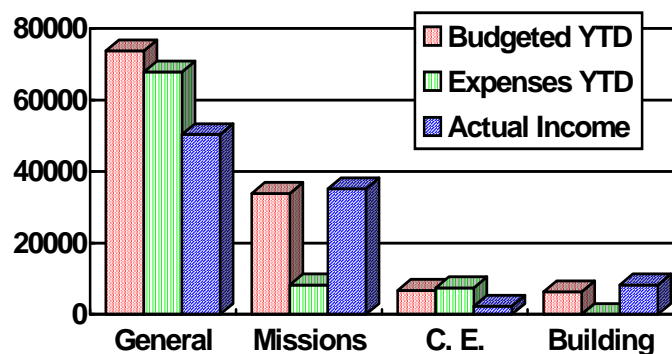


Financial Report – February 2009

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	73,792	33,873	6,750	6,323
Expenses YTD	67,906	8,274	7,439	0
Actual Income	50,368	35,134	2,295	8,257



Cash Fund Balances as of 2/28/09:

General	(\$3,350)
Missions	* \$58,039
Christian Education	\$11,477
Building	\$16,399
New Building	\$13,154
Benevolent.....	\$5,344

* First quarter mission payments of \$37,620 were sent last week.

Attention junior high through any age adult: Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible School needs YOU! Stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer to sign up. Each evening there are 75 volunteers needed. Dates for VBS are May 31 – June 5, at 6:30 each evening.

The family of Luke Lugibihl wants to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for the prayers, cards, food, flowers, and memorials during the illness and death of Luke. A special thanks to Pastor Warren and Pastor Dick for the service and prayers. The music was beautiful by the quartet and Janice Shields.

Baby Food Jars Needed: The VBS committee is looking for the stage 2 baby food jars. These jars will be used for a craft project. Please place them in the church library. Any questions contact Melissa Hilty at hiltme@wapak.org.

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Apr. 4** Ambassador Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Apr. 10** Good Friday Service (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Apr. 12** Easter SonRise Service (7:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
Easter SonRise Breakfast (8:30 a.m., CMC)
Easter Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Don & Brenda Ernst (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Apr. 13** Wild Game Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., 103)
- 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)
- Apr. 27** Area Mennonite Women Meeting (6:30 p.m., CMC)
- May 2** Berean Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- May 3** Vacation Bible School Student Registration Begins
- May 10** Mother's Day/Child Dedication (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- May 17** Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- May 24** Graduates Recognition Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- 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 21-July 5** Youth Missions Trip to Sondernach, France
- 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)
- Aug. 30** Teacher Appreciation Sunday (CMC)

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



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Emissary Weekly

March 22, 2009

Opportunities of the Day

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Miracle Camp Representatives (grades 2-6, Sanctuary)
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)
- 9:30 a.m.** Miracle Camp Representatives (Junior & Senior High, Sanctuary)
- 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)
Reception of New Members: Valerie & Kurt Emans, Juan & Sonia Bonifaz, Christy Garmatter, Manuel Meza, Stephen & Karen Steiner, and Adam Wireman.
- 11:30 a.m.** Youth Missions Trip Meeting (Schoolhouse)
- 5:00 p.m.** VBS Committee Meeting (Library)
- 6:00 p.m.** Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, Rooms 118-119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service / Zechariah 1-3, God's Encouragement (Sanctuary)
Cherub Choir (2-year-old – Room 105)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups

Please welcome today Rachel Kiningham and Sarah Shadowen. They are Miracle Camp Representatives who will be sharing about this year's summer camps to grades 2-6 at 9:00 a.m. and Junior & Senior High Students at 9:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend. Both sessions will be held in the Sanctuary.

Congratulations to Christian & April Gratz on the birth of their daughter, Anastacia Marie, on Friday, March 13, weighing 7 lb.

Congratulations to Matthew & SooAnn (Fox) Boehm who were united in marriage yesterday at the Faith Baptist Church in Lafayette, IN.

France Mission Trip: Students going to France and their parents are invited to a short informational meeting today in the schoolhouse following the Worship Gathering.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on March 15:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	365
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	345
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	156

Giving on March 15:

	\$9,754.66
Benevolent Fund	265.00
Building Fund	223.00
Christian Education Fund	374.79
Current Expense Fund	5,684.87
Missions Fund	2,387.00
New Building Fund	720.00
Youth Fund	100.00

Missionary of the week – *Bonnie Spallinger* serves with **Advant Ministries** at **Black Forest Academy** in **Germany**. As a Resident Aid, she writes that it has been a blessing and a honor to be called to love these girls and point them toward Christ. Pray for Bonnie as she will be traveling with a group of nine students and a teacher to Suceava, Romania on a BFA missions trip from March 28 – April 4. Please send an encouraging e-mail note to Bonnie at: bspallinger_75@yahoo.com.

