

**Flowers for the Crossroads Ministry Center:** Please sign your name on the new Flower Calendar in the Missions Center if you would be interested in supplying an arrangement for our Worship Gatherings in 2009.

**Do you like to bake and/or cook?** The Pandora - Bluffton Youth for Christ is serving close to 60 students each week for breakfast. If you would be willing to make a coffeecake, egg casserole, muffins, etc. please call Ann Leader at 419-302-1275, David Glick at 567-204-9777, or Hannah Slechter at 419-236-5281. Arrangements can be made to pick up your donation. Thank you.

**Volunteer Bookkeeper Wanted:** Et Cetera Shop Inc. is looking for a part-time bookkeeper/treasurer. Our treasurer of nine years is "retiring" and we need to immediately fill his position. It requires about four days a month, experience including but not limited to: Quickbooks, payroll, taxes, accounts receivable, and accounts payable. Additionally, this person must attend bi-monthly board meetings. If you are interested in this position please call Et Cetera Thrift Store at 419-358-4201 or Ten Thousand Villages at 419-358-7233 or email bluffton@tenthousandvillages.com before Saturday, February 7.

**Jesus said in Matthew 6:22** *The eye is the lamp of the body.* I thank everyone for praying for the surgery to repair the cornea of my left eye. Having vision in that eye is a gift of God. - *Rhody Hartman*

**Ebenezer Family,** Thank you for your kindness and prayers while we were in India for the Dehli Bible Fellowship 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. – *With appreciation Charles Warren & Beth Baker*

**FAMILY CAMP 2009**  
 Maumee Bay State Park  
 July 24-26  
 Contact Greg & Sue Luginbill for reservations.  
 kglugin@fairpoint.net or 419-306-4122/419-384-3586

**▶ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀**

- Feb. 1-7** SIM Missions Trip (Charlotte, NC)
- Feb. 7** Living Faith Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Feb. 8** Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon (11:45 a.m., FH)
- Feb. 14** Men's Fellowship Breakfast (7:30 a.m., FH)
- Feb. 15** College Students' Meal (11: 30 a.m., FH)
- Feb. 15** ABF Teachers/Officers Meal (4:30 p.m., FH)
- Feb. 18** Congregational Meeting (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Mar. 1** Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Mar. 2** Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Mar. 3** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- Mar. 7** Senior High/Agape Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Mar. 7** Men's Fellowship Breakfast (7:30 a.m., FH)
- Mar. 15** College Students' Meal (11: 30 a.m., FH)
- Mar. 29** Hymn Sing (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- 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)
- July 24-26** Family Camp 2009 (Maumee Bay State Park)

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**EBENEZER**  
**Emissary Weekly**  
*January 25, 2009*

***Opportunities of the Day***

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
 Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (*2-year-olds-K, Room B10*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Dick (*CMC*)
- 5:00 p.m.** VBS Committee Meeting (*Library*)
- 6:45 p.m.** Children's Choir (*Grades 1-6, Rooms 118-119*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service/*Habakkuk 3*  
 (*Sanctuary*)  
 Cherub Choir (*2-year-old – K, Room 105*)  
 Junior & Senior High School Small Groups

**In the Hospital:** Luke Luginbill, Bradenton, FL.

**Giving Receipts:** Thank you for your faithful giving to the church this past year. Please stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer to pick up your 2008 giving receipt.

**Join us for the Evening Fellowship Service** at 7:00 in the Sanctuary as we begin a series on the return of the Israelites from captivity. Learn principles from God's people that renew and strengthen our relationship with Him and how to walk victoriously in the daily struggles of our relationships and life.

**Missionary of the Week:** *Dan Reisacher* serves with **Trans World Radio** at headquarters in **Cary, NC**. He started to work with TWR in Monte Carlo in 1992. Praise the Lord for the new AM station in Benin in West Africa this past summer. Please send an encouraging e-mail note to Dan at dreisacher@twr.org.

