

All college students are invited to **Awakening** at Elnora Stratton's Pond (6121 Bentley Road) on Saturday, August 15, at 7:00 p.m. for a cookout and games. At 8:00 p.m. we will join the band for a time of praise and worship followed by a campfire and outdoor movie. Bring some friends and a lawn chair. For directions or questions call Kara Gratz at 419-369-4305 or Dave Stratton 418-348-6538. We will combine with the college students from St. John Mennonite Church.

Dinner Theatre tickets will be available beginning next Sunday, August 16, from 8:00 a.m. – Noon in the Missions Center. The Ebenezer Drama Ensemble will present **State Road 47** a musical dinner theatre scheduled for September 12,13,19,20 at 6:00 p.m. each night in the Crossroads Ministry Center. All tickets are \$10.00. Please be prepared to pay for your tickets when you pick them up.

You're invited to honor our Christian Education Volunteers on Sunday, August 30, following the 10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering. Those giving of their time to serve are involved in Sunday School, ABF, VBS, Good News Hour, Teacher Training, CE Committee, CE Room Coordinator, Church Staff, Miracle Camp Coordinator and Drivers, Family Camp Coordinators, Wednesday Night Activities, High School Group Volunteers, Recreation Coordinator, Library Workers, Audio Visual Coordinators, and Nursery Volunteers. The Worship Gathering will feature guest speaker, Dr. David Draper from Winebrenner Seminary. The title of his message will be *Making Disciples, Not Just Converts*. Lunch will be provided by Harlan's Chicken BBQ. Sign up and receive your free tickets in the Missions Center.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to go to Sondernach, France. This missions trip was possible because of your gracious donations and your strong prayers. – *Kayla Geiger*
To read Kayla's complete thank you letter please see the Youth Bulletin Board in the Missions Center.

Attention All College Students: The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Please complete the information sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Missions Center or e-mail the church office with the name of your college, starting date, your mailing address, and college year to: info@ebenezymennonite.org. You may also fill out the appropriate information on the green EMC Communications card. Thanks so much!

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, concerns, and visits. Thanks to Pastor Warren and Kathy for their visits. Thanks also to the Ambassador class for remembering me. It is so good to be back home! - *Dorothy Lugibihl*

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| 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
<i>Making Disciples, Not Just Converts</i> (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Chicken BBQ Meal (11:30 a.m., CMC)
Hymn Sing (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary) |
| 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) |
| Sept. 30 | Kick-off for Wednesday Night Children's Ministry
(Bill & Joan Steiner's home) |
| Oct. 7 | Wednesday Night Children's Ministry Begins
(Ages 2-Grade 6) |
| Nov. 1 | Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC) |
| Nov. 15-22 | Missions Conference 2009/ The Mission of God |

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Emissary Weekly

August 9, 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)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Dick (CMC)
- 6:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Committee Meeting (115)
- 6:15 p.m.** Missions Committee Meeting (103-104)
- 6:30 p.m.** Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
Xenos - Small Group (Pastor Jim's home)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service
 Speechless: Silencing the Christians #1
Series Premiere (Sanctuary)

Congratulations to Bill & Noretta Schantz on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 1.

A special welcome home to Linda Sommer. Linda has retired after serving on the missions field since 1969. In recent years she has worked with TEAM in Germany at the Black Forest Academy. We thank Linda for her many years of service in furthering our Lord's Kingdom and also welcome her back to living and serving with us here in the community!

In the Hospital: Margaret Herr, St. Rita's Medical Center.

Scheduled Surgery: Alan Frysinger, Friday, August 14, Lima Memorial Hospital.

Missions Committee will meet with Dale & Ruth Seefeldt at 6:15 p.m. today in Rooms 103-104.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on August 2:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	299
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	383
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	81

Giving on August 2:

\$17,146.27

Benevolent Fund	180.00
Building Fund	738.00
Christian Education Fund	495.27
Current Expense Fund	9,401.00
Missions Fund	5,787.00
New Building Fund	285.00
Van Fund	10.00
White Christmas	250.00

Missions Giving:

\$300 to Youth For Christ, Englewood, CO to help train volunteers for YFC leaders in Pakistan.

\$300 to Echo Ranch Bible Camp to help purchase a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machine for camp.

