

NEWS FROM MISSIONS **AND SERVICE COMMISSION**

***Urbana Food Bank Collection in June for children:** Cereals, Instant flavored oatmeal packets, granola bars/nutria-grain bars, canned fruit, peanut butter and grape and strawberry jelly, cheese crackers/ peanut butter crackers, microwave meals, canned Chef Boyardee pasta products, and healthy snacks. Please place in container marked Food Bank in coat room – Thank you – Missions and Service

***Collection for Annual Conference Host City - First Step Home.** A place for Hope...A place for Help...A place for Healing. Founded in 1993, First Step Home is the only addiction treatment center in Cincinnati allowing children up to the age of 12 to live with their mother while she is in treatment. They provide a continuum of care, and work to assist women in rebuilding their families as they break the cycle of drug and alcohol addiction. Through an array of services including residential and outpatient treatment, group and individual counseling, maternal and newborn support, job placement, and wellness education, they have helped thousands of pregnant and new mothers fight their addictions and establish stable lives for themselves and their children. **How you can help?** Annual Conference attendees can help by collecting and bringing any of the following items: Twin sheet sets, Towels, Wash Cloths, Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo/Conditioner, Lotion, Women's socks, Women's underwear (all sizes), Women's sports bras (all sizes), Diapers (all sizes), Baby onesies, \$5 gift cards to Wal-Mart. Please place items in the coat room in container marked Annual Conference. Pastors Leo and Melissa will deliver them in July. – Thank you – Missions and Service Comm.



July 14 – American Red Cross Blood Drive 9 am – 3 pm.

Sign up will be on the program table soon.

Please mark your calendar now for this important opportunity to donate the gift of life.



Meat Canning: Every spring Brethren from the Mid-Atlantic and Southern Pennsylvania Districts travel to Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, Pennsylvania to assist in meat canning along with the Mennonite denomination. Chicken is processed and canned for distribution to areas of need in the United States and around the world. April 16, **fourteen members and friends of the Bush Creek** congregation left at 3:30 am to make the trip to Ephrata and work at various tasks in preparing the canned chicken. A total of **81 volunteers** participated from the Mid-Atlantic District of the Church of the Brethren.

4 skids of canned chicken will be shipped to Honduras and Cuba. A total of 7 skids and 397 cases are being distributed within the Southern Pennsylvania and Mid-Atlantic Districts of the Church of the Brethren to assist food banks in those areas.

Your financial support of this program is appreciated. Checks can be made to Bush Creek Church of the Brethren marked "Meat Canning".
