

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

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. Please call either the church office at 419-358-8588, contact Pastor Dick, or Pastor Jim for more information.

***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.

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

***Ladies,*** get ready to warm your stomachs and hearts. It's ***Soup Talk,*** October 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Join us for an evening of soup sampling and conversation. Tables will be filled with a variety of homemade soups and discussion questions, so while we eat, we talk. Sign up today and next Sunday in the Missions Center! If you have any questions, please contact a member of Women's Ministries.

***Dear members of Ebenezer Mennonite Church:*** Another show under the belt! How do you do this year after year? This is truly a whole-church production. I can't thank you enough for continuing to support the needy in the Bluffton area. – *Very sincerely, Paula McKibben, Bluffton Community Assistance Program*

***Dear Ebenezer Mennonite Church:*** Thank you so much for your efforts in supporting the Mennonite Memorial Home's Fall Festival. There were several bakers from your church who brought in wonderful, delicious baked goods for the Bake Sale. Their donations were quickly snatched up! Your gifts helped make this event a very successful one! It was our best year ever. We do appreciate your support and donations! – *Yours truly, Mary Ann Ring, Volunteer Coordinator*

***Ebenezer Family:*** Thank you so much for the generous White Christmas Gift. We so much appreciate your sacrificial giving. What a blessing it is to have such a supportive church family. Looking forward to seeing you all at Missions Conference. – *Kerry & Krista Wright*

► **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES** ◀

- 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)  
**Dec. 13** Children's Christmas Program (7:00 p.m., CMC)  
**Dec. 20** Christmas Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m., CMC)  
**\*No ABF, Sunday School, or Evening Service\***  
**Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service (6:00 p.m.)  
**Feb. 7-13** SIM Missions Trip (Charlotte, NC)

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**EBENEZER**  
**Emissary Weekly**

October 11, 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)  
*Gideon Speaker:* Harold Roberts  
**6:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Committee Meeting (115)  
**6:31 p.m.** Journey through Life/Small Group  
(at Jim & Shari Hanf's home)  
**7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service – *Esther: ...For such a time as this?* Esther 4-6 (Sanctuary)  
Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)  
Cherub Choir (Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)  
Junior & Senior Small Groups Meet

***Our Sympathy*** to the family of Carol Schifferly. Carol, the sister of Sandy Neuenschwander, passed away on Sunday, October 4. Services were held at Chiles-Laman Funeral Homes, Bluffton on Tuesday, October 6.

***Missionaries of the week:*** ***Dave & JoAnn Loewen*** serve with **SEND in Farmington, MI.** Dave & JoAnn were busy this summer with the Candidate Orientation Program. There was an appointment of 26 new SEND missionaries. The Operation Reconnect was held for 42 adults and 45 children who had returned from their fields of service. They met at SEND to reconnect with the mission and with the US culture and changes in the US churches. This was followed by a workshop which JoAnn and two others facilitated. Please send a note of encouragement to Dave & JoAnn at dloewen@send.org.

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on October 4:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	274
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	422
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	149

### Giving on October 4:

	<b>\$19,434.31</b>
Benevolent Fund	130.00
Building Fund	485.00
Christian Education Fund	745.06
Current Expense Fund	12,859.25
Missions Fund	5,025.00
New Building Fund	190.00

**Missionary Updates:** Copies of letters received in September from the following missionaries are available in the Missions Center underneath the large world map: *Neil & Meredi Bittle, Norman & Gwen Bowman, Brad & Debbie Dukes, Margaret Edmondson, Tim & Tiffany Gallant, David Glick, Don Leader, Steve & Carol Lehman, Dave & JoAnn Loewen, Lyn Loewen, Gary & Pearl Nussbaum, David & Marjory Patrick, Daniel & Lynn Plett, Dan Reisacher, Nick & Debbie Siemens, Hannah Slechter, Phil & Mindy Steiner, Murray & Kathy Trim, and Les & Verla Unruh.*

### Urgent Need:

As school has started, we have an immediate need for someone to take on the responsibilities of Representative to Bluffton Weekday Christian Education which involves helping find walkers for weekday Christian education classes for grade schoolers. Would you prayerfully consider this ministry to our Bluffton children? Please contact the church office at 419-358-8588 for a copy of the ministry responsibilities and for more information.

