



Graduation Open House: Please join us on Sunday, May 17, from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. in honor of Derek Luginbuhl in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

High School and College Graduate Recognition Sunday is Sunday, May 24, during the Worship Gathering. Please sign the graduation information sheet on the bulletin board in the Missions Center or you may fill out the EMC Communications Card so the church office will have the correct information.

PrimeTimers Fellowship's luncheon is this Tuesday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m. in the St. John Mennonite Fellowship Hall. Author Glenna Meckstroth will share stories from her latest book. More information is located on the bulletin board in the Missions Center

Lost & Found Items are located on the coat rack and table outside the kitchen. Please check it out to see if something looks familiar.

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Woods and Stream has chartered a boat for a day of fishing on Lake Erie, Saturday, May 9. We will leave the church at 4:30 a.m. the cost is \$35. Space is limited. Please call Jared Lehman at 419-957-3611.

Women's Ministries: We wish to send our sincere appreciation for the recently donated lap quilts. They are just beautiful and our residents love them! – *Thank you so much, The Activity Department from Richland Manor*

► **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES** ◀

- May 17** Baptism Class (9:00 a.m., Library)
- Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- PowerTeam Committee Meeting (3:00 p.m., 103)
- May 19** Wild Game Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., FH)
- May 24** Baptism Class (9:00 a.m., Library)
- Graduate Recognition Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- *No Evening Service*
- May 31** Promotion Sunday
- May 31-June 5** Vacation Bible School/**Crocodile Dock** (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.

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EBENEZER

Emissary Weekly

May 3, 2009

Opportunities of the Day

- 8:45 a.m.** Living Faith/Agape Breakfast (CMC)
- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
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 Jim (CMC)
- 11:45 a.m.** VBS Teachers/Helpers Training (FH)
- 3:00 p.m.** PowerTeam Committee Meeting (103)
- 5:00 p.m.** Deacon/Trustee Meeting (FH)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service/Zechariah 7-8
God's Encouragement (Sanctuary)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups

In the Hospital: Nelson Koogler, St. Rita's Medical Center.

Congratulations to Michael & Maren Boehm on the birth of their son, Pierson Michael, on Saturday, April 25, weighing 6 lb. 12 oz.

Congratulations to Dan & Jami (Crawfis) Trumbower on the birth of their son, Reed William, on Saturday, April 25, weighing 7 lb. 14 oz.

VBS Teachers/Helpers: Teacher training meeting TODAY from 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided.

Children 4 years of age – Grade 6: Fill out the Vacation Bible School insert and get registered for **Crocodile Dock** VBS, May 31 – June 5. Place completed registration form in the offering plate or on the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on April 26:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	316
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	400
Children's Choir Musical	(7:00 p.m.)	247

Giving on April 19:

\$13,602.33

Benevolent Fund	65.00
Building Fund	600.00
Christian Education Fund	889.80
Current Expense Fund	6,587.53
Missions Fund	3,045.00
New Building Fund	45.00
Youth Fund	2,370.00

Missionary of the week: *Brynden Wiens* serves with **Avant Ministries**. She has recently moved out to Echo Ranch Bible Camp to help prepare camp for the first retreat group May 1. Pray for Brynden as she has many responsibilities this summer. Please send a note to her at bwuens@avmi.org.

Slate Ballot Results: All persons were approved to their respective positions during the slate ballot election held last Sunday during the Adult Bible Fellowship hour.

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study: This Tuesday we will meet for the final time before the summer break.

National Day of Prayer: This year our prayer times will be in home prayer meetings. Please sign up in your Adult Bible Fellowship classes today to indicate your desire to attend a home meeting on Thursday, May 7, National Day of Prayer. Please see the sign-up sheets for a home location and time convenient to you. Please take your prayer guide enclosed in today's Emissary to the home in which you will be praying. In addition, there are prayer resources available on a special table in the Missions Center.

Opportunities of the Week: May 4-10

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

Tuesday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (103)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal (Choir Loft) Small Group Meet (at Pastor Jim's home)
Thursday	** National Day of Prayer Home Meetings **	
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Daughters of Promise (CMC)
Saturday	4:30 a.m.	Woods & Stream Outing (Leave church for Lake Erie)
	12:30 p.m.	Junior High Laser Tag (Leave church for Fort Wayne, IN)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Baptism Class (Library) Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (ages 2-3, B10, 4-5-year-olds, B17)
	10:15 a.m.	Child Dedication/Mother's Day Worship Gathering (CMC)
	11:30 a.m.	Chicken BBQ/Youth Missions Trip Fundraiser (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service Zechariah 9-11 – God's Encouragement (Sanctuary)

~ Helpers for Sunday, May 10 ~

Nursery: Frank & Patty Boehm, Jason & Kim Fritsch, Ashley Fry, Deb Hilty, Brittany Sheehan, Dru Spallinger
The Good News Hour: Jerrod Amstutz, Arlene Garmatter, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Madison & Quinn Schantz, Kay Spallinger

Adult Bible Study & Prayer: This Wednesday we will not meet, but please take the opportunity to attend one of the home prayer meetings on Thursday, May 7, The National Day of Prayer.

Actors: Anyone interested in *taking the stage* for our 2009 Dinner Theatre musical production **State Road 47** this fall. Please read the commitment flyer and sign up in the Missions Center. Deadline is Sunday, May 17.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Steve & Doneta Reigle, Missions Center
Seth & Carol Bixel, Crossroads Ministry Center



Mother's Day Chicken BBQ: Our Youth Mission's Team will be taking orders *today* for Harlan's Chicken BBQ, a complete meal with potato salad and corn or you can order chicken only.

Please sign up today in the Adult Bible Fellowship classes or in the Missions Center so we have a good count on how many meals to order for noon next Sunday, May 10.

Ladies today is the last day to sign up to attend the Daughters of Promise (formerly Mother/Daughter Banquet or Tea) banquet. You may sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center or on the green EMC Communications card. The Daughters of Promise banquet is on Friday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed. Bring your family and friends, but remember to sign up today!

Attention Junior High Wednesday Night Students: Don't forget, for our end-of-the year party we will be going to Fort Wayne to play laser tag followed by shopping at the mall. We will be leaving at 12:30 p.m. from the schoolhouse on Saturday, May 9. You will need \$15 for the laser tag. We will not be stopping to eat and will return by 6:00 p.m. – *Pastor Wade*

Child Dedication Update: We look forward to next Sunday, May 10, when we will have a Child Dedication Service on Mother's Day. Those registered so far are Levi James Biery, Karlie Jo Lora, Seilah KayLynn Pickering, Zoe & Mason Shank, and Braydon Lyle McClure. If you are interested in registering your child or have questions please call the church office at 419-358-8588 by Wednesday, May 6. Please provide a digital photo of you with your child or children. Send the photo to: info@ebenezermennonite.org. Let us know if there is someone special you would like to pray for your child at the dedication service. Thank you. - *Pastor Dick and Pastor Jim*

Missing from the library: Beth Moore DVD Series, *A Woman's Heart-God's Dwelling Place*. Please contact Karla Burkholder at 419-358-9415 if you have it.