

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!

Lead Me to the Cross

Savior I come
 Quiet my soul remember
 Redemptions hill
 Where Your blood was spilled
 For my ransom
 Everything I once held dear
 I count it all as lost

Lead me to the cross
 Where Your love poured out
 Bring me to my knees
 Lord I lay me down
 Rid me of myself
 I belong to You
 Lead me, lead me to the cross

You were as I
 Tempted and trialed
 You are
 The word became flesh
 Bore my sin and death
 Now you're risen

To your heart
 To your heart
 Lead me to your heart
 Lead me to your heart

► **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES** ◀

- 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, Not Just Converts (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. 28** *MOPS* (9:00 a.m., FH)
- 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)
- Oct. 18** Welcome to Ebenezer Dinner (11:30 a.m., FH)
- Oct. 26** *MOPS* (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Nov. 1** Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Nov. 15-22** Missions Conference 2009/***The Mission of God***

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EBENEZER **Emissary Weekly**

August 16, 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.** Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
- 6:30 p.m.** *Xenos* - Small Group (Pastor Jim's home)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service
 Speechless: Silencing the Christians #2
Is This Thing On (Sanctuary)

Our Sympathy to the family of Carolyn Spiller. Carolyn, the mother of Julie (Dick) Steiner, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, August 9. Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 13, at the Bluffton Baptist Church. Flowers on the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer are shared from the family.

In the Hospital: Al Frysinger, Lima Memorial Hospital.

Ticket Sales Begin Today: Dinner Theatre tickets are now available from 8:00 a.m. – Noon in the Missions Center. Tickets may be purchased in the church office Monday – Friday, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 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.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on August 9:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	315
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	387
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	72

Giving on August 9:

\$10,996.21

Benevolent Fund	150.00
Building Fund	438.00
Christian Education Fund	317.79
Current Expense Fund	7,100.42
Missions Fund	2,895.00
New Building Fund	95.00

Missionaries of the week: Duane & Millie Gow have served with **Trans World Radio** for 40 years. They have served in Bonaire, Sri Lanka, Monte Carlo, Chatham in New Jersey, and Cary in North Carolina. There have been many changes in broadcasting technology, the locations from which they have broadcast, the number of languages they broadcast in, but Praise the Lord the message being broadcast has never changed. They are grateful as well for the consistency with which we have continued to partner with them. Please send a note of encouragement to Duane & Millie at: duanegow@aol.com.

Recent Move: Margaret Herr, Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 W. Elm Street, Bluffton.

The kitchen is a valuable tool for many areas of ministries but it needs a little summer cleaning. Please join us on Saturday, August 22, from 8:00 -11:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship while we clean the kitchen. We will be cleaning the cupboards and organizing the pantry. We would love to have you join us!

Opportunities of the Week: August 17-23

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

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Constitution Revision Com. Meeting (FH) Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (FH) Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC) Praise Team Rehearsal (115)
	7:05 p.m.	Three Cups of Tea – Small Group (Pastor Jim's home)
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Junior & Senior High/Lazer X (meet at Bluffton Campus Life Room to leave for Fort Wayne, IN)
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (FH) Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Church Kitchen Cleaning Day
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.	Xenos – Small Group (Pastor Jim's home)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service Speechless: Silencing the Christians #3 Grandmas Behind Bars (Sanctuary)

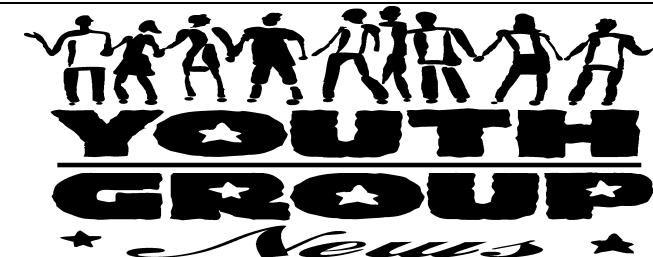
~ Helpers for Sunday, August 23 ~

Nursery: Caroline & Kyla Dawson, Kevin & Melissa Hilty,
Ron & Sue Epp, Dru Spallinger

The Good News Hour: Alaina Bixel, Karla Burkholder,
Kayla Geiger, Sarah Lehman, Kathy Steiner,
Kaitlin Thompson, Kendy Young

TODAY'S GREETERS

Jack & Joyce Reigle, *Missions Center*
Larry & Ginny Moser, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



~ The Plug ~

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

**Details:** Junior and Senior High School Students are invited. Cost: \$18. Time: Meet at the Bluffton Campus Life Room at 9:00 a.m. We plan to return at 5:00 p.m. Spots are limited. First come first serve. Sign up with David Glick 567-204-9777, Pastor Wade 567-204-1868, or Hannah Slechter 419-236-5281.

♦ **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.

**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.