**There are a few appointment times left** so you can have your photograph taken for our new church pictorial directory. But you need to call the church to schedule an appointment at 419-358-8588. The photography dates are: October 12-17.

## Opportunities of the Week: Oct. 12-18

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	Directory Photo Sessions <i>(FH)</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:15 a.m.</b>	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast <i>(103&amp;104)</i>
	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	Directory Photo Sessions <i>(FH)</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time <i>(FH)</i>
	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	Directory Photo Sessions <i>(FH)</i>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Wednesday Night Supper <i>(CMC)</i>
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal <i>(115)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer <i>(FH)</i>
		Adult Choir Rehearsal <i>(115)</i>
		Ladies' Bible Study <i>(B17)</i>
		Men's Bible Study <i>(Sanctuary overflow)</i>
		Children's Ministry <i>(ages 2-grade 6)</i>
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group <i>(Pastor Jim's home)</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	Directory Photo Sessions <i>(FH)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Deacon Meeting <i>(103 &amp; 104)</i>
		Volleyball <i>(BFR)</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	Directory Photo Sessions <i>(FH)</i>
	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	Junior & Senior High Fifth Quarter <i>(CMC)</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Directory Photo Sessions <i>(FH)</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & ABF <i>(Various classrooms)</i>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour <i>(ages 2-3, B10, 4-5-year-olds, B17)</i>
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering & Child Dedication to the Lord <i>(CMC)</i>
	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	Welcome to Ebenezer Lunch <i>(CMC)</i>
	<b>6:31 p.m.</b>	Journey through Life/Small Group <i>(Pastor Jim's home)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service
		<i>Esther: ...For such a time as this? Esther 7-10 (Sanctuary)</i>
		Cherub Choir <i>(Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)</i>
		Children's Choir <i>(Grades 1-6, 118-119)</i>
		Junior & Senior High Small Groups

### ~ Helpers for Sunday, October 18 ~

**Nursery:** Leah Eiden, Sue Epp, Melissa Hilty, Matt & Kristi Lora, Phil & Sarah Shank, & Anita Willow

**The Good News Hour:** Amber Bewsey, Mariah Burkholder, Cindy & Katie Breidenbach, Adel Sommers, Andrea Spallinger, Rhonda & Allene Thompson

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Amber Bewsey & Evania Bonifaz, *Missions Center*  
Jack & Joyce Reigle, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



## ~ The Plug ~

**Wednesday Night Junior High:** All Junior High Students are invited. We meet in the Junior High Classroom (Room B11).

**Junior and Senior High Fifth Quarter:** On Friday, October 16, following the high school football game until 11:30 p.m., 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.

**Effective today** Marvin Foster will be assuming the duties of Technical Director. – *Greg Luginbill*

**Attention Visitors:** The Outreach Committee invites you to a Welcome to Ebenezer Lunch, next Sunday, October 18, at 11:45 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Please join us to learn more about our church, ministries, and family. We look forward to seeing you.

**Do you have a special talent for video taping?** This could be a ministry opportunity for you. Someone is needed to take over the responsibility of video taping the Sunday morning Worship Gatherings, please contact Greg Luginbill at 419-306-4122 or Marvin Foster at 419-358-0203 if you are interested.

**Snow Removal:** If you would like to place a bid on snow removal, please send to the church office. The bids will be opened at the next Trustee Meeting on Sunday, November 1.

**Moms in Touch:** Moms, do you worry about your children? Come experience how you can replace your anxiety and fear with peace and hope by praying with other moms. A Bluffton area **Moms in Touch** group is now forming. If you are in the Bluffton school district come join other moms in prayer on Wednesdays at 1:45 p.m. on the third floor of First Mennonite Church. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andrea Fulcomer at 419-358-4262 or Kendy Young at 419-358-0915.