

The annual congregational meeting is this Wednesday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Elections will be held. Please be aware that the number of deacon nominees does not meet constitutional requirements, so we will need to temporarily amend Article XI in our constitution.

Nominees for Elected Offices for 2010

Deacons:	David Brauen	Chuck Niswander

Trustees:	Kurt Emans	Randy Garmatter
	Mike Hilty	Bill Spallinger
	Mark Spallinger	

Nominating Committee:	Arlene Garmatter	Lynda Rodabaugh
	Linda Sommers	Bill Steiner

Head Usher:	Randy Garmatter	Ron Steiner

Ushers:	Joe Alt	Mike Biery
	Randy Forrer	David Garmatter
	Richard Garmatter	John Good
	Alan Hefner	Bruce Moser
	Larry Moser	Mike Powell
	John Schutz	Jim Spallinger
	Robert Spallinger	Josh Steiner
	Bill Steiner	Bob Zimmerman, Jr.

Our MOPS group has seen a dramatic increase in our numbers this year with over two-thirds of our moms not attending Ebenezer. **That's where we desperately need your help.** We have an urgent need for helpers in the toddler and 2-year-old class. Would you be able to help out even once or twice during the year? If this ministry is something that you would be willing to assist with, or if you have questions, please contact Marti Meza at 419-358-0789 or Sarah Lehman at 419-957-3607 as soon as you can. Thank you all so much for supporting this ministry!!

The Wild Game Committee is in need of any type of wild game you are willing to donate for our Wild Game Night on March 27, 2010. Please contact Mark or Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346 if you are willing to donate any type of meat. Thank you.

Wonderful Merciful Savior

*Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh you rescue the souls of men*

*Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way*

*You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

*Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne*

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Dec. 14** MOPS (9:00 a.m., FH)
- 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.)
- Jan. 8-10** Junior High Winter Retreat (Miracle Camp)
- Jan. 29-31** Senior High Winter Retreat (Miracle Camp)
- Feb. 7-13** SIM Missions Trip (Charlotte, NC)
- Feb. 24-28** PowerTeam Crusade (CMC, 6:00 p.m.)



EBENEZER

Emissary Weekly

December 6, 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)
- 2-4:00 p.m.** *Welcome Home Shower* for Linda Sommer (CMC)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers (formerly Children's Choir, Grades 1-6, CMC)
PowerTeam Committee Meeting (Sanctuary Foyer)
- 7:00 p.m.** Cherub Choir (Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups Meet

You are invited to the 113th Performance of
G.F. Handel's *Messiah* sung by the
Bluffton University Choral Society
at 4:00 p.m. in Founders Hall
*There will be no evening service here in favor
of attending this event*

Congratulations to Bill & JoAnna Jones on the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Elizabeth, born Sunday, November 29, weighing 8 lb.

Our Sympathy to the family of Wayne Holt. Wayne, the father of Bob, passed away on Tuesday, December 1. Friends may call from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, at Hartman Sons Funeral Home, Columbus Grove. Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 9, at the Cable Road Alliance Church, Lima.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on November 29:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	304
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	444
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	120

Giving on November 29:

\$8,963.75

Benevolent Fund	160.00
Building Fund	170.00
Christian Education Fund	588.75
Current Expense Fund	6,325.00
Missions Fund	1,670.00
New Building Fund	50.00

Missions Giving:

\$50.00 to the Gideons in memory of Linda Conley, mother of missionary Naomi Smith.

Missionaries of the week: *David & Marjory Patrick* serve with **TEAM** in South Africa. David teaches at the Union Bible Institute and works with the UBI Choir. Marg is teaching English at ESSA (Evangelical Seminary of S. A.) and performs administrative tasks. Please send a note of encouragement to David & Marjory at dave.marjayahoo.com.

Missionary Updates: Copies of letters received in November from the following missionaries are available in the Missions Center underneath the large world map: *Norman & Gwen Bowman, Brad & Debbie Dukes, Tim & Tiffany Gallant, David Glick, Don Leader, Lyn Loewen, Joel & Nada Mathai, Rick & Pat Shaner, Hannah Slechter, Lee & Michelle Sonius, and Brynden Wiens.*

In the Hospital: Aaron Koogler, St. Rita's Medical Center.

Scheduled Surgery: Gina Burkholder, Friday, December 11, Surgery Center in Lima.

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: Dec. 7-13

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

Tuesday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	EMC 2 Men's Basketball (CMC)
	8:00 p.m.	EMC Men's Basketball (CMC)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
	8:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Disciple Singers Rehearsal (CMC)
		Cherub Choir Rehearsal (CMC)
	10:00 a.m.	Berean ABF Class (Bear Creek Farms, IN)
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 (103 & 104)
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers Meet (Grades 1-6, CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program (CMC)

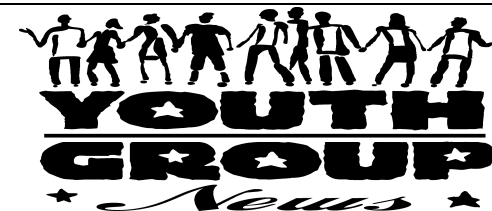
~ Helpers for Sunday, December 13 ~

Nursery: Mike & Kathy Biery, Leah Eiden, Sue Epp, Mikaela Diller, Jared & Sarah Lehman, Dru Spallinger
The Good News Hour: Diana & Kathryn Basinger, Hanné Burkholder, Mikaela Diller, Sharon Forrer, Arlene Garmatter, Julie Motter

Linda Sommer, a lifelong missionary, has recently returned from Black Forest Academy in Germany. She left nearly all of her belongings there and is in need of almost everything. We would like to show our appreciation for Linda with a *Welcome Home Shower*. The open house is for men, women, and children and will be from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. today in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Come and enjoy cake and help Linda feel welcomed home!

TODAY'S GREETERS

Jené Sommers, Mikaela Diller, Missions Center
 Larry & Ginny Moser, Crossroads Ministry Center



~ The Plug ~

Registration begins today for 2010 Miracle Camp Winter Retreat, January 8-10 Junior High and January 29-31 Senior High. A sign up sheet will be in your Sunday School Class or see Pastor Wade. Please bring a \$10.00 deposit and sign-up **ASAP**.

Faith Promise Update: We want to thank the Ebenezer Family for their faithfulness and generosity toward the Faith Promise Pledges for 2010. The amount of the Faith Promise will determine our 2010 missions budget. The promises presently amount to \$178,400. That leaves us \$16,600 to meet our goal of \$195,000. Faith Promise pledges will be taken until the end of December. Pledge cards may be secured from the ushers, taken from the table in the Foyer or Missions Center, or the church office. Thank you again for your prayers and pledges that make our missions program a great blessing to many missionaries and ministries. - *Missions Committee*

Prayer Survey: An updated prayer survey will be distributed in all of the Adult Bible Fellowship classes today. The Prayer Action Team wants to give you an opportunity to either renew your present praying commitment or sign up for a new one. Please take a few moments to either complete the survey in class or take it home and return it to the Prayer Table in the Missions Center by next Sunday. Words cannot express how much our church leaders, our families, our youth, our missionaries, and the recipients of our outreach events all thank you for your past, present, and future prayers on their behalf. God bless each one of you!

Thank you for the prayers and cards that were given for me during my illness. Thank you to Kathy Brauen, Ann Leader, Pastor Dick, and Rev. Warren. What peace is given and comfort to know people are praying. God is good! - *Marcine Geiger*