

MISSIONS AND SERVICE COMMISSION NEWS



FOOD BANK DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN FOR EASTER BASKETS

- The **Greater Urbana Food Bank** would like to express their profound thanks for the outpouring of baby items donated in February and for your generous financial support. **March and April feature a new focus on 'needs'. They are asking for materials to fill Easter baskets for children.** Suggested are items such as small (new) stuffed animals; spring socks for girls (2-12); Easter books; coloring books; card games; chap stick; sunglasses and anything else you see that children would like. The Food Bank has asked that the bulk of donations, material or financial, be ready for pickup by the **April 2**. As always, any food contributions are accepted anytime. **"WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS."** Art Frank. Missions and Service.



**BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries**

The **Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM)** interacts with a network of volunteers to repair and/or rebuild damaged homes due to climate destruction, fire or other natural or human caused disasters.

Volunteers who have served testify of their experience as being, "The biggest blessing of my life." Others say how "Rewarding" it was and "It's why God put me here, to help others." A branch of BDM is the Children's Disaster Service (CDS). It's a program serving to care for children directly impacted by disaster. The CDS sets up child care centers with volunteers specially trained to respond to traumatized children. Bush Creek Church has been involved with Brethren Disaster Ministries for over 40 years. Our financial donations and volunteers have been an immense support to BDM. In 2022 volunteers from Bush Creek travelled to 4 needy disaster sites. Two in North Carolina, two in Kentucky. This year two trips, one in February and one in April, are already planned, both to Kentucky. There are a number of ways we as a congregation can assist the BDM. Volunteers are welcome. Financial support is appreciated. And above all PRAYER. Prayer for those out in the field, for their safety and that others see the godly light of our volunteers. Please consider supporting the BDM program. Thank you. Art Frank, Missions and Service

THANK YOU – Thank you to all for your contributions towards the Disaster Auction Booklet. Patron ads from Bush Creek totaled \$860. A full-page ad was contributed by the supper committee and Bush Creek, plus a third page ad from the Women's Fellowship. Total contributions from Bush Creek were **\$1,280**.

As part of their global ministry, each February and March money donations are requested to support the **BLANKET FUND** project. Contributions will go to the **Church World Service (CWS)** and be applied to obtaining blankets for needy individuals and families. A representative blanket will be draped over a back pew throughout the two months. Donations can be submitted during the collection and designated BLANKET FUND. Thank you. Art Frank - Missions and Service.

✦ **Brethren Disaster Ministries Banquet @ Bush Creek, April 1.**

✦ **Brethren Disaster Ministries Auction, May 6.**