

**Dear Ebenezer Mennonite Church Family:** Thank you for the Valentine's Day care package filled with snacks and scripture verses. I especially liked reading the 2009 collection of Bible verses. These verses of hope will continue to help me as I share the love of Christ with others. Thank you & God Bless! – *Andrew Bixel*

## ► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Mar. 2** Evening Sew (5:00 p.m., CMC)  
**Mar. 3** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)  
**Mar. 7** Men's Fellowship Breakfast/Joel Penton (8:30 a.m., FH)  
 Berean ABF Class Bowling Party (6:00 p.m.)  
 Senior High/Agape Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)  
**Mar. 13** Junior & Senior High/Winter Jam 2009 (Leave church at 4:30 p.m., Fort Wayne, IN)  
**Mar. 15** Lost & Found Puppet Team from BU (10:00 a.m., 4-year-olds – Grade 5, Sanctuary)  
 College Students' Meal (11:30 a.m., FH)  
**Mar. 16** Wild Game Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., FH)  
**Mar. 19** Ladies' Reading Fellowship (7:00 p.m., Common Grounds)  
**Mar. 21** Junior High/Movie Café (8:00 p.m., Schoolhouse)  
**Mar. 22** Miracle Camp Representative (9:00 a.m., Grades 2-6, 9:30 a.m., Junior & Senior High Students, in the Sanctuary, all parents are welcome)  
**Mar. 27** Senior High/Movie Café (9:00 p.m., Schoolhouse)  
**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)  
**Apr. 26** Children's Choir Spring Musical (7:00 p.m., CMC)  
 Slate Ballot Elections (9:00 a.m., ABF Classes)  
**May 2** Berean Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)  
**June 14-20** Grade School Full Week (Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)  
**June 21-27** Middle School (Grades 5-6, Miracle Camp)  
**June 28-July 1** Grade School Short Week (Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)  
**June 5-11** Junior High (Grades 7-8, Miracle Camp)  
**July 12-18** Senior High (Grades 9-12, Miracle Camp)  
**July 24-26** Family Camp 2009 (Maumee Bay State Park)

## 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

### Lord, Bless Our Homes

Lord, bless our homes with faith and wisdom,  
 Where you are the center.  
 May the doors be open with  
 Your love to all who enter.  
 Built upon you we will stand  
 As Christians unashamed.  
 Lord, bless our homes and let them be  
 The homes that bear your name.

Lord, bless our homes with trust and honor,  
 Where the truth is spoken.  
 May the marriage bonds endure  
 And vows be never broken.  
 Built upon you we will stand,  
 Committed, strong and sure.  
 Lord, bless our homes and let them be  
 The homes where love is pure.

Lord, bless our homes with strength and courage,  
 Where your Word is cherished.  
 May the parents walk with you  
 And children's souls be nourished.  
 Built upon you we will stand,  
 Forever by your side.  
 Lord, bless our homes and let them be  
 The homes where you are guide.

Lord, bless our homes with love and kindness,  
 Where each is respected.  
 May all needs be understood  
 And feelings be protected.  
 Built upon you we will stand  
 Where mercy has its place.  
 Lord, bless our homes and let them be  
 The homes of love and grace.

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 The homes of love and grace.



# EBENEZER

## Emissary Weekly

February 22, 2009

### Opportunities of the Day

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
 Membership Class (*Library*)  
 Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (*2-3-year-olds, Room B10 & 4-5-year-olds, B17*)
- 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/Ezra 5  
*The Restoration of the Temple (Sanctuary)*  
 Cherub Choir (*2-year-old – Room 105*)  
 Junior & Senior High School Small Groups

**Our Sympathy** to the family of Telsa Diller. Telsa, the mother of Marvin and Janice Wohlgemuth, went home to be with her Lord on Monday, February 16. Funeral services were held yesterday here at the church.

**In the Hospital:** Vinton Bucher – Lima Memorial, Katherine Gratz – Columbus Children's Hospital, and Luke Luginbill – Tampa General, Florida.

**Missionaries of the Week:** Nick & Debbie Siemens serve with Trans World Radio in Germany. Pray for God's wisdom and direction. They praise God that He knows everything. He has a plan for spreading His love to the people of the Central Asian countries. Please take the time to send Nick & Debbie an encouraging e-mail note at nickanddebbiesiemens@gmail.com.

