

MISSIONS AND SERVICE COMMISSION NEWS



On behalf of the agencies which received charitable donations in 2022 through Bush Creek, **thank you so much for your giving**. The contributions have helped in various ways. Each of the organizations who benefitted from your gifts have expressed how grateful they are for the generous support. Our church gave, in total, over \$21,000 last year. Donations went to Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministries, Fahrney-Keedy Senior Living Community, Meat Canning, New Market VFD, Disaster Response, Greater Urbana Food Bank, Heifer International, Blanket Fund and Serrv International. Each of these groups have websites explaining their mission and vision. Each of these places have been supporting domestically and internationally for many years. **"How Blessed it is to Give"**. Thank you again for your help. Art Frank Missions and Service.



MEAT CANNING - Using Matthew 25:44-45 as a foundation the **Meat Canning** ministry provides hope for thousands of suffering people across the world. For 72 years volunteers from communities and churches all over North America get together annually to 'can' meat. Pork, turkey, chicken and beef is packaged for shipment around the world. Every 'can' of meat is labelled with the words, "In the name of Christ" as a witness. Each year over 30,000 people volunteer to fill, weigh, wash and label 'cans' for shipment. In a single year's time an average of 450,000 lbs. of chicken, 410,000 lbs. of turkey, 40,000 lbs. of pork and 20,000 lbs. of beef will be shipped and destined for needy families. **Your help volunteering or with donations to Meat Canning is highly appreciated.** Thank you. Art Frank. Missions and Service.

Meat Canning Volunteers - Monday, April 10 Bush Creek will have 15 volunteers that will depart very early for Ephrata, Pa. to join in the meat canning project held annually with the Mennonite denomination. The volunteers from Bush Creek include: Lou Gloyd, Sue Esworthy, Nancy Pastor, David Brunner, Jimmy & Dawn Weller, Leo Barnes, Anna Mae Poole, Earl Kline, Rick Fullmer, Randy Toms, Dean Thews, Ronnie Brashear, Jennifer Smith and Steve Shultz. Please be in prayer for this group as they travel, work and return home. Thank you to David Brunner as Meat Canning Coordinator.



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



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.

Shepherd's Spring Volunteer Day, April 22. Please RSVP to info@shepherdspring.org. If you do not have email, please see sign up on program table and the office will register you. **A detailed flyer is available on the program table.**