

PLEASE NOTE

The Mennonite Home Service Group will be holding their Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 25, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. They will be serving lunch along with silent and consignment auctions, bake sale, and other activities. The bake sale will start on Friday, September 24, at 9:00 a.m. and continue through the next day. Donated baked items labeled MMH may be brought to the Ebenezer kitchen by 8:30 a.m. that Friday. They may also be taken to MMH. The money raised from this event will provide monetary assistance for special projects at the MMH. *Thank you for your support, from the Mennonite Home Service Group.*

All ladies are invited! Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study will resume on October 6, at 7:00 p.m. This fall we will begin our study with, *Lord, I Want to Know You: A Devotional Study on the Names of God*, by Kay Arthur. Please contact the church office at 419-358-8588 or call Linda Sommer at 419-358-0054 if you plan to attend.

Men's Breakfast: On Saturday, October 9, all men are invited to a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Attention All College Students: The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Please 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!

GREEN CARDS

Please notice the Green Ebenezer Communications Card in your bulletin. These cards may be used to request prayer for you and/or your family or friends; to request information concerning our many church ministries; to provide address information or address/phone changes, etc. These cards are a vital communication link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to use these cards and place completed ones in the offering plate or in the box provided in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYER CHAIN

Please call the church office for any names or concerns that you want listed in the Weekly Prayer List or announced during our Worship Services. To start the Prayer Chain, contact Kathy Brauen at 419-234-7808 or the church office at 419-358-8588.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Sept. 26** Welcome to Ebenezer Dinner (following morning Worship Gathering, CMC)
- Sept. 29** Kick-off for Wednesday Night Children's Ministry (6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's home)
- Oct. 3** Worship & Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Oct. 4** Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Oct. 5** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- Oct. 6** Wednesday Night Children's and Junior High Ministries, Women's Bible Study, and Adult Choir Rehearsals all begin (7:00 p.m.)
- Oct. 9** Men's Breakfast (7:30 a.m., FH)
- Nov. 14-21** Missions Conference - *Reaching Up & Reaching Out*
- Dec. 12** Handel's *Messiah* (4:00 p.m., Bluffton University)

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Welcome to EBENEZER

A warm welcome to one and all this Christian Education Appreciation Sunday. Let us open our hearts to the God of love and our hands in friendship to one another. May God's grace touch us all.

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 B10,
4-5-year-olds B17)
- 10:15 a.m.** **Christian Education Appreciation Sunday**
Rev. Randy Keeler - *Lessons in Discipleship* (CMC)
Christian Education Volunteer Chicken BBQ
Lunch (following service in the CMC)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers Choir Party (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Cherub Choir (B10)
Evening Fellowship Service (CMC)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY

A special welcome to Rev. Randy Keeler, Associate Professor of Religion at Bluffton University, who is our guest speaker today.

A big thank you to those who have given of their time to serve in the following areas: Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowship, Vacation Bible School, Good News Hour, Teacher Training, Christian Education Committee, Church Staff, CE Room Coordinator, Miracle Camp Coordinator and Drivers, Family Camp Coordinators, Wednesday Night Activities, High School Group Volunteers, Recreation Coordinator, Library Workers, Audio Visual Coordinators, and Nursery Volunteers.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Attendance on September 5:

ABF and Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	278
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	376

Giving on September 5:

	<u>\$22,579.07</u>
Benevolent Fund	195.00
Building Fund	705.00
Christian Education Fund	496.07
General Fund	11,798.00
Missions Fund	9,010.00
New Building Fund	375.00

Missions Giving:

\$500 one time gift for Christina Wolber through Push the Rock.

\$50 to The Gideons in memory of Emilie Busenitz, mother of missionary Laverne Busenitz.

\$450 for Stephen & Karen Steiner, car repair, through Campus Crusade for Christ.

ABOUT OUR MISSIONARIES

Missionary of the week: Lyn Loewen serves with **Van Buren Youth for Christ**. Something new they are planning is Friend2Friend. Students will get together for an hour and seek out the Lord's direction on how to share their friendship with Jesus with one of their friends at school. Pray for Van Buren Campus Life as they are beginning their new fall program. You may send a note to Lynn at:

1895 Baker Way, Findlay, OH 45840
E-mail address: wild4the1@yahoo.com

Listen this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. to hear our missionary, Austin Frantz, Campus Crusade for Christ at the Ohio State University, as he is interviewed on Profile, WTGN Radio 97.7 FM.

DISCIPLE SINGERS

Tonight at 6:45 in Rooms 118 & 119 we will introduce our new year of choir for grades 1-6 with a party! We have a lot of exciting new things this year including learning hand bells. We will be singing country and praise songs as well as working on a musical.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 13-19

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

- Monday 7:00 p.m.** Church Council Meeting (103)
- Tuesday 7:30 a.m.** Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (FH)
- 7:00 p.m.** Adult Bible Study & Prayer
The Book of Philippians (FH)
- 8:30 p.m.** Dodgeball (CMC)
- Thursday 7:00 p.m.** Deacon Meeting (103)
Prayer Action Team Meeting (112)
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (2&3-year-olds B10,
4-5-year-olds B17)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering (CMC)
- 11:30 a.m.** Youth Small Group Leaders' Meeting
(Schoolhouse)
- 4:00 p.m.** Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service - *My Name will be Great Among the Nations (Sanctuary)*

TODAY'S GREETERS

Steve & Doneta Reigle – *Missions Center*
Rosie & Brittany Good – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Nursery:

Deb Hilty, Jeremy & Christina Lemley, Kelly McClure,
Cheryl Potter, Brittany Sheehan, Andrea Spallinger

Good News Hour:

Amber Bewsey, Kim Fritsch, Melissa Hilty, Bruce Moser Family

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Cherub Choir: Age 2 through Kindergarten will be starting tonight at 7:00 in Room B10. Hope to see some new faces this year! If you have any questions please see Janet Brauen or give her a call at 419-358-0495.

Parents and children from age 2 through Grade 6. **SAVE THE DATE** of Wednesday, September 29, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for the season kick-off of our Wednesday Night Children's Ministry. For details refer to the flyer that your child brings home or pick up a flyer from the Welcome & Information Counter in the Missions Center. There you will find a registration sheet as well. **We need you to sign up so we know how many to plan for the supper.**

YOUTH NEWS

~ The Plug ~

Small Groups kick off on Sunday, September 26. All Junior and Senior High students are invited. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and then go to Suter's Corn Maze, *Under the Sea*, then back to the schoolhouse for a movie. Cost is \$4.

Starting October 6, Junior High Wednesday Nights start back up from 7:00-8:15 p.m. downstairs in Room B11. There will be fun, food, and fellowship! What more could you want?

Dodgeball has been moved to Wednesdays from 8:30 - 10:00 p.m., in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Junior High and up are welcome.

PLEASE NOTE

Youth Small Group Leaders: We will have a meeting in the schoolhouse on Sunday, September 19, following the morning Worship Gathering.

A thank-you open house will be held next Sunday, September 19, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. for friends who have helped furnish the new home for Linda Sommer. Linda's address is 150 Rainbow Drive, Bluffton.

Adult Coed Volleyball League: If you are interested in playing volleyball on Monday nights and will be 18 years old or older by Monday, September 27, we need you. Please sign up before Sunday, September 19, by contacting Kevin Hilty at 419-202-0162.