WABASH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Choir News

Lenten/Easter Programming

The choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, February 13 at 6:30PM, and following Thursdays through Easter. The choir will perform each Sunday through Easter. All are welcome to join, whether you have been in choir for years or have never been in choir. If you have any questions, please be in contact with Pastor Doug or Bonnie Haughn, our choir director.

Church Directory

We are in the process of going through all the edits, and then confirming information on all those who did not have any status updates placed next to them. We welcome all who are on the journey to know Jesus, who share in his love and who choose to embrace the diversity within this community of believers. As individuals we may be at different places along the path, but as a community, we are all traveling together in faith, trusting God to show us the way.



Wabash CoB Sanctuary

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The Season of Lent

Pastor Doug Veal



At the end of this month, we will begin the season of Lent. Starting with Ash Wednesday, the season of Lent lasts for the forty days leading up to Easter. Like Advent, Lent is a time of preparation. Instead of preparing for Christmas, the forty days of Lent are spent in preparation for Easter. The start of the Lenten season changes each

year, as it corresponds to the changing date of Easter (which can be somewhere between March 22 and April 25). This year, we will be having several additional services during Lent, mainly coming in the week between Palm Sunday and Easter. We will hold our spring Love Feast the Thursday before Easter, and then a Good Friday service the following day. I hope you will plan to attend these services, as they are important ones that help us to prepare for Easter.

As we look towards the beginning of Lent, and then beyond to Easter itself, we come back to the word preparation. For both Advent and Lent, the word preparation is a key word, perhaps even the most central part of the celebrations of these two church seasons. Lent is the time for us to ponder, pray, and prepare for the celebration of Easter. We are to take time to consider what Easter means for us as individuals, as a congregation, as a denomination, as a nation, and as a world.

For many, perhaps most, of us, the first thing that comes to mind when we hear the word Lent is fasting. And fasting from certain foods or behaviors is certainly a historical part of the Lenten season. At different points in the history of the church different items of food such as meat, dairy products, and eggs were banned during Lent. Perhaps you have chosen to give up something during Lent in the past, such as chocolate, coffee or red meat.

I came across an article called "Not Giving Up," which discusses the author's rationale behind not fasting for Lent this year. And as I read through it, part of the article really struck a chord for me. In it, Timothy Merrill writes "Here's the deal: Lent is properly about three things: Ceasing to do wrong things, starting to do right things, and confessing one's failure at both." If we simply focus on giving up a physical thing, such as chocolate, then we can easily forget the reason for doing so. We get so caught up in the interplay of guilt and good intentions around our fasting, and forget that we are supposed to be preparing for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

Perhaps instead of simply giving something up, you could decide to dedicate yourself to a spiritual discipline this year, such as daily prayer, committing to using the Lenten devotionals we provide, or maybe even joining the choir, among other possibilities.

Let us not focus solely on fasting from foods, but look at the season of Lent as a time of repentance, of seeking to return once again to the true focus of our lives as followers of Jesus Christ. Let us join together with the prophet Micah, who writes "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8 NRSV)

In Christ, Pastor Doug

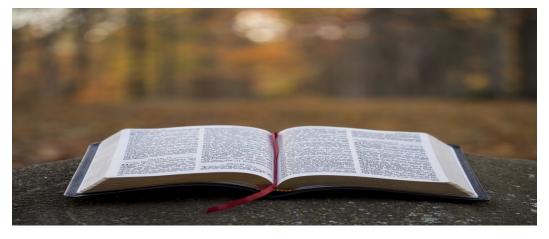
Women's Fellowship

Please turn in the survey to Brenda about meetings for next year. Even if you don't have specific suggestions for programs, fill out the rest of the survey and turn it in. Your input is important.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The staff is always looking for articles to include in the newsletter. Have a fun travel story? Read a good book lately? Attended a gathering of friends/ family? Don't keep it secret, share it with us. Have questions? See Michelle in the office, or send her a quick email.



Worship Schedule

There are many roles that bring worship each Sunday; contact a member of the nurture commission (Mikayla G, Bonnie H, Laurie K-C, Linda M, or Doug V. to find out how your unique gifts can be of service.

