

Ladies: Are you in need of some *me* time? Some time to spend with God in a picture perfect location and chance to just be you and not worry about the stress of everyday life? Then the *SpringHill Women's Fall Retreat*, in Evart, Michigan is the occasion you have been waiting for! This year's retreat will be October 2-4. Here is your chance for a life-affirming, faith-renewing opportunity to feed your body and soul. The *SpringHill Women's Fall Retreat* will rejuvenate through encouraging messages by Glenna Salsbury and uplifting music by Bonnie Keen. There will also be challenging and practical workshops, thrilling activities, and meaningful connection with other women. You will also get some quiet time for personal reflection. A down payment of \$50 is due by Sunday, August 2. For more information please stop by the table in the Missions Center or contact Julie Motter at 419-303-8857 or jrmotter@thewavz.com.

Vacation Bible School Crew Guides: Stop in the Library to pick up your follow-up packet of a photo frame and picture to send to your crew members. All materials including stamps are provided. You just need to add a short note and place in the mailbox. Thanks!! - *VBS Committee*

Needed: A parent of Bluffton Elementary child/children, to be Ebenezer's Weekday Christian representative for the 2009/2010 school year. Duties are to find willing walkers from Ebenezer to walk the elementary age classrooms from the school to the First Mennonite Church for a 30 minute time of Christian Education. The Ebenezer representative is responsible for finding walkers for three days a week, once a month, during the school year. This is a great opportunity to get to know your child/children's friends and become familiar with the Weekday Christian Education program. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Karla Burkholder at 419-358-9415.

Ebenezer Summer Softball Teams

Ebenezer MC: Chad & Anna Burkholder, Jeff & Jaime Combs, Jeremy & Ashley Fry, Aaron & Emily Koogler, Don Lawrence, Jake Leu, Megan McKamey, Nick Roby, Megan Wachtman, Amanda Wolford, and Mark Zwiebel.

EMC: Benj Bergstrand, Sam & Janet Brauen, Troy Breidenbach, Craig Burkholder, Kurt Emans, Patrick Garlock, Randy Garmatter, Mary Glick, Dan Gratz, Melissa Hilty, Greg Kidd, Bruce & Lori Schafer, Bob Schantz, Dan Steiner, Josh & Heidi Steiner, and Kerris Wright, Sr., Seth Zink.

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- July 20** EMC vs. Ebenezer MC Softball Game
(6:00 p.m., Village Park)
- July 22** *When Bad Things Happen to Good Marriages* Small Group Begins (7:00 p.m., Pastor Dick's home)
Three Cups of Tea Small Group Begins (7:05 p.m., Pastor Jim's home)
- July 24-26** Family Camp 2009 (Maumee Bay State Park)
- July 26** Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m., Sanctuary)
No Evening Fellowship Service
- July 27** EMC Softball Game (7:15 p.m., Village Park)
- July 29** Ebenezer MC Softball Game (7:15 p.m., Village Park)
- Aug. 2** Ezra 9 & 10 - *Ezra's Revival* (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Aug. 3** Ebenezer MC Softball Game (6:00 p.m., Village Park)
- Aug. 5** EMC Softball Game (6:00 p.m., Village Park)
- Aug. 9** Speechless: Silencing the Christians #1 (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Aug. 16** Speechless: Silencing the Christians #2 (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Aug. 23** Speechless: Silencing the Christians #3 (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Aug. 30** Teacher Appreciation Sunday/Dr. David Draper of Winebrenner Seminary/*Making Disciples* (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Chicken BBQ Meal (11:30 a.m., CMC)
- Sept. 6** Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Speechless: Silencing the Christians #4 (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Sept 12,13,19,&20** Dinner Theatre / **State Road 47**
(6:00 p.m. CMC)
- Sept. 27** Speechless: Silencing the Christians #5 (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Oct. 2-4** *SpringHill Women's Fall Retreat* (Evart, MI)

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EBENEZER Emissary Weekly

July 12, 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 (2-3-year-olds, Room B10 & 4-5-year-olds, B17)
Senior High Campers (leave for Miracle Camp)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim (CMC)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (FH)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

Missionaries of the week: Don & Brenda Ernst serve with **InterAct Ministries in Huslia, Alaska**. As spring came to Alaska, they wrapped up the Old Testament stories in Kids Klub. They had special times with the WWJD teens and the young adults. They praise the Lord that the young adults have a desire to continue meeting. Pray for these adults that they would want to have Jesus help them to be better parents and mates! Please encourage Don & Brenda by sending an e-mail note at: koyukonflight@gci.net.

