

Parents and children from age 2 - grade 6, Wednesday, September 30, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. is the season kick-off of our Wednesday Night Children's Ministry. For details refer to the flyer that your child brings home or get a flyer on the registration table in the Missions Center. **We need you to sign up today so we know how many to plan for the supper.**

The Wild Game Committee will have their first meeting on Monday, October 5. Members, please be sure to attend. We are also looking for new members willing to serve on this committee, so if you are interested, please contact Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346.

Notice: Anyone willing to donate a deer or any type of wild game for our Wild Game Event in March, please contact Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346. Thank you.

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry begins at the church October 7, at 7:00 p.m. There are classes for children from age 2 - grade 6. Bring friends with you as we have fun learning about God's Word. Please stop by the registration table in the Missions Center to register your children.

Men's Small Group Bible Study starting October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary overflow and running in conjunction with the Wednesday Night Children's Ministry. Join us as we study with Ken Ham in how the Bible is real history touching on biology, geology astronomy, and anthropology.

Annual Open House: As a token of our appreciation to all sponsoring churches, the Et Cetera Shop Inc. stores will host a three hour open house on Sunday, October 11. Starting at 2:00 p.m., all three stores, Et Cetera Shop, Ten Thousand Villages, and Book ReViews will offer substantial savings to shoppers. Each store will have an enter-to-win and provide refreshments. Mark your calendar, one day only and for only three hours 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. This sale is not being advertised to the general public, but you're welcome to bring your friends.

Dear Ebenezer Family: Thanks so much for the unexpected blessing of the White Christmas Gift! Lori and I really appreciate it. Thanks to you for your prayers, encouragement, and support for the Van Buren ministry! – *Wild4the1, Lyn & Lori Loewen*

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Dinner Theatre. Each evening there were around 60 people involved. Thanks to all!

Ebenezer: Thank you so much for the White Christmas Gift. What a blessing! We are so thankful for your love, support, and prayers for our family and ministry here in California. God is doing some amazing things here. We are very grateful for Ebenezer. – *Phil, Mindy, Caleb, & Chloe Steiner*

Child Dedication on Sunday, October 18, at the 10:15 am. Worship Gathering

One of the greatest blessings for parents, family members, friends, and the church family is when a child is dedicated. At our Child Dedication Service parents commit to raise their child to know Jesus Christ for the glory of God. The church family pledges to support the family with love and encouragement, plus provide opportunities for spiritual development of the family. In preparation for child dedication we need you to:

1. Register your child or children. Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Dick or Pastor Jim.
2. Provide a digital photo of you with the child or children to be dedicated. Send to info@ebenezermennonite.org or make an appointment with Pastor Wade to have a photo taken. Contact him at wade.slechter@ebenezermennonite.org or call 567-204-1868.
3. Please register and have photo turned in no later than Sunday, October 11.
4. There will be a time in the dedication where your child will specifically be prayed for. This prayer can be offered by you, a family member, friend, or pastor.

Any parents who attend Ebenezer are welcome to dedicate their child. The requirement is membership in the family of God, not Ebenezer Mennonite Church. All parents who know Christ as Savior are welcome to participate in this child dedication.

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Oct. 7** Wednesday Night Supper (6:00 p.m. until 6:40 p.m., CMC)
Wednesday Night Children's Ministry/Junior High Begins (Ages 2-Grade 6/Junior High)
- Oct. 10** Men's Breakfast & Trap Shoot (7:30 a.m., CMC/outside)
- Oct. 18** Welcome to Ebenezer Lunch (11:45 a.m., FH)
- Oct. 24** Women's Ministries **Soup Talk** (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Oct. 26** MOPS (9:00 a.m., FH)
Evening Sew (6:00 a.m., CMC)
- Oct. 27** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- 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)
- Dec. 5** *Christmas Tea for Ladies* (9:32 a.m., CMC)



EBENEZER
Emissary Weekly

Sept. 27, 2009

Opportunities of the Day

- 8:30 a.m.** Pictorial Directory Sign-up (*Missions Center*)
- 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*)
- 4:00 p.m.** PowerTeam Committee Meeting (*Sanctuary Foyer*)
- 5:30 p.m.** **Junior & Senior High Back to School Bash/ Small Group Kick-off** (*Meet at the Schoolhouse*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Journey through Life/Small Group (*Pastor Jim's home*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service - Speechless: Silencing the Christians #5 Vows on the Boardwalk? (*Sanctuary*)
Children's Choir (*Grades 1-6, 118-119*)
Cherub Choir (*Age 2-Kindergarten, B10*)

Cherub Choir will begin tonight 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.