Feb	Pulpit	Worship Leader	Song Leader	Greeter	Head Usher	Children's Church	Musician
2	Pastor Doug: The Beatitudes	Michelle R.	Mikayla G.		Larry J. Chloe B.		Bonnie H.
9	Pastor Doug Let your light Shine!		Mikayla G.		Larry J. Chloe B.		Bonnie H.
16	Pastor Love, Peace and Jesus		Mikayla G.		Larry J. Chloe B.		Bonnie H.
23	Guest Speakers	Linda M.	Mikayla G.		Larry J. Chloe B.		Bonnie H.

Reading through the Bible in a year: Daily readings for February

1 Psalms 12—14	9 Job 11—12	17 Isaiah 34—39	25 Matthew 20—22
2 Job 9—10	10 Isaiah 29—33	18 Matthew 17 –1 9	26 1 Corinthians 1—2
3 Isaiah 23—28	11 Matthew 14—16	19 Romans 15—16	27 Genesis 32—35
4 Matthew 11—13	12 Romans 13—14	20 Genesis 28—31	28 Judges 17—21
5 Romans 11—12	13 Genesis 24—27	21 Judges 12—16	29 None
6 Genesis 20—23	14 Judges 7—11	22 Psalms 21—23	
7 Judges 1—6	15 Psalms 18—20	23 Job 15—16	
8 Psalms 15 17	16 Job 13—14	24 Isaiah 40—44	

Special Offering

Through February 23 2020

SOUPer Bowl of Caring—Tackling Hunger— Now in it's 30th year. We have donated many years, and have chosen FISH as the recipient of our boxed/canned goods we collect. Any monies given in the envelope will be used to beef up our Deacon's Helping Hands Fund.

Learn more at superbowl.org

You should have received a team assignment on January 26. If you did not, please see Karen O. The competition will run Feb 2—Feb 16. The team that brings in the MOST food for FISH will receive an award!

Witness Commission

Local Outreach

We are seeking volunteers to help work in the food pantry. We would like to offer more open hours. We would also like to have a sub list for those who are working and have things come up during their time slot. If someone would like to work evenings, we feel that needs 2 people for safety purposes.

Special Programming

Holy Lands Trip

On March 8th, Murray C. will do a presentation on his trip to trip to Israel last year. We will have a pitch-in lunch, and then enjoy the presentation. Please bring a dish to share and your questions!

HAWC Meeting

February 19th 2pm

If you are interested in what we can all do to help homelessness in Wabash County, then this is for you. The Housing Action of Wabash County meets monthly to discuss ways that we can not only support those who are homeless or nearing eviction, but also the landlords who provide the homes. This coalition is comprised of: local government officials, missions, churches, and other assistance agencies.

Witness Commission

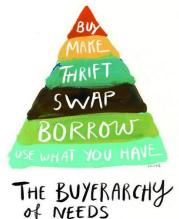
Recycling Volunteer

Thank you to Leroy S. who volunteered to pick up the recycling as needed to go to Solid Waste.

Remember—only CLEAN items can go into recycling. No food waste can be on anything (sauces in jars or pizza grease on cardboard. Please thoroughly wash items before putting in recycling.

Also, it must be marked and coded for recycling. If it is not, then please put it in the trash.

For more information, please go to http://www.slashthetrash.com/



OF NEEDS (with apologies to Moolow)

Community Support

Church Food Pantry

Our local panty is looking to supplement what we get from Milford each month. Additional items needed are: Mac and Cheese boxes Hamburger Baked beans Hamburger /Tuna/ **Chicken Helper** Peanut butter Canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.) Jelly Pasta Saltines Bread Soups Canned fruits and veggies Saltines **Cleaning Supplies TP/Tissue** Personal Hygiene items



Le Retour du héros

(The Return of the Hero): Thurs., Feb. 13 - 7pm Cordier Auditorium

This crowd-pleasing romantic comedy is a period piece about a swashbuckling conman and his attempts to pass himself off as a war hero.



