

Summer Miracle Camp: Anyone in Grades 2-12 may attend camp. Extra registration forms are in the Copier/Mail Room. Please return completed form by Wednesday, March 17, and place in the box marked for Miracle Camp in the Copier/Mail Room.

Benefit Auction/Bake Sale: April (Christian) Gratz's Uncle Kerry is suffering from Mucinous Cancer. Last year the doctors removed his gallbladder, spleen, appendix, 1/3 of his stomach, and 24" of his colon. He is recovering slowly but has incurred over \$100,000 in medical bills. The family is hosting a benefit auction, bake sale, and games on Saturday, March 20, to raise money to help pay medical bills. If you would like to donate an item for the auction or the bake sale or want information on the day's activities please contact Joyce Gratz 419-358-1588 by Wednesday, March 17.

Easter Edition - Our Daily Bread: Stop by the Prayer Table in the Missions Center or the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and pick up a special edition of *Our Daily Bread* to help you anticipate and prepare for Resurrection Sunday (April 4). There are four weeks of themed readings ending on Easter weekend. Allow this devotional booklet to strengthen, encourage, challenge, and change you as you walk with Christ through the events He endured out of love, worshipping Him with a heart of gratitude.

A Special Thanks: I just want to say thank you to those who helped with the process of putting our new pictorial directory together. There were many volunteers who helped with photography sign-ups, telephoning our members, or serving as a host or hostess during the actual photography sessions. A thank you also to Melissa Hilty for doing a great job on the layout of the directory. Extra photos that were needed to complete the book were taken by Troy Breidenbach, Sue Luginbill, and Jamie Nygaard. Thank you all so much! - *Deb Hilty*

The Mennonite Memorial Home Fund has available a scholarship to individuals interested in entering the field of nursing or advancing their degree in nursing. For more information please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center.

Mark your calendars! Family camp is scheduled for July 23-25 at River Run Family Campground in Loudonville, Ohio. Please stop by the table in the Missions Center for a brochure about the camp along with a registration form. Registration will begin next Sunday, March 7. Please contact Cindy Moser at moser@fairpoint.net or 419-659-2097 with any questions.

The Sewing Committee would like to thank all the ladies and girls who participated in the All Day Sew. We have completed six queen and seven single comforters. We restocked the Sharing Room for our missionaries. We have started a collection of comforters for the Community Assistance Program in Bluffton for people in need and that program will receive the comforters after we have our All Day Sew in October. May our Lord bless you for your willingness and time you have dedicated to this ministry. This is a big project and it takes many people to create these comforters. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 26, to complete more comforters for the Missions Conference and the Community Assistance Program.

Thank you to the Power Team Committee for all their hard work. We had another successful crusade. We would also like to thank everyone in the church family that volunteered their time to help. Thank you to all of the Pastoral Staff for giving us this opportunity to bring in the Power Team. - *Kevin & Gina Burkholder*

Dear Ebenezer: Thank you so much for the great care package! There were so many wonderful items I didn't know where to start. My first semester went great so I'm hoping for another good one. Thank you for the encouraging words and for always being there to help make me happy. - *Thank you again! Kayla Geiger*

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Mar. 15** Wild Game Committee Meeting (7:30 p.m., FH)
- Mar. 27** Wild Game Night (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- April 2** Good Friday Service (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- April 4** SonRise Service (7:30 a.m., CMC)
SonRise Breakfast (8:30 a.m., CMC)
Easter & Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- April 25** VBS Teacher Training (9:00 a.m., 116)
- May 2** VBS Teacher Training (9:00 a.m., 116)
Disciple Singers Spring Musical (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- May 23** Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.m., CMC)
Graduate Recognition (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- June 6-11** Vacation Bible School (6:30 p.m., CMC)
- June 13-19** Middle School 1 (Miracle Camp)
- July 23-25** Family Camp (River Run Family Campground, Loudonville, OH)
- June 27-30** Grade School 1 (Miracle Camp)
- July 4-10** Junior High 1 (Miracle Camp)
- July 11-17** Senior High (Miracle Camp)
- July 25-31** Grade School 2 (Miracle Camp)



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Emissary Weekly

March 7, 2010

Opportunities of the Day

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Membership Class (*Library*)
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*)
- 11:30 a.m.** Welcome to Ebenezer Lunch (*CMC*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Men's Bible Study (*School house*)
Trustee Meeting (*FH*)
- 5:30 p.m.** Constitution Revision Information Meeting
(*Sanctuary*)
- 6:45 p.m.** Financial Peace University (*103 & 104*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship/Separation for Holiness
(*Sanctuary*)
Cherub Choir (*Age 2-Kindergarten, B10*)
Disciple Singers (*Grades 1-6, 118-119*)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups Meet

A benevolent offering will be taken at the end of worship this morning. This will be after a special time of song and prayer at the conclusion of worship focusing on the needs of our church family and community at large.

Following worship the ushers will hand out copies of the proposed revision of the Constitution. **The Constitution Revision Information Meeting** is today at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Next Sunday, March 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary there will be a Congregational Meeting to vote on the Constitution Revision.

