipment**. Feel free to speak with Trustee Chairman, Lynn Lehman, or technicians, Greg Luginbill and Marvin Foster, with further questions. **Also, please contact Randy Garmatter** to volunteer to help with CMC set-up and tear-down.

**Needed: Wacky Talent** for the Chili Festival on Sunday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Saun Niswander at 419-384-3588 if you have talent you would like to share.