Scheduled Surgery: Donna Steiner, tomorrow at Blanchard Valley Hospital.

Wild Game – Saturday, April 18: Tickets are available today in the Missions Center for this year's Wild Game Supper. Our event will start at 5:00 p.m. with appetizers, venders, and door prizes. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m., and we will conclude with the speaker at 7:00 p.m. The menu for the meal is venison spaghetti, salad, bread sticks, and dessert. Our speaker this year is John Paul Moody, the 2008 World Predator Calling Champion. Tickets are \$10.00 each or you can purchase a table (8 tickets with priority seating) for \$70.00 Invite your friends!

Youth Missions Trip Fund-raiser: Help the youth to serve in France this summer June 21 – July 5. Sign up for a Lasagna Dinner on Sunday, March 29, following the Worship Gathering. The lasagna dinner includes green beans, salad, garlic bread, and brownies. Sign-up sheets will be passed in the ABF classes or you may sign up to reserve your plate in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Donations only, take out or dine in.

Opportunities of the Week: March 23-29

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

Monday	9:00 a.m. <i>MOPS (FH)</i>
	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Walking Program
Tuesday	6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH)
	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Walking Program
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)
Thursday	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Walking Program
	7:00 p.m. Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (FH)
Saturday	8:00 p.m. Senior High Movie Café (Schoolhouse)
Sunday	10:00 a.m. Good News Hour (ages 2-3, B10, 4-5-year-olds, B17)
	10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering (CMC)
	11:30 a.m. Youth Missions Trip Fund-Raiser / Lasagna Dinner (CMC)
	7:00 p.m. Hymn Sing (Sanctuary)

~ Helpers for Sunday, March 29 ~

Nursery: Sarah Amstutz, Amber Bewsey, Janet Brauen,
Melba Gerber, Melissa Hilty, Alexis Moser,
Molly & Rachel Moser, Cheryl Potter

The Good News Hour: Mikaela Diller, Hannah Slechter,
Kathy Steiner, Jamie Wickert

Recent move: Harry Burkholder – MMH for rehabilitation and Marie Place – MMH, 410 W. Elm Street, Room 201, Bluffton.

Please remember to pray for Pastor Jim & Pat as they travel to France, March 24 – April 4.

Thinking of mowing? The Trustees are now accepting bids on mowing the church/cemetery lawn for the 2009 season. Bids must be submitted in writing to the Trustees or the church office before Sunday, April 5.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Mike & Bev Powell, *Missions Center*
Bob & Carolyn Zimmerman, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

From the Trustees: The parsonage sale was finalized on Monday, March 16. We would like to thank the congregation for all the prayer in this matter. It sold faster than we expected in these financially tough times. We would also like to say a big THANK YOU to the following who helped with the work in the parsonage: Joe Alt, Denny Bassett, Dwight Bixel, Richard Bixel, Seth Bixel, David Bormuth, Jon Bormuth, Chad Burkholder, Dennis, Karla, Craig, & Curt Burkholder, John Good, Steve Hilty, Bob Holt, Jason Kinsinger, Mark Kinsinger, Lynn Lehman, Bart Moser, Dakota Setzer, Steve Shaw, Alan Sommer, Tim Stockman, and Bob Zimmerman.

Join us Sunday evening, March 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a great time of singing hymns and hearing encouraging special music. Have your favorite hymns in mind as requests will be taken.

Please give your attention: The students who are going on the missions trip this summer to France will be writing support letters starting today. Don't be surprised if you get one in the mail. Thanks for your support! 2 Corinthians 9:7b *For God loves a cheerful giver.*

The Ladies' Reading Fellowship will be discussing the book *The Shack* by William P. Young on Thursday, April 16. Michael W. Smith wrote, *The Shack is the most absorbing work of fiction I've read in many years. My wife and I laughed, cried, and repented of our own lack of faith along the way. The Shack will leave you craving for the presence of God.* If you would like your own copy of this book please contact Angela Steiner at 419-643-8260 by Thursday, March 26.

Our next Wednesday evening discussion group: The book *The Last Lecture* has been a consistent best seller for months. It's written by Randy Pausch, who was a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon. When asked to give his last lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he recently had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave wasn't about dying but about living. We'll explore his lecture like good students to see if and how Jesus is present in it. For six Wednesdays (April 8 – May 13) we'll meet to make *Connections – Where Culture Meets Christ*. We'll start Wednesday, April 8, at Pastor Jim & Pat's home at 152 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton. Time frame will be 7:05 to 8:10 p.m. You'll need to get a copy of the book and read Part 1. Contact Jim at 419-296-0885 or jim.king@ebenezer mennonite.org or on Facebook with any questions. Bring your Bible. Anyone 18 years and older is welcome to attend this discussion group. Please invite your friends.