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on January 18:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	328
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	458
Chili Festival & Wacky Talent Night	(5:00 p.m.)	379

### Giving on January 18:

**\$17,704.62**

Benevolent Fund	620.00
Building Fund	1,370.00
Christian Education Fund	299.11
Current Expense Fund	7,229.51
Missions Fund	7,035.00
New Building Fund	1,151.00

**Missions Giving** – \$1600 to Pandora/Bluffton YFC, travel for Jim & Pat King going to France, March 24 – April 4.

**Please give your attention:** The Benevolent Fund has been depleted due to the deacons helping several families from our church and the community who were in need during the past year.

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

**Reminder - cookies needed for SIM trip:** Please leave cookies in the church kitchen marked plainly for SIM by this Friday, January 30. Thank you very much! – *Ginny Moser*

**Remember to pray** for the Senior High Winter Retreat. Pastor Wade, helpers, and seventy plus students will leave this Friday, January 30, for a weekend at Miracle Camp near Lawton, MI. Keep them in your prayers as they travel and for a weekend of spiritual growth for each camper.

## Opportunities of the Week:

January 26-February 1

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MOPS</b> (FH)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Ladies' Walking Program
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:15 a.m.</b>	Men's Bible Study (FH)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Ladies' Walking Program
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Wednesday Night Supper (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (112) Children's Ministry (ages 2-grade 6) Ladies' Bible Study (B17) Men's Bible Study (115) Music Ministry Rehearsal (Choir Loft) Prayer Group Meet (114) Small Group Meet (Pastor Jim's home)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Ladies' Walking Program
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Open Gym (CMC)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	Senior High Winter Retreat (meet at the church)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (ages 2-K, B10)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service/Ezra 1 & 2 <i>The Restoration of the Temple</i> (Sanctuary)

~ Helpers for Sunday, February 1 ~

**Nursery:** Jessica Amstutz, Crystal Badertscher, Arlene Garmatter, Joyce Gratz, Holly Gudakunst, Gail, Quinn, Madison, Ariel Schantz  
**The Good News Hour:** Pat King, Kyle Huber, Cheryl Potter, Madison Schantz

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Kevin & Gina Burkholder, *Missions Center*  
Rhonda & Allene Thompson, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

**Cherub Choir** will not meet for rehearsal next Sunday, February 1, during the Evening Fellowship Service.

**All Junior High Students** are invited to a Super Bowl Party, next Sunday, February 1, at 5:30 p.m. at Greg & Sue Luginbill's home (506 Hawthorne Drive, Pandora).

**A Ladies' Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday, February 4. Come join us at 7:00 p.m., in Room B17, for *Daniel: Lives of Integrity, and Words of Prophecy*, by Beth Moore. Please let Rhonda Thompson, 567-204-2384 know if interested. We need to order books!

**Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon:** You may have been attending Ebenezer Mennonite Church for several months, weeks, or perhaps visited us for the very first time today. Whatever the case, we want you to know that we are glad that you have chosen to worship with us. On Sunday, February 8, the Outreach Committee of Ebenezer invites you to a *Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon* at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Rooms 112-114). It will provide you an opportunity to find out more about us, our families, and the ministries of the church. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 419-358-8588. We look forward to visiting you you!

**Announcement:** The Board of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio has recently appointed Laura Voth as CEO, replacing Lynn Thompson who resigned last summer. Laura has been employed in various positions with MHCO for 26 years, most recently as Mennonite Home Administrator for the past eight years. Laura's new assignment will begin Monday, February 8.

**Attention All Men:** On Saturday, February 14, at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Rooms 112-114) you're invited to a Men's Fellowship Breakfast. Our special speaker will be Charles DuPree (Chaplain at Oakwood Correctional Facility, Lima). Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center or on the green Ebenezer Communications Card.

**Thank you for sharing:** Approximately 90 items were collected for the Community Assistance Program during the Chili Festival last Sunday. Thank you to all!