Camp Mack Corner

Upcoming Opportunities at Camp:

- February 13–16 Quilt Retreat
- February 20–23 Scrapbooking Retreat

February 15—Eagle Watch Eagle Watch is a program put on by the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center. We will meet at camp and then travel to the Salamonie Nature Center for a brief program on Bald eagle restoration in Indiana. From there, we will caravan to popular eagle locations in the area before ending up at the roost site. Dress for the weather. The colder the weather, the better the Bald eagle viewing. Saturday 1p–10p. Cost: \$25 (Includes travel and snacks) February 15—Personal Finance Learn about budgeting, debt pay down, completing tax forms, and other finance basics. Saturday 9a–3p. Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

February 22—Scrapbooking Join the Camp Mack scrapbooking crew for a day of preserving memories. Work on the book you need to finish, catch up on your journaling, scrap a page or two, gain inspiration from the projects surrounding you, and find treasures at the swap table. Saturday 9a–4p. Cost: \$20 (includes lunch) February 22—Board Games Winter is the perfect time to light up the fireplace, gather up snacks, pull up a table, and bring out your favorite board games of yesteryear and today. Saturday 9a–3p. Cost: \$20 (Includes lunch)

Go to the Camp Mack website: www.campmack.org for information and to register or call 574-658-4831.

This is Our Prayer



"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (Camp Mack 2020 Summer Curriculum Theme)

Here are highlights of upcoming events and registration information for Camp Alexander Mack. You can also get information by going to <u>www.campmack.org</u>, <u>www.facebook.com/CampMack</u>, look on the church bulletin board, call 574-658-4831, or contact Carol or Dennis Horn. If you are writing to someone at camp or sending donations, the legal address of the camp is PO Box 158, Milford, IN 46542. Mail that is sent to the Camp Mack road address won't get delivered.

P.O. Box 158, Milford, IN 46542 Phone: 574-658-4831 Fax: 574-658-4765 Email: info@campmack.org Website: www.campmack.org

Much of the registration is taking place online now, so we are in a new era. Our church will still pay **half of the "before March 15 registration fee".** Be in touch with Dennis and Carol Horn about details of your family's portion of the fee and about scholarships/ camperships, if needed. Each child in the family, after the first one registered, receives a \$10 discount. Be in touch about registration, whether hard copy or online. Our church code

is 6WAB1, so please use that when registering. This will assure that 50% of the fee will be paid by the church.

2020 Get-A-Way Events (See the brochure or website for more information.)

Eagle Watch on Feb. 15 at Salamonie Per Scrapbooking on Feb. 22 at Camp Mack Boa Wood carving on March 28 at Camp Mack Basic Car Maintenance on April 18 at Camp Mack Target Sports on April 25 at Camp Mack Sailing 101 on August 15 at Camp Mack Cold Process Soap Making on Sept. 12 Knitting & Crocheting on October 17 Fall Nut and Tree Identification Walk on October 18 Sandhill Cranes to Jasper-Polaski on Nov. 21 Christmas Cookies on Dec. 5 at Camp Mack

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Board Games on Feb. 22 at Camp Mack

Pies and Puff Pastries on April 18 at Camp Mack Wildflower Walk on April 26 at Camp mac Sailing 201 on August 22 at Lake Michigan Write Your Story on Sept. 12 Scrapbooking on October 17

Children's Drum Building on October 24 at Camp Wreaths and Swags on Dec. 5 at Camp Mack

Volunteers

Camp Mack is always in great need of volunteer counselors for camps. The Team Leader meeting is March 3, 2020. The Counselors In Training (CIT) session for ages 15 through 18 and the adult Counselor training is May 8-9. The Fun Leadership Youth Events (FLYE) on March 20-21 and October 3-4 for ages 14-17 prepare youth for leadership. Volunteers are also needed to get the property ready for camp. Volunteer work camps are: March 9-11, April 6-8, and Oct. 26-28, 2020. Volunteering for even a few hours is also possible. Besides counselors, volunteers are needed in the summer and year-round. Needs include help with food service, facilities and office.

General Camp Information for Registration Opening on January 22, 2020

There is an early registration discount which means registering and payment submitted by the family/church BEFORE March 15, 2020. We plan to collect all necessary forms and money before that day. You CAN certainly register for camps after this date, but you would need to pay the late fee.

On-line registration for summer camps and all retreats can follow this process below as one alternative. (Paper registration can still be used and you would give these forms to Carol & Dennis **by Sunday, March 15**.)