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on February 15:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	302
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	340
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	130

### Attendance on February 18:

Annual Budget Meeting	(7:00 p.m.)	92
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### Giving on February 15:

		<u>\$8,273.05</u>
Benevolent Fund		512.40
Building Fund		500.00
Christian Education Fund		206.21
Current Expense Fund		3,784.44
Missions Fund		2,395.00
New Building Fund		875.00

**The Men's Breakfast Team** would like to invite all Ohio State Buckeye Fans, men and women, for breakfast and to hear Joel Penton speak on Saturday, March 7, at 8:30 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Joel grew up in Van Wert and went on to play for the Buckeyes, a member of three Big Ten championship teams, and one national championship team. Joel is currently the Community Director for the Central Ohio Fellowship of Christian Athletes. There is no cost to attend but a freewill offering will be taken. Please check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card or sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center. This is a great outreach opportunity, so invite someone today! Check out his web site at [www.joelpenton.com](http://www.joelpenton.com).

**Women Ministries All Day Sew** is an opportunity to work together, fellowship, and create beautiful knotted comforters. We need to re-stock the Sharing Room with comforters for our missionaries who will be attending the Missions Conference this fall. Also, missionaries visit our church all through the year and our goal is to have a nice selection of comforters to pick from for their home. Another project we will be doing for 2009 is providing comforters to the Community Assistance Program in Bluffton for people who are in need. This special time of working for our Lord Jesus will be held Monday night, March 2, from 5:00 through 9:00 and Tuesday, March 3, from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Please bring a hot and cold dish for a potluck luncheon on Tuesday. Everyone is invited to be part of this ministry. Please come and share a moment or even a couple of hours. May the Lord bless you!

## Opportunities of the Week: February 23-March 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>8:00 p.m.</b>	Ebenezer vs. Ebenezer 2 Basketball Tournament Game (CMC)
<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>	Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (FH)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Membership Class (Library) Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Good News Hour (ages 2-3, B10 & ages 4-5, B-17)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering/Communion (CMC)
	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	PowerTeam Com. Meeting (Sanctuary Foyer)
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Trustee Meeting (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service/Haggai 1 <i>The Challenge to Build</i> (Sanctuary)

### ~ Helpers for Sunday, March 1 ~

**Nursery:** Crystal Badertscher, Amber Bewsey, Arlene Garmatter, Deb Hilty, Gail, Quinn, Madison, & Ariel Schantz

**The Good News Hour:** Amber Bewsey, Juan, Sonia, & Evania Bonifaz

**Junior High Fear Factor Food Party:** Junior High students and teachers, please join your friends in a fear factor challenge! What foods are you too afraid to eat??? Saturday, February 28, 5:00 -7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Miracle Camp registrations are due on March 1.**

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Tyler Breidenbach & Cory Hilty, *Missions Center*

Jack & Joyce Reigle, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

**The Women's Service Group** of Mennonite Memorial Home will be holding their 8th Annual *Soup & Sandwich Supper*. This event will offer a variety of homemade soups, sandwiches, and desserts to purchase. The *Soup & Sandwich Supper* will be Monday, March 2, from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Mennonite Memorial Home Chapel. Please come to dine in or order some to take home. If you would like to contribute a pie(s) to the event, please leave the pie in the church kitchen before noon, Monday, March 2. Please mark the pie for the MMH or deliver to the MMH. Thank you for supporting the Women's Service Group and their mission of serving the residents of MMH.

**Nursing Scholarship Available:** The Mennonite Memorial Home Fund has available a scholarship to individuals interested in entering the field of nursing or advancing their degree in nursing. This scholarship was set up in memory of Barbara Fleming, a dedicated nurse, by her family. Applications may be picked up at the Mennonite Memorial Home office, or on the web at <http://www.mmhliving.org/aboutUs/aboutus.aspx>. The deadline to apply is Monday, March 31. If you have questions or need more information please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center or you can call the Mennonite Memorial Home at 419-358-1015.

**Thank you so much** to everyone who donated all the cookie dough, brownie mixes, and other boxed mixes. We freeze the cookie dough and it lasts all year long. Everyone loves the fresh baked cookies. Thank you for your dedication to SIM year after year. – *Kathy & the SIM Team*

**Thank you** so much for your prayers, cards, support, and for Kathy and Pastor Warren being at the hospital during my recent surgery. A special thanks to the Fourth Grade Sunday School class for their prayers and words of encouragement. God is so good. – *Donna Lehman*

**To our friends at Ebenezer Mennonite Church:** As some of you already know, we are going to be working with Campus Crusade for Christ, starting in the fall. We are really excited about this wonderful ministry opportunity. We would like to thank everyone who helped us to go to the conference we attended this last weekend. We were able to meet with a placement person to determine where we will be located this next year. We are thankful that we were able to meet with the staff and we now have a better idea of what will be happening in days to come, and we have been able to accomplish much because of your prayer and financial support. We thank you guys for all of your prayers and support. – *Steve & Karen Steiner*