
~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Jan. 9** **MOPS** (8:30 a.m., FH)
Jan. 20-22 Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
Jan. 23 **MOPS** (8:30 a.m., FH)
Feb. 4 Agape/College ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
Feb. 12 Congregational Meeting (11:30 a.m., CMC)
Feb. 19-25 SIM Missions Trip (Charlotte, NC)
Feb. 17-19 Senior Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
Mar. 2 Transport for Christ Banquet (6:00 p.m., Marbeck Center at BU)
Mar. 3 Senior High Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
Walk Thru the Bible (8:30 a.m., CMC)
Mar. 4 *Walk Thru the Bible*-Greg Carlson (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Apr. 7 Genesis ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
May 5 Living Faith ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
June 2 Agape/College ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
June 17-22 Youth Missions Trip (Kalamazoo, MI)
July 20-22 Ouabache State Park in Bluffton, Indiana

~ WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY ~

For the Children

Heroes for Young Readers

These readers appeal to ages 5 to 10. Explore the lives of heroes of the Christian faith. Amy Carmichael, Betty Greene, Cameron Townsend, Corrie ten Boom, Eric Liddell, George Muller, Hudson Taylor, Jim Elliot, Jonathan Goforth, Lottie Moon, Mary Slessor, Nate Saint.

Jungle Doctor Series

These stories offer a high definition look into African village life and the challenges that missionaries still have to withstand. Dr. Paul White is the brave hero of these adventures. He must be part doctor, part detective, and part teacher, if he is to survive the dangers he faces. The setting is pre-WWII Tanzania. Dr. White and his staff run a local hospital where they encounter various diseases, lion attacks, and all kinds of physical hardships. Dr. White is often found in prayer or telling Bible stories to children, villagers, and chiefs in a way that they can understand and that speaks to the crisis they face. Appeals to readers 7 and up.

New Year's Poem

*Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
In working, or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.*

*Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.*

*Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.*

*Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven
Another year for Thee.*

Francis Ridley Havergal (1874)

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Welcome to EBENEZER



~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (2 year olds B16, 3&4 year olds B11, & 5&6 year olds B10)
10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion Service
Sacrifice – Pastor Jim (CMC)

Please note: All loose offerings taken during the morning Worship Gathering today (in connection with communion) will go towards the Benevolent Fund.

2012 Birthday/Anniversary Calendars are ready. The ushers will be handing them out following the Morning Worship Gathering.

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the week: *Stan & Ronda Unruh* serve with MAF in Indonesia. Stan is back to flying after three years off. He is now flying a Cessna Caravan, in the past, Stan has flown smaller aircraft - Cessna 185 and Cessna 206. The medical flight service is focused on two different groups of people: flights to poor Indonesians in the Aceh province and they are offering emergency transport to Penang, Malaysia. Pray for them as they can help these people. Stan is the son of our missionaries Les & Verla Unruh. Please send a note to encourage Stan & Ronda at: Lr. Tonjong Indah IX, No. 50, Komplek Bulog, Leueng Bata, Banda Aceh, Indonesia or e-mail Stan: sunruh@maf.org, or Ronda at: runruh@maf.org.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on December 24:

Christmas Eve Service (6:00 p.m.) 305

Attendance on December 25:

Christmas Worship Service (10:15 a.m.) 466

Giving on December 25:

\$18,392.40

Benevolent 260.00

Building Fund 840.00

Christian Education Fund 945.00

General Fund 10,283.40

Missions Fund 5,039.00

New Building Fund 1,025.00

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Katie Spitsnaugle, OSU Hospitals.

~ SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY ~

Join the conversation as we explore the book, Real Sex by Lauren Winner on Wednesdays starting January 11, at 7:05 p.m. – 8:10 p.m. at the Bluffton McDonald's. This is one of the best books I have read on sexuality from a Biblical perspective. Our culture is awash with sex. Splashed across magazine covers, billboards, and computer screens, sex is presented as thrilling, necessary, and unavoidable. Real Sex is an essential read for singles grappling with chastity, for married Christians committed to monogamy, and for those who want to help others in this area. Invite friends and family to join Connections – where Christ meets Culture. See Pastor Jim King for a book, \$10 buys you a copy. Contact Jim at jim.king@ebenezer mennonite.org with questions you might have.

~ MANY THANKS ~

Our thanks to all who come early to set up the chairs in the Crossroads Ministry Center, help in the nursery, on the worship team, with the greeter's ministry, and also to those who teach in the children's classrooms. We are One Body.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Paul & Cheryl Burkholder – Missions Center

Mike & Kathy Biery – Crossroads Ministry Center

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK:
JANUARY 2-8, 2012

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

Monday **Holiday – Church Office Closed**

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. EMC 2-Men's Basketball (CMC)
Missions Committee Meeting (103)

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (CMC)
6:45 p.m. Financial Peace University (103)
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer (Church Library)
Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
Children's Ministries (age 2-Grade 6)
Junior High Meet (B17)
Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow)
Small Group (Sanctuary Foyer)
Women's Bible Study (S4)

8:30 p.m. Dodgeball (CMC)

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Old Timer's Men's Basketball (CMC)
7:30 p.m. Wild Game Committee Meeting (FH)

Saturday 7:00 p.m. Living Faith ABF Class (Lima Rescue Home)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Stephen Ministries (116)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (2 year olds B16,
3&4 year olds B11, 5&6 year olds B10)
10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering - Sabbath (CMC)
5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (FH)
Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (115)
6:00 p.m. Firm Foundation Bible Study (103)
6:45 p.m. Financial Peace University (S4)
7:00 p.m. Cherub Choir (Ages 2-K, B10)
Disciple Singers (Grades 1-6, 118&119)
Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 ~

Good News Hour:

Chad & Anna Burkholder, Sharon Forrer,
Jeremy & Christina Lemley, Mikaela Smith,
Adele Sommers, Kaitlin Thompson

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High Ice Camp – January 20-22
Senior High Ice Camp – February 17-19

All Wednesday Night Children's Activities will resume this week on January 4. This also includes Junior High and Dodgeball.

Junior & Senior High Small Groups will meet beginning next Sunday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Disciple Singers Choir will meet for rehearsal next Sunday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 118 & 119.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

The Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio newsletter, *In-Seasons*, is available in the Missions Center. Learn about the *Ground Blessing*. Find out how Ropp Triplett says *Thank You*. Discover what *A Grand for a Grandparent* can do.

Year-end reports for 2011 are due on Sunday, January 22. All boards and committees should submit their annual reports to the church office for inclusion in the 2011 Annual Report. The congregational business meeting to approve the 2011 Reports and the proposed 2012 Missions Budget is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, following the morning Worship Gathering.

SIM Workers: The annual trip to SIM in Charlotte, North Carolina is scheduled for February 19-25, 2012. If you are interested in being a part of this work team, please contact Frank Boehm at 419-759-3957 as soon as possible. In addition to our regular work projects, SIM personnel are hoping for a good group of men to continue the roof replacement we started last year. We may plan an additional week (leaving on February 12) to work on the roof if there is sufficient interest.

Anyone willing to donate a deer or any type of wild game for our Wild Game Event Saturday, March 31, 2012, please contact Joe Alt at 419-234-1247 or Mark Spallinger at 419-230-1098. Thank you!

There are many items that have been left behind here at the church. Please stop by the Lost & Found located under the Prayer Counter in the Missions Center.