- 1. Go to <u>www.campmack.org</u> and click on Register Online. Create a username and password only if you have not registered before. choose the camp(s) you wish to attend. Our **church code is 6WAB1**, so please use that when registering. This will invoice the church for 50% of the camper fee.
- 2. Follow the steps to register and pay your portion online.

Are there community children/youth we need to send, as well as our own children and youth? See the Events, Retreats, & Summer Camps booklet for lots of opportunities to attend and assist!

District Prayer List

February 2—Please pray with us for Arcadia CoB and Northern Indiana District congregations and staff.

February 9—Please pray with us for the Bethel Center CoB and Michigan District congregations and staff.

February 16—Please pray with us for the Buck Creek CoB and the Mid Atlantic District congregations and staff.

February 23—Please pray with us for the Buffalo CoB and the Missouri/Arkansas District congregations and staff.



Darkest Past Now Greatest Asset: Tues., Feb. 4 - 3:30pm

Cordier Auditorium

Tayna Fogle is a mother, a former felon and a powerful leader in her community. As co-chair of the Kentucky Poor People's Campaign, Tayna's work has transformed policy and policymakers. Tayna will tell her story and share lessons.

Brethren Leadership Institute

Upcoming Classes

Worship Instructor: Laura Stone Dates: February 8 & 22, 2020 Marion COB, 2302 S Geneva Ave., Marion, IN Please pre-register by Jan 9, 2020 to avoid \$25 late fee To register for a BLI course or for questions, contact the District Office (260) 982-8805, scindcob@gmail.com.



Old Testament Survey Instructor: Robert Bowman Dates: March 7 & 21, April 4, 2020 Location: Marion COB, 2302 S Geneva Ave., Marion, IN Please pre-register by Feb 27, 2020 to avoid \$25 late fee

Classes are open to all: You may be exploring ministry, answering a call to ministry, and/or seeking further education. CEUs are available. For more information on the Brethren Leadership Institute (BLI) and fees, visit http://www.scindcob.org/BLI.html.

Save the Date

March 14, 2020 at 7pm

Ken Medema and Ted Swartz in Concert at the Manchester CoB. Watch for more details. Event is sponsored by the S/C Indiana District.

Brethren Volunteer Service SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIP

BOSTON, MA

Dates: March 3-8, 2020 **OR** March 7-12, 2020 Cost: \$385 (Transportation not included) Housing: United Parish of Brookline



SERVE
at food banks and soup kitchens

EXPLORE

what it means to be a just and compassionate global citizen



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT HANNAH SHULTZ WITH BVS (HSHULTZ@BRETHREN.ORG) REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 4, 2019 WWW.BRETHREN.ORG/WORKCAMPS

"Come & See" Solidarity Tour:

Palestine & Israel July 19-31, 2020

Join Dr. Michael Spath on his 15th tour of Palestine and Israel, meeting with Jewish, Christian, and Muslim religious, political, and NGO leaders, as well as visiting the holy sites of the three Abrahamic religions.

SITES:

Bethlehem – Nativity Church, Manger Square
Jerusalem – Holy Sepulchre; 'Wailing' Wall; Mount of Olives; Al Aqsa Mosque & Dome of the Rock, Garden of Gethsemane Optional: Yad Vashem
Judean Desert – Jericho; Qumran; Dead Sea; Jordan River
Galilee – Annunciation Basilica, Capernaum; Tabgha; Mount of Beatitudes; 'Jesus Boat'
Ramallah – Nelson Mandela Square

Hebron – Ibrahimi Mosque; Old City; Shuhada Street "ghost town"

LAND COST OF TOUR PACKAGE:

The cost of our tour decreases as we add more! 15+ travelers: \$2445 10-14 travelers: \$2895 9 travelers: \$3195 8 travelers: \$3395 THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Average of 2 meals daily
- Hotel double occupancy
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Entrance fees to listed sites
- Guide Jericho & Qumran, Hebron, Al-Aqsa
- All tips and gratuities

Please contact Dr. Michael Spath Lmichaelspath@gmail.com or 260-515-9300

VBS Spring Break Workcamp

March 3-8 and March 7-12

For the first time, Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) is offering spring break service trips for college students. Over the weekend in between the two weeks, participants will join together to explore Boston and learn more about the city's rich history. The United Parish of Brookline will host both groups.