Missionaries of the week: Don & Ann Leader. Don serves as Executive Director of the **Findlay Area Youth for Christ.** Ann serves with the **Pandora-Bluffton YFC.** During their August football practices, they have had the opportunity to have each class over to their house for a spaghetti lunch. Pray for them as they remain undaunted in their efforts to reach every young person across their ministry area with the love of Christ before time runs out. Please send a note of encouragement to Don & Ann at: leaderdyfc@juno.com.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on September 19:

Dinner Theatre	(6:00 p.m.)	300
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Attendance on September 20:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	316
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Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	389
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Dinner Theatre	(6:00 p.m.)	300
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Giving on September 20:

\$8,437.17

Benevolent Fund		85.00
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Building Fund		45.00
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Christian Education Fund		246.17
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Current Expense Fund		6,436.00
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Missions Fund		1,575.00
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New Building Fund		25.00
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Van Fund		25.00
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Missionary Updates: Copies of letters received in August from the following missionaries are available in the Missions Center underneath the large world map. *Don & Brenda Ernst, Bryan & Felicia Friesen, Tim & Tiffany Gallant, David Glick, Rod & Lori Kraybill, Phil & Deb Leach, Don Leader, Lyn Loewen, Jorge & Lynn Mogrovejo, Rick & Pat Shaner, Hannah Slechter, Joe & Jeanie Stucky, and Les & Verla Unruh.*

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. To schedule your appointment sign-up in the Missions Center today or call the church at 419-358-8588 Monday - Friday. The photography dates are: October 9 & 10 and October 12-17.

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

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

Opportunities of the Week: Sept. 28 – Oct. 4

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

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | MOPS (FH) |
| Tuesday | 6:15 a.m. | Men's Bible Study/Breakfast (FH) |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | Game Time (FH) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Kick-off for Wednesday Night
Children's Ministry (at Bill Steiner's home) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Worship Team Rehearsal (115) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Adult Bible Study & Prayer (FH)
Adult Choir Rehearsal (115) |
| | 7:05 p.m. | Connections Small Group (Pastor Jim's home) |
| 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) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Trustee Meeting (FH) |
| | 6:31 p.m. | Journey through Life/Small Group
(Pastor Jim's home) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Evening Fellowship Service
<i>Esther: ...For such a time as this?</i> Esther 1-3
(Sanctuary)
Cherub Choir (Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)
Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups |

~ Helpers for Sunday, October 4 ~

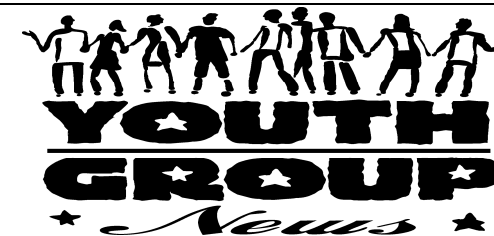
Nursery: Crystal Badertscher, Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber, Gail, Madison & Ariel Schantz, Andrea Spallinger

The Good News Hour: Juan, Sonia & Evania Bonifaz, Megan Kirkendall, Madison Schantz, Sarah Shank, Joan Steiner

In need of volunteers to minister in the nursery Sunday evenings. If this is a ministry you would like to be involved in please note your interest on the green EMC communication card or call Heidi Steiner 419-358-0116.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Bart & Joy Moser, Missions Center
Jerry & Vickie Cartwright, Crossroads Ministry Center



~ The Plug ~

Back to School Bash!

Tonight all Junior and Senior High Students are invited to a **Back to School Bash/Small Group Kick-off.** Meet at the schoolhouse at 5:30. We will be going to Suter's Corn Maze via hay ride, so dress warmly. Following the Corn Maze we will return to the schoolhouse for pizza and a movie. Cost for the Corn Maze is \$4.00.

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).

Junior and Senior High Fifth Quarter: On Friday, October 16, following the high school football game, plan now to attend a Fifth Quarter in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

Senior High Dodgeball Night: Friday, November 6, at 5:00 p.m., in the Crossroads Ministry Center

Mark your calenders for 2010 Miracle Camp Winter Retreat, January 29-31 Senior High and January 8-10 Junior High.

A Ladies Bible Study will begin Wednesday, October 7, from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in Room B17. We will be studying Daniel, *Words of Prophecy* with Beth Moore. If interested please call Rhonda Thompson, at 567-204-2384. I have an extra book, or books can be ordered. Ladies, come join us for an exciting in-depth study of end-time prophecy.

Do you have a favorite coffeecake, muffin or egg casserole recipe you like to make? At Bluffton-Pandora Youth for Christ Breakfast Club we are serving close to 70 students breakfast each week and would like to enlist your help. If you are interested in baking once, twice, or on a regular basis please call Ann Leader at 419-302-1275 or email at dnaleader@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.