Join Us Tonight! Dr. Robert Provost will be our guest speaker. He is the president of the Slavic Gospel Association. He was visiting the Soviet Union when the Iron Curtain came crashing down. He has served as a pastor, administrator of a Christian college, and Seminary as well as President of SGA. He has made over 130 trips to the lands of Russia. Join us and learn much about the Lord's work in the CIS today. You will be blessed by his presentation tonight at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. - *Pastor Dick*

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on February 26:

Power Team (7:00 p.m.) 793

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Attendance on February 28:

Sunday School & ABF (9:00 a.m.) 326

Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 439

Power Team (7:00 p.m.) 905

Giving on February 28:

\$11,609.52

Benevolent Fund 140.00

Building Fund 285.00

Christian Education Fund 692.89

General Fund 7,051.63

Missions Fund 3,315.00

New Building Fund 125.00

Memorials for Burnetta Moser – Missions Fund \$1,115.00

Church Library \$25.00

Missions Giving.

\$258.55 for purchase of gas for two church vans to and from missions work trip at SIM Headquarters in Charlotte, NC February 7-13.

\$1,781.80 to Jim King for the purchase of air tickets for Jim & Pat to go to France to assist with the National YFC Conference and teach 3Story Evangelism.

Missionaries of the week: Les & Verla Unruh serve with *SIM USA in North Carolina*. Les directs the Ministries Department and Verla has helped in the Training and Selection Department. They returned in December after serving some time in Liberia. They want to thank us for our part in their ministry through faithful prayers, letters, and gifts. Please send an e-mail note to Les & Verla at: unruh@comporium.net

Attention Newcomers: The Outreach Committee invites you to a Welcome to Ebenezer Lunch today at 11:30 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!

The new pictorial directories are in and may be picked up in the Missions Center. Extra copies are available at \$5.00 each.

Opportunities of the Week: March 8-14

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

Monday	9:00 a.m.	<i>MOPS (FH)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting <i>(103 & 104)</i>
	7:30 p.m.	Wild Game Committee Meeting <i>(FH)</i>
Tuesday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast <i>(FH)</i>
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time <i>(FH)</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper <i>(CMC)</i>
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal <i>(115)</i>
	6:45 p.m.	Financial Peace University <i>(Sanctuary Foyer)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer <i>Love to Pray (103-104)</i>
		Adult Choir Rehearsal <i>(115)</i>
		Children's Ministry <i>(ages 2-grade 6)</i>
		Ladies' Bible Study <i>(B17)</i>
		Men's Bible Study <i>(Sanctuary overflow)</i>
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball <i>(CMC)</i>
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Membership Class <i>(Library)</i>
		Sunday School & ABF <i>(Various classrooms)</i>
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour <i>(ages 2-3, B10, 4-5-year-olds, B17)</i>
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering <i>(CMC)</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study <i>(School house)</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting to vote on the Constitution Revision <i>(6:00 p.m., Sanctuary)</i>
	6:45 p.m.	Financial Peace University <i>(103 & 104)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service <i>(Sanctuary)</i>

~ Helpers for Sunday, March 14 ~

Nursery: Sarah Amstutz, Lynette & Amber Bewsey,
Ron & Sue Epp, Deb Hilty, Deb Huber, Brittany Sheehan
Good News Hour: Jaime Combs, Cory Hilty, Kyle Huber,
Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Madison Schantz,
Hannah Slechter, Andrea Spallinger

~ Today's Greeters ~

Susan Hawk & Cheryl Potter – *Missions Center*
Mike & Kathy Biery – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

Wild Game – Saturday, March 27: Stop by the Missions Center to pick up your tickets for the Wild Game Night. This year's Wild Game Night will start at 5:00 p.m. with appetizers and exhibits. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. with BBQ venison, Au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, and peach cobbler. Our speaker this year, Brad Jerman, is credited with the largest typical whitetail ever taken with a crossbow. Tickets are \$10 each or you can purchase a table of 8 for \$70. Invite your friends!

Adult *(includes anyone college age and up)* **Small Groups:** Theme: *Take Flight*. This adult small group will meet on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:05 p.m. Beginning today and will finish the week of April 25. Contact Pastor Jim King at jim.king@ebenezymennonite.org for more information and to sign up. There is a limit of 20 participants. Both small groups meet at Jim & Pat King's home: 152 S. Jackson St., Bluffton.

High Seas Expedition! Vacation Bible School is 12 weeks away and we need your help. Sign ups will begin next Sunday for anyone who would like to be a guide, help on recreation, lead music, and more. You can find the sign-up table in the Foyer of the Crossroads Missions Center on March 14, 21, & 28. - *Thanks VBS Committee*

Please note: The Vacation Bible School Committee is need of 120 shoeboxes. These can be of any size. There will be labeled boxes in the library where you can put them. Thank you for your donations. – *Thanks, VBS Committee*

You are invited to the Mennonite Memorial Home Women's Service Group *SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER*, Monday, March 8, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. They will be serving three different kinds of soups. There will also be sloppy joes, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, cornbread muffins, and a wonderful selection of desserts. They will be serving in the chapel at the Mennonite Home with take-out or dine-in options. The cost for the dinner is on a donation basis.

We would appreciate assistance with the desserts for the supper. The desserts/baked goods marked with MMH may be placed in the church kitchen by 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 8. You may also take the items to the MMH. All proceeds from the *SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER* will go to the MMH's Women's Service Group to be used for the needs of the residents.