All college students are welcome. Cost is \$385 (transportation not included). Registration opens Dec. 4. Visit www.brethren.org/workcamps for more information. For questions contact Hannah Shultz at hshultz@brethren.org or 847-429-4337.

Join BVS in Massachusetts as we explore what it means to be a just and compassionate global citizen in one of the nation's oldest cities!

-- Hannah Shultz is coordinator of short-term service with BVS.



85 Hope

85 Hope is in need of the following items (box on back table):

-Laundry pods (we will split large containers into baggies)

-Dish soap (small)

<u>-Toilet paper & Kleenexes</u>

-Stamps

Faithful stewardship

By Matt DeBall, coordinator of Mission Advancement Communications

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly." ~Luke 16:8

The call to be a faithful steward can seem like a daunting task. Thankfully, the Lord Jesus not only calls us but also empowers us and equips us for the task. The parable shared in Luke 16 is one such exhortation. As a master declared job termination and requested a final financial report, a dishonest manager threw a going-out-ofbusiness sale—as in, he was going out of business and he cut deals with as many indebted partners as

Workcamps

Registration starts January 16, 2020

Theme: Voices for Peace Theme Scripture: Romans 15:1-6 (The Message) Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" That's exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out. "I took on the troubles of the troubled," is the way Scripture puts it. Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can be sure it's written for us. God wants the combination of his steady, constant calling and warm, personal counsel in Scripture to come to characterize us, keeping us alert for whatever he will do next. May our dependably steady and warmly personal God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all. Then we'll be a choir - not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus!

Jr. High - completed 6th - 8th grade

June 7-11 Rodney, MI - Camp Brethren Heights June 14-18 Harrisburg, PA June 27-July 1 Philadelphia, PA July 8 -12 Brooklyn, NY July 22-26 Roanoke, VA July 29-August 2 South Bend, IN

Sr. High - completed 9th grade - age 19

June 7 -13 Miami, FL June 14-20 Boston, MA June 20-28 BFR- Haiti June 20-26 Cle Elum, WA - Camp Koinonia July 5 -11 Kalamazoo, MI July 12 -18 Palmyra, PA July 12-18 Waco, TX - Family Abuse Center July 19-25 Santa Ana - California July 26 - August 1 Knoxville, TN August 3-9 Littleton, CO

Intergenerational - completed 6th grade & older

July 6-10 Keezletown, VA - Brethren Woods Camp & Retreat Center

Adult - ages 18+

May 28-June 8 Rwanda June 22-25 Bethel, PA - We Are Able Companions We Are Able - ages 16-30

June 22-25 Bethel, PA - We Are Able



Christian Citizenship Seminar

April 25-30, 2020

Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS) provides high school aged students the chance to explore the relationship between faith and a particular political issue, and then act from a faith perspective regarding that issue.

This year's Christian Citizenship Seminar will focus on pursuing economic justice.

Who is eligible to attend?

All high school youth and their adult advisors are eligible to attend the seminar. Churches are strongly encouraged to send an advisor with their youth, even if only one or two youth attend. Churches are required to send one advisor for every four youth.

Registration is limited to the first 60 participants. Registration opens 12/2 at 10 a.m. central time.

What is the cost?

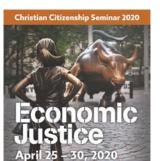
The \$450 registration fee includes:

- Event programming
- Lodging for five nights
- 2 dinner meals, one in New York City and one in Washington D.C. Transportation from New York to Washington D.C.

Note: Each participant will need to bring additional money for most meals, sightseeing, personal expenses, and subway/taxi fares.

What if I have questions?

If you have any questions, contact Nolan McBride, the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Assistant, at <u>nmcbride@brethren.org</u> or 847-429-4385.



Faithful stewardship

possible. Though, at first, it appeared his actions were merely for selfish gain, the manager was commended by the master for shrewdness.

This parable is interesting, to say the least, and may cause us to scratch our heads. Surely it is not an invitation to use dishonest financial practices or to fix the books. However, if a dishonest manager can be an effective example of stewardship, we can do even better. The dishonest yet shrewd manager exemplifies three important aspects of being a faithful steward.

