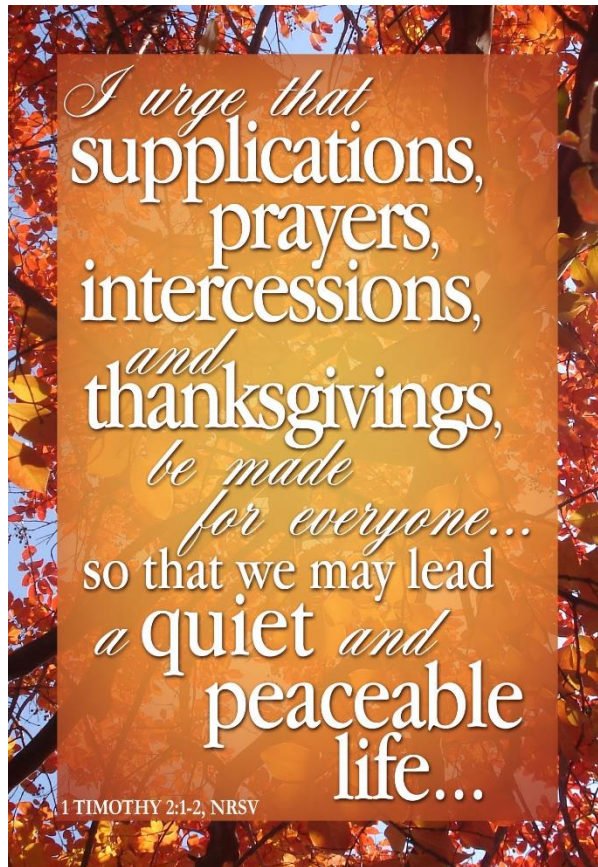


# Refrigerator News

October 21, 2018



## This Week at Lincolnshire

### Monday, October 22

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Gym Night Reservations

### Wednesday, October 24

6:00 p.m. Hand bell Practice  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday, October 25

7:00 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting

Beginning with this issue, Refrigerator News will provide information on a once monthly basis of Global Mission Outreach, Disaster news, church events happening in the District and others areas of the church worldwide.



**The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction** held Sept. 21-22 in Lebanon, Pa., has announced an estimated preliminary total of \$420,306 raised for disaster ministries. That includes \$33,000 from quilts, \$34,000 in food sales, \$10,000 from baked goods, more than \$110,000 in contributions and donations and \$25,000 in matching funds.

### **Other news...**

**Green Tree Church of the Brethren** (Oaks, Pa.) has constructed and opened a “blessing box,” according to an article in “The Mercury” of Exton, Pa. The cabinet contains non-perishable food, home and hygiene supplies for anyone to take what they need and leave what they can.

### **District news...**

Denominational and district leadership have worked together to call two teams -**the Compelling Vision Working Group and the Compelling Vision Process Team** - to guide the denomination through a process of conversation and discernment in an effort to arrive at a **compelling vision** rooted in our shared commitment to live as Christ's disciples. Being committed to engaging as many people as possible in the process, opportunities for individuals to give voice to their passions and concerns, listen to one another, and work together to identify common threads and themes that might point to a shared and compelling vision will be provided. The **2 events planned in the Northern Indiana District are: Saturday, November 17th, 6 pm - Bremen Church of the Brethren, 921 Woodies Lane, Bremen; and Sunday, November 18th, 2:30 pm - Columbia City Church of the Brethren, 112 N. Washington Street, Columbia City.** You can find more information about the process, including an introductory video (shown at District Conference) and discussion questions, by visiting: [www.brethren.org/ac/compelling-vision.html](http://www.brethren.org/ac/compelling-vision.html)

**Nappanee Church of the Brethren**, 301 Mack Drive, will host its **25th annual Autumn Bazaar**, Saturday, November 3, from 9 am-2 pm. The event features a variety of hand-crafted and vendor items, along with the popular cookie walk. A soup and sandwich luncheon will be offered from 11am-1 pm.

**Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren**, 53105 Ironwood, South Bend, is having their **annual Craft and Bake Sale** on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## News from Nigeria...

The [Emergency Disaster Fund](#) has issued a major grant for the Nigeria Crisis Response and a smaller one to assist with tornado recovery efforts in Iowa. The current response continues key ministries at a reduced level of funding due to reduced donations. About 70 percent of EYN members have now returned home, shifting program priorities to recovery activities that will help families become more self-supporting. The total proposed budget for 2018 is \$700,000. Primary focus areas of the response include repairing homes; peace building work and trauma recovery; assistance with agriculture, education, food, and medical and home supplies; helping the EYN church recover; and travel and other expenses for US volunteers and staff.



### Disaster ministries help following Hurricane Florence...

Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) and its associated programs have had an especially busy few weeks and they have monitored Hurricane Florence's advance toward the United States and begun response efforts following the hurricane's

landfall on the North Carolina coast on Thursday, Sept. 13. BDM has already had a long-term presence in the Carolinas, with teams working at rebuilding projects since fall 2016 in the wake of Hurricane Matthew. Work began in the area of Columbia, S.C., and later moved to Marion County before expanding earlier this year to sites in both North and South Carolina, sending more than 30 volunteers and leaders each week. The current work housing site has been in Lumberton, N.C.

Keep current on Brethren happenings at [www.brethren.org/Newsline](http://www.brethren.org/Newsline).

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Heather Grady and Marvin Loutsenhizer have responded to the call to serve as Annual Conference Delegate and Alternate Delegate at the 2019 Annual Conference in Greensboro, N. C. on July 3 through July 7. Heather will serve as the Delegate and Marvin will serve as the Alternate Delegate. You will be asked to confirm them at the Congregational Meeting on November 11. We are grateful for their positive response to the call to serve the church.



We learned about the Potato Drop at Summer Forum. Associated Churches will be doing a Potato Drop on Saturday, November 3. Help is needed to unload the truck, bag the potatoes and distribute to local food pantries. Please complete the online waiver ([www.endhunger.org/register](http://www.endhunger.org/register)) and let us know you'll be there! Come out and help provide these delicious and nutritious sweet potatoes to our hungry neighbors! Event is at Associated Churches, 602 E. Wayne St. Contact Heather Grady to volunteer and form a group from Lincolnshire!

### “Gym Night” at Lincolnshire Church is coming SOON!

“Gym Night” is a **weekly time of fun for fourth graders through high school seniors**. It is for children/young adults who attend Lincolnshire Church as well as for **community children/young adults**. The activities or games provided will not be for skilled athletes. We are not teaching athletic skills but rather we are teaching how to have fun. **The activities or games will be things that children/young adults can do and enjoy.**

So far we are anticipating 11 children for Gym Night, but we have room for more. There are five ways that parents can sign up their children/young adults for “Gym Night.”

1. Our **next registration night for “Gym Night” is Monday, Oct. 22 from 5:30-7:00 pm**. Hotdogs and smores will be provided for adults and children who come to register.
2. **(New Approach)**—Parents can go to our **Lincolnshire website at [www.lincnotes.org](http://www.lincnotes.org)** and click on **“Open Gym”** to fill out an on-line registration form. (Thanks go to Heather Grady and Howard Williams for creating this registration form.)
3. Parents can **register by phone** by calling Pastor Paul at (260)-316-7914 or through the church office at (260)-456-1993 from 9am to noon—Monday through Friday.
4. Parents can also **register at the church office from 9 am to noon—Monday through Friday**. It is always important to call ahead of time.
5. Parents can also **register on the first “Gym Night” starting at 5:15 pm**.

**Gym Night will start Monday, November 5, 2018 and last through Monday, May 20, 2019**. Gym Night will only be held on **Monday nights from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**. We will follow the **FWCS school calendar for vacation dates and for school closings**.