Senior High to Miracle Camp

Grades 9-12 – July 12-18

Kaitlin Alt	Amber Bewsey	Eli Bradshaw
Alissa Garmatter	Ally Marquart	Trevor Meyer
Ben Moser	Alix Rumbaugh	Marissa Schutz
Kaitlin Thompson	Jamie Wickert	Clay Wannemacher
Drivers to Camp:	John & Marcia Schutz	
Driver from Camp:	Larry Moser	

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on July 5:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	284
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	326
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	88

Giving on July 5:

\$20,527.32

Benevolent Fund	125.00
Building Fund	1,296.00
Christian Education Fund	770.32
Current Expense Fund	9,042.00
Missions Fund	7,054.00
New Building Fund	920.00
White Christmas	1,310.00
Van Fund	10.00

Missionary Updates: Copies of letters received in June from the following missionaries are available in the Missions Center underneath the large world map: *Magaret Edmondson, Tim & Tiffany Gallant, David Glick, Rod & Lori Kraybill, Steve & Carol Lehman, Lyn Loewen, David & Marjory Patrick, Daniel & Lynn Plett, Dan Reisacher, Nick & Debbie Siemens, Hannah Slechter, Lee & Michelle Sonius, Joe & Jeanie Stucky, Les & Verla Unruh, and Dennis & Cindy Wiens.*

Christmas in July: White Christmas offerings will be received through the month of July. Please use the special White Christmas envelopes and place in the offering plate. Additional envelopes are on the tables in the Missions Center and Crossroads Ministry Center. The total offering will be divided among our Ebenezer-member missionaries. (Since Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS, no tax-deductible receipts will be issued.) - *The Missions Committee*

Join the ministry of Children Choosing Christ at the Allen County Fair. Training sessions for the **Best Celebration Ever!** will be Tuesday, July 14, or Thursday, July 30, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Cable Road Alliance Church. In order to help reach children for Christ at the fair you must take one of the training sessions offered. If you have questions call Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346.

Opportunities of the Week: July 13-19

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

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
7:15 p.m.	Ebenezer MC Softball Game (Village Park)
Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (FH)
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Youth Missions Team Meeting and Cookout (Schoohouse)
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	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.	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	Youth Missions Team Report (CMC)
5:00 p.m.	Church Picnic (CMC)
5:45 p.m.	Corn Hole Toss Tournament (outside CMC)
6:30 p.m.	Xenos Small Group (Pastor Jim's home)
7:00 p.m.	Bonfire (outside CMC)

~ Helpers for Sunday, July 19 ~

Nursery: Karla Burkholder, Jared & Sarah Lehman, Brittany Sheehan, Dru Spallinger, Joshua & Heidi Steiner

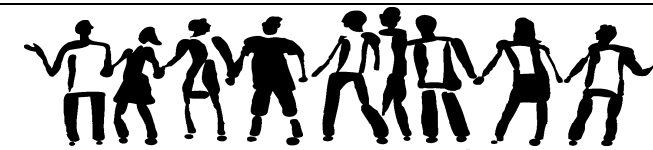
The Good News Hour: Amber Bewsey, Tyler Breidenbach, Hanné Burkholder, Cory Hilty, Cindy & Molly Moser, Hannah Slechter

Pray for those traveling to the Xenos Summer Institute in Columbus on Thursday and Friday of this week. Those attending are Kathy Brauen, Tim Diller, Pastor Jim & Pat, Pastor Wade & Hannah, and Pastor Warren.

Youth Missions Trip Report: Next Sunday, July 19, the Missions Team that recently returned will be giving a report of the work they did at the French Youth for Christ training/retreat center at Sondernach in northeastern France. This report will be given during the Morning Worship Gathering at 10:15 a.m.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Ron & Sue Epp, *Missions Center*
Kevin & Mary Gratz, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



YOUTH GROUP

★ News ★

~ The Plug ~

Special Note:

Dodgeball on Tuesday nights is canceled for the rest of the summer.

♦ Saturday, July 18, France Trip Team meeting from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the schoolhouse. Students who went on the France Missions Trip, you are invited to a cookout, the main course and drink will be provided. Please bring a side dish. RSVP with Pastor Wade.

♦ Sunday July 19, Report on the Youth Mission Trip to France during Sunday Morning Worship Gathering at 10:15 a.m.

Quote of the week:

Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in.

Aim at earth and you get neither. - C. S. Lewis

Church picnic and corn hole toss tournament next Sunday, July 19: Bring a salad and/or dessert to share, marshmallow sticks, lawn chairs, and a friend. Hot dogs will be provided. The picnic begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by games for children and a corn hole toss tournament. Josh & Heidi Steiner will share their faith journey.

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Maumee Bay State Park - July 24-26

Contact Greg & Sue Luginbill for reservations.

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