Being generous. When the manager met with each debtor, he canceled almost a year and half worth of wages for a common laborer. How blessed each one must have felt! Many of us will never be able to give such a generous gift, but we can make a difference in the lives of people around us by giving faithfully of what we have received from God. Whenever we share, we prove to be good stewards when we do so generously.

Honoring others. As the manager canceled debts, he honored everyone involved. The debtors received generous pardons and the master was honored for being generous. To reinstate the canceled debts would harm the master's reputation, and thus, by confirming the manager's maneuvers, honor was maintained for all. Faithful stewardship honors others, and this also includes the Lord.

National Young Adult Conference

May 22-25, 2020

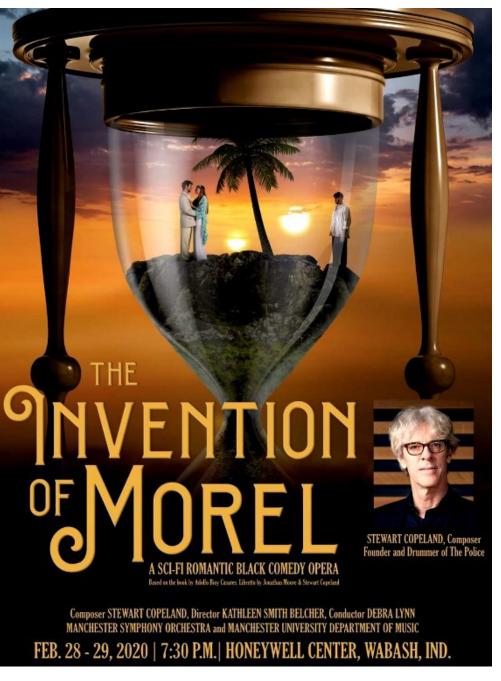
Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina

National Young Adult Conference (NYAC) offers people ages 18-35 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, Bible study, service projects and more... with other fantastic young adults! For more information, go to: http://www.brethren.org/yac/ Questions? Contact Nolan McBride, nmc-bride@brethren.org, 847-429-4376.



Faithful stewardship

Preparing for the future. The manager was preparing to be out of a job and needing the help of others. Though our stewardship does not include consideration of selfish gain, we are called to look beyond the circumstances of today and, with God's help, chart a course for the future. Again, this need not involve grand means or measures. It can involve doing simple but purposeful acts boldly and faithfully. Consider water: over time, even a gentle and persistent trickle can wear away the face of a rock. Trusting God with the results, we can act simply and boldly now while working toward a future that we cannot yet see. It's a privilege and honor to witness all who give generously of themselves to the ministries of the Church of the Brethrenwhether staff, volunteers, board members, or supporters like you. Thank you for using your gifts generously, honoring one another and the Lord. Thank you for investing what you have been given now, and preparing for the future with hope. As you practice faithful stewardship, may the Lord continue to bless



\$20 General Admission : **\$10** for students w/ID Special greeting by Stewart Copeland on opening night, **Feb 28**!

Volunteers Needed



A Note from Cliff

Friends,

Several items of interest to you this Prince of Peace season.

- Children's Disaster Services is beginning the year with several training possibilities, perhaps near you.
 Encourage others to join you to prepare to serve the children of disasters in the trauma that catastrophes carry into their lives. See the BDM web site: www.brethren.org/bdm/
- Puerto Rico had 30,000 roofs still tarped with blue plastic when Arlene and I arrived there with a BDM team at the end of October. There are still probably 29,000+. So your help is needed to replace roofs and do other repairs. The project is accepting volunteers through next May and does expect volunteers to stay at least for two weeks. Volunteers should expect hard physical work and hot temperatures. To sign up check the above web site or call BDM in New Windsor at 1-800-451-4407.
- the BDM rebuild projects are continuing in the Carolinas, Florida, and, maybe soon, Ohio. An off and on project in Nebraska with flood response is available. To volunteer for these possibilities please email me, kindy@cpt.org, and I will work to get you on the project
- As always, disaster cleanup kits are always in short supply, our S/C Indiana district disaster travel fund is being used regularly and would welcome replenishment,
- and the denominational BDM welcomes contributions for Nigeria, other international disaster sites and its ongoing support of the regular rebuilding program.

Thank you for your support of Brethren Disaster Ministries!

Cliff Kindy

phone: 260-982-2971

