

Cherub Choir will begin Sunday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. All kids age 2-Kindergarten are welcome. Any questions please contact Janet Brauen at 419-358-0495 or janetbrauen@gmail.com.

Children's Choir: Christmas is coming! Christmas is coming! And to prepare for it the Children's Choir, grades 1-6, will begin practice Sunday, September 13, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in Rooms 118-119. Our musical will be introduced at that time, so plan to be there.

Recent DVD additions to the church library: (2) Beth Moore Bible Study Series; (3) Parenting Series by Dr. Kevin Leman; Fireproof; new Veggie Tales and Hermie & Friends. Stop in and check one or two out today!!! Also, the following books will be coming soon: (4) New Amish fiction series; Karen Kingsbury series, Sisterchicks and Yada Yada Prayer Group.

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 very much for the cards and prayers during my recent surgery. A very special thanks to Pastor Dick, Pastor Warren, and Kathy Brauen for their prayers and support during my recent hospitalization. - Al Fryssinger

Special Music

I Keep Falling in Love with Him

When I first fell in love with Jesus, I gave Him all my heart, and I thought I couldn't love Him more than I did right at the start. But now I look back over the mountains and the valleys where we've been and it makes me know I love Him so much more than I did then! I keep falling in love with Him, over and over and over and over again. He gets sweeter and sweeter as the days go by. Oh, what a love between my Lord and I. There's a hand that I hold on to thro' each valley and each trial. There's a shoulder that I lean upon as I face another mile. There's a love that I can depend on, it's fresh and new each day. And with love my heart is overflowing.

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Sept. 7** Labor Day – Church Office Closed
- Sept 12, 13, 19, & 20** Dinner Theatre / **State Road 47**
(6:00 p.m. CMC)
- Sept. 20** Children's Ministry Workers Meeting (11:30 a.m., 103-104)
- 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
(6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's home)
- Oct. 5** Prayer Action Team Meeting (7:00 p.m., 103)
- Oct. 7** Wednesday Night Children's Ministry/Junior High
Begins (Ages 2-Grade 6/Junior High)
- Oct. 18** Welcome to Ebenezer Dinner (11:30 a.m., FH)
- Oct. 24** Women's Ministries **Soup Talk** (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- 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**
- Nov. 21** Missions Conference Ladies Refreshment Hour
(10:00 a.m., CMC)
- Feb. 7-13** SIM Missions Trip (Charlotte, NC)

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EBENEZER Emissary Weekly

August 30, 2009

Christian Education Appreciation Sunday *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.** CE Appreciation Sunday – Dr. David Draper of Winebrenner Seminary/ *Making Disciples, Not Just Converts (CMC)*
- 11:30 a.m.** CE Appreciation Chicken BBQ Meal (*CMC*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Hymn Sing (*Sanctuary*)

A big thank you to our Christian Education Volunteers! Many of you have given of your time, prayers, and financial gifts, to keep the Christian Education Program running so smoothly. Thank you again! – *Christian Education Committee*

Please return this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for an evening of special music and a hymn sing!

Missionaries of the week: *Steve and Belva Rae Kotlarczyk* serve with **SEND** in **Japan**. Belva continues with her monthly cooking class in Yokohama. They have had a busy schedule of camp this summer. The Japanese College Camp was held August 27-29. They praise the Lord for opportunities to share the gospel with the campers and that they could be encouraged in the Lord. Please send a note of encouragement to Steve & Belva Rae at: theks4jesus@yahoo.com.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on August 23:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	313
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	383
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	69

Giving on August 23:

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Benevolent Fund	70.00
Building Fund	608.00
Christian Education Fund	503.92
Current Expense Fund	6,909.30
Missions Fund	2,867.00
New Building Fund	50.00
Van Fund	10.00

Dinner Theatre tickets are available 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 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.

New Pictorial Directory: Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you new to our church and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Well, help is on the way! We are producing a new pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. Beginning tomorrow you can visit our church website, www.ebenezermennonite.org, to schedule your own appointment by clicking on the Lifetouch link. On Sunday, September 6, we will begin the sign-up process in the Missions Center at 8:30 a.m. for photography and portrait viewing session.

Opportunities of the Week: August 31-September 6

	Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.	Walking Program – CMC
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC) Missions Committee Meeting (103-104)
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)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Pictorial Directory Sign-Up (Missions Center)
	9:00 a.m.	Living Faith/Agape Class Breakfast (CMC) 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.	Communion Service (CMC)
	11:30 a.m.	Small Group Leaders Meeting (Schoolhouse)
	7:00 p.m.	Speechless: Silencing the Christians #4 <i>Olivia's Song</i> (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)

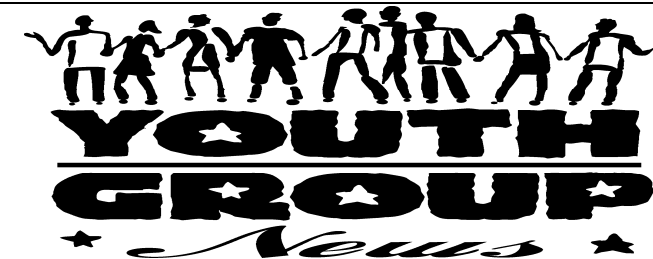
~ Helpers for Sunday, September 6 ~

Nursery: Crystal Badertscher, Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber, Gail, Quinn, Madison, & Ariel Schantz, Andrea Spallinger
The Good News Hour: Katy Alt, Sharon Forrer, Sarah Lehman, Jeremy & Christina Lemley, Kathy Steiner, Jamie Weichert

Small Group Leaders Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, September 6, following the Morning Worship Gathering. We will meet in the Schoolhouse. – *Pastor Wade*

TODAY'S GREETERS

Tony & Joyce Gratz, *Missions Center*
 Frank & Patty Boehm, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



~ The Plug ~

~~~~~ **Back to School Bash!**

All Junior and Senior High Students are invited to a **Back to School Bash** on Sunday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

Wednesday Night Junior High: All Junior High Students are invited. We will begin meeting on October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior High Classroom (Room B11).

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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*

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### Ministry Opportunities

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**To make our new pictorial directory a success we need volunteers.** If you are interested in helping during our photography sign-ups, telephoning our members, or serving as a host or hostess during the actual photography sessions, contact the church office at 419-358-8588.

**Servers and clean up crew** are needed for the Dinner Theatre. Please sign up at the tables in the Missions Center if you are interested.

**Help Wanted:** Someone to join the Children's Choir Team. A high school diploma or above preferred. A fondness for music and a love of children required. A little bit of silliness and off the wall behavior from applicant a plus. To apply please contact Renea Zimmerman at 419-369-4543 or Angela Steiner at 419-643-8260.

**SIM Workers Needed:** If interested please contact Ruth Anna Bixel at 419-358-5078. Dates of SIM trip are February 7-13, 2010.

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