# Refrigerator News

July 12, 2015



Church of the Brethren
Annual Conference
July 11 - July 15
Tampa, FL

#### **This Week at Lincolnshire**

#### Monday, July 13

8:30 Women's Bible Study Breakfast Bob Evans, Village of Coventry



## This Sunday's Forum



**Hope House** is a transitional living facility for women who are homeless and have some type of chemical dependency. The average length of stay for a resident is 6-9 months and the resident works through a recovery program and learns how to be more self-sufficient. The **"Beads of Hope"** program gives women an opportunity to produce and sell jewelry as a means to self-sufficiency.





**Janet Peters and Ronda Stevens** ask that you use the following phone number when contacting them: 260-444-5767.

Due to the lack of babies/children needing nursery care on Sunday mornings, **Ginny Hoekman's** services have been terminated as of last Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Ginny has been faithful for many years on Sunday mornings, always being ready when/if children should need her. Please stop by the Hospitality Table this morning to sign a card that expresses our appreciation and best wishes to her.

Christian Education Ministry Team is asking for volunteers to step forward to provide nursery care should the need arise. Please see **Peggy Brown** or **Judy Steckly** if you can help in this area. This would be for a Sunday by Sunday only. No long term commitment.

### Notes from the Leadership Team Meeting of June 25

The Leadership Team met at the home of Marv and Sara Loutsenhizer for a carry-in dinner, followed by the monthly meeting. The following notes were taken by Marty Kaylor, Acting Secretary.

- Pastor David and Sue are on vacation, returning July 18<sup>th</sup>.
   David Cutrell, Dave Bell and Toran Eikler are filling the pulpit during David's absence.
- Emergency contacts are Sara Loutsenhizer, Marv Loutsenhizer, Evelyn and Dave Bickel, Joe Henderson, Ruth Strole and Craig Colvin.
- The next phase of E3 people will be dedicated on July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Casey Drudge reported on Church Safety. He has made a binder listing the items of which Lincolnshire should be aware. A safety team will be created to review the book and decide on the practices that need to be implemented.
- Marilyn Drudge presented the financial report see separate item.
- John Kolb has a bid for new windows for the Fellowship Hall.
  Discussion was held about the north room where water
  leakage from foundation cracks remains a problem. It was
  suggested that the carpet be removed before it becomes a
  source of mold. John is also working on exterior lighting to
  reduce vandalism risk.
- Marv Loutsenhizer reported on the August 2 Forum which is about gifts to the church. A congregational meeting will be held to vote on the revised special gifts program.
- Marty Kaylor reported that Caregivers will be changing their focus and re-evaluating their ministry. She also reported that Calling & Discernment will have Emergency Cards on August 23 & 30 for the congregation to fill out.

### **Financial Report for June:**

Contributions for June\$ 12,531
Expenses for June 13,555
Deficit 1,024

#### Year to date:

Contributions \$ 72,193 Expenses \$ 73,165 Deficit **972** 



#### **Annual Conference 2015**



Those attending Annual Conference travel from near and far to be involved in this important gathering of the church. However, there are several ways in which you can participate in this year's Annual Conference if staying home. Here are some suggestions:

- View webcasts of business and worship.
- <u>Download the Annual Conference App</u> to follow-along with news and social media.
- Go to the news index page for Annual Conference to keep up with news reports, daily photo albums, webcasting, sermons and more at <a href="https://www.brethren.org/AC2015">www.brethren.org/AC2015</a>.

A copy of this Sunday's Worship Bulletin is included in today's bulletin for your reading experience.

Many blessings on the generosity of the churches of Northern Indiana! According to the reports which have come to me in a variety of ways, twenty churches have reported in with many of those continuing their efforts. These, combined with a preliminary report on the Auction Day at Creekside, result in a total of close to \$80,000 raised for Nigeria. The \$10 Mustard Seed given each church, doubled ten steps, results in a full grown Mustard Tree of \$5,120. Blue River and Creekside lead the way as they press on towards their third tree. Cedar Lake, Florence, Prince of Peace, and Rock Run report having produced a full grown tree also. We are over halfway there to our goal of \$150,000 as of July 1.

WE CAN DO THIS! Meeting our goal of \$150,000 is quite within reach. It is the equivalent of not much more than one of those M&M tubes our children are filling with quarters. Figuring a district membership roughly of 4,500, just one tube of quarters from each member between now and the end of the year is all we need! Just your pocket change will get us to our goal! Or, put another way, the price of just one nice restaurant meal. And, we don't know how much has already been given, but not reported in yet. District Conference will be a check-in point to see where we are district-wide towards our goal of \$150,000. An offering will also be taken at District Conference for the Nigeria Crisis Fund.

~Alice Archer, District Moderator