Missionary of the week: David Glick serves with YFC (**Pandora/Bluffton**). David & Mary have had the opportunity to open their lives and home for the kids in their neighborhood. Their home has become a place for the young people to come and play games and a place for guys to come and remember the death of their friend. Most importantly it has become a safe place for kids to feel welcome to come at any time and share what is going on in their lives. This also gives David & Mary an opportunity to share what God can do for them in their lives. Please send a note of encouragement to David at: dwglick@juno.com.

Missionary Updates: Copies of letters received from the following missionaries are available in the Missions Center underneath the large world map, **Neil & Meredi Bittle, Don & Brenda Ernst, Tim & Tiffany Gallant, David Glick, Duane & Millie Gow, Andy & Pam LaBreche, Don Leader, Lyn Loewen, Joel & Nada Mathai, Hannah Slechter, Chuck & Naomi Smith, Bonnie Spallinger, Joe & Jeanie Stucky, and Stan & Ronda Unruh.**

Opportunities of the Week: August 10-16

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

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Com. Meeting (FH) Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Ebenezer MC Softball Game (Village Park)
	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:15 p.m.	EMC Softball Game (Village Park)
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Junior & Senior High Outing <i>(meet at Bluffton Campus Life Room to leave for Columbus)</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC) Kitchen Use Information Meeting (FH)
	7:05 p.m.	Three Cups of Tea – Small Group <i>(Pastor Jim's home)</i>
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
Saturday	3:30 p.m.	Berean ABF Class Party
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)
	6:30 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC) Xenos – Small Group (Pastor Jim's home)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service Speechless: Silencing the Christians #2 (Sanctuary)

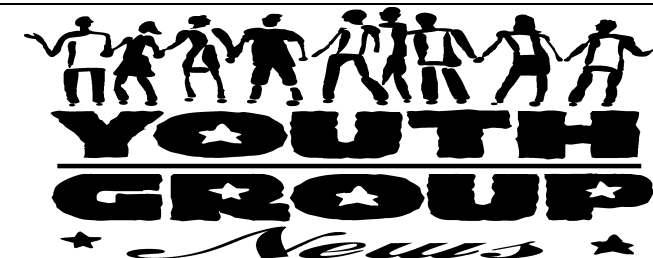
~ Helpers for Sunday, August 16 ~

Nursery: Karla Burkholder, Mikaela Diller,
Jared & Sarah Lehman, Matt & Kristi Lora, Donita Luginbill,
Joshua & Heidi Steiner

The Good News Hour: Amber Bewsey, Cindy & Katie
Breidenbach, Mariah Burkholder, Virginia Gladwell,
Adel Sommers, Rhonda & Allene Thompson

TODAY'S GREETERS

Jeremy & Christina Lemley, Missions Center
Marvin & Gloria Diller, Crossroads Ministry Center



~ The Plug ~

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**All Junior & Senior High Students are invited to these events:**

**Wednesday, August 12 - Columbus Zoo, Jungle Jacks Landing,  
& Zoombezi Bay Water Park!**

Cost: \$39 includes ticket to all three attractions and transportation. Must sign up for this event and pay \$10 non-refundable deposit to hold your spot! Spots are limited. First come first serve. Meet at the Bluffton Campus Life Room at 7:00 a.m. We will return at 6:00 p.m. Please contact David Glick at 567-204-9777 or Hannah Slechter at 419-236-5281 to sign up.

**Thursday, August 20 - Lazer X in Fort Wayne, IN**

Details to come later. Spots are limited. To sign up call David Glick at 567-204-9777 or Hannah Slechter at 419-236-5281.

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♦ **Reminder to all youth with 4-H projects:** Please provide a schedule with the dates, places, and times you will be showing your projects at the County Fairs. – *Pastor Wade*

♦ **Attention France trip members:** Pastor Wade needs your photos from the trip and also your \$12 for the T-shirts.

Kitchen Use Information Meeting will be held this Wednesday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Softball Tournaments begin this week. Ebenezer MC will play at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, and EMC will play that same night at 7:15 p.m. The winners will play in the semi-finals on Wednesday evening and the final tournament game will be on Thursday. All games are played at the Bluffton Village Park. Come join in on the fun!