

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.

Home Church Family: Kerris & Nancy delivered the most beautiful quilt to us recently. What a blessing to have a constant tangible reminder of you all. We are so incredibly thankful for the time spent on the quilt. We know some incredible, Godly women spent hours and hours on it. Thank you! – *Kerry & Krista Wright*

Dear friends at EMC: Thank you so much for placing Bibles in honor of my mother, Mary Mathai, who went to be with the Lord last month. We are honored by that and I am sure she would be very pleased. Thank you. - *With gratitude, Joel & Nada Mathai*

Dear Ebenezer: Thank you for the Valentine's Day gift box. It's always nice to know we are being thought of and prayed for. We really appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness. - *Love, Bethany & Rachel Sharrock*

Thank You! Thank You! God is so great and so are all of you here at the Ebenezer Mennonite Church. So thank you again for all of your prayers, cards, meals, and the visit from Kathy and Pastor Dick. I still have the shingles, but the worst is over. God bless all of you. – *Virginia Geiger*

Please Notice: On Sunday, February 15, a set of six keys were left on the counter in the Copy/Mail Room. Please check with the church office if you are missing a set.

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** ◀

- 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)
Vacation Bible School Volunteer Sign-ups Begin
- 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)
- May 3** Vacation Bible School Student Registration Begins
- May 31** Promotion Sunday
Vacation Bible School Begins (6:30 p.m.)
- 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)



EBENEZER

Emissary Weekly

March 1, 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 & Communion – Pastor Jim (*CMC*)
- 3:00 p.m.** PowerTeam Committee Meeting (*Sanctuary Foyer*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (*FH*)
- 6:45 p.m.** Children's Choir (*Grades 1-6, Rooms 118-119*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service/Haggai 1
The Challenge to Build (Sanctuary)
Cherub Choir (*2-year-old – Room 105*)
Junior High Girls & Senior High School
Small Groups (*Junior High Boys will not meet*)

Congratulations to Barry & Mandy Schneck on the birth of their daughter, Lyla Ann, on Monday, February 23, weighing 7 lb. 2 oz.

Congratulations to Christian & Jamie Nygaard on the birth of their son, Ezra Joshua, Tuesday, February 24, weighing 8 lb. 6 oz.

Our Sympathy to the family of Gertrude Porter. Gertrude, the mother of Joyce (Scott) Edwards and Marvin (Lynette) Porter, went home to be with her Lord on Thursday, February 26. Visitation is today from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Chiles Laman – Bluffton Chapel. Funeral services will be held here at the church tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

Our Sympathy to the family of Helen Dean. Helen, the sister of Pastor Warren, passed away Friday, February 27, in Pana, IL. Arrangements were incomplete at time of printing.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on February 22:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	346
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	415
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	201

Giving on February 22:

\$12,523.79

Benevolent Fund	392.00
Building Fund	2,583.00
Christian Education Fund	343.51
Current Expense Fund	5,578.28
Missions Fund	2,212.00
New Building Fund	1,415.00

Missionaries of the Week: *Chuck & Naomi Smith* serve with **New Tribes Mission Paraguay, South America**. They are so very thankful that the Ayore have had the Good News preached to them and that they possess a copy of the Word of God in their own language. They say thank you for your part in what God is doing there. Please take the time to send Chuck & Naomi an encouraging e-mail note at chuck_smith@ntm.org.

In the Hospital: Vinton Bucher – Lima Memorial, Nelson Koogler – St. Rita's Medical Center, and Luke Luginbihl – Tampa General, Florida.

Miracle Camp registrations are due today. Please place in the box provided in the Copier/Mail Room.

Women Ministries All Day Sew is an opportunity to work together, fellowship, and create beautiful knotted comforters. Not only will we re-stock the Sharing Room for our visiting missionaries, but also for 2009 we will provide 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 tomorrow 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: March 2-8

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

- Monday 5:00 p.m.** Evening Sew (CMC)
6:30 p.m. Ladies' Walking Program
- Tuesday 6:15 a.m.** Men's Bible Study (FH)
9:00 a.m. All Day Sew (CMC)
6:30 p.m. Ladies' Walking Program
7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting (B14)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (FH)
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (CMC)
7:00 p.m. 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 (at Mary Gratz home)
- Thursday 6:30 p.m.** Ladies' Walking Program
- Saturday 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast with Joel Penton (CMC)
6:00 p.m. Berean Class Bowling Party (meet at Bluffton Southgate Lanes)
7:00 p.m. Senior High/Agape Class (Lima Rescue Home)
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
10:00 a.m. Good News Hour (ages 2-3, B10 & ages 4-5, B-17)
10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering (CMC)
6:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (115)
7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service/Haggai 2
Promise of Glory of New Temple (Sanctuary)

~ **Helpers for Sunday, March 8** ~

Nursery: Megan Kirkendall, Jared & Sarah Lehman,
 Manny & Marti Meza, Cheryl Potter

The Good News Hour: Jerrod Amstutz,
 Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Jené Sommers

TODAY'S GREETERS

Steve & Doneta Reigle, *Missions Center*
 Bob & Patty Geiger, *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 held tomorrow from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the MMH 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 (marked with MMH) in the church kitchen before noon tomorrow or deliver to the MMH. Thank you for supporting the Women's Service Group and their mission of serving the residents of MMH.

All Senior Citizens are invited to the free breakfast on Wednesday, March 4, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bluffton Middle School. This month's entertainment will be provided by the high school concert band.

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 this 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.

You're invited: Who: All 4-year-olds – grade 5 students; **When:** Sunday, March 15, at 10:00 a.m. (during the Worship Gathering); **What:** To enjoy the Christian puppet program, **Lost & Found Puppet Team**, presented by Bluffton University Students; **Where:** Students are to meet in the grade six Sunday School classroom (B17) and then will be taken to the sanctuary for the program. Feel free to contact Joan Steiner at 419-358-0486 for more information.

Scripture Memory Students and Parents: Just a reminder since **Promotion Sunday will be May 31** all of the third quarter memory work needs to be completed by Sunday, May 24. There will be no fourth quarter memory work for this year only. On Sunday, June 7, the first quarter will be passed out in each new classroom. If you have any questions please contact Joan Steiner.