

Reflecting news and views

# The Reflector

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*District Executive: Kevin Kessler*

## Give the Gift of Warmth



*Photo by Julia Suryatan*

As Mother's Day approaches what mother wouldn't want her child to be given the gift of warmth? This Mother's Day join with many other congregations who are honoring all moms with compassion and action by organizing a Blankets+ offering. Your action through the **Church World Service Blankets+ Program** gives hope in times of need and crisis.

In 2012, Blankets+ contributions allowed CWS to quickly respond to the victims of Hurricane Sandy

by supplying over 10,400 blankets. Disasters can occur in a split second without warning. Through a Blankets+ Sunday your congregation or group shows calamity victims they matter.

Mother's Day, Father's Day or *any* day is a good day to plan a Blankets+ offering. **The CWS Illinois regional office** thanks you for your interest and compassion and looks forward to working with you in Blankets+ ministry. **Contact: Heather Willson at 888-297-2767** or [hwillson@churchworldservice.org](mailto:hwillson@churchworldservice.org) to order your Blankets+ offering supplies. Find out more at [www.blanketsplus.org](http://www.blanketsplus.org)



## Volunteers Needed for Disaster Relief

There is a need for volunteers during the week of **April 14-20 in Holton Indiana**. There we are building eight new homes. Holton is in the southeast part of the state. You can come for just a day or two if that is what you have to share, even a Saturday. If interested I ask you to call the site yourself and to make those arrangements for yourself or your group. But also **please let me know if you are going**.

**Volunteer Housing:** Hopewell Baptist Church  
2319 N County Road 850 W, Holton, IN 47023

**Project Phone:** Volunteer House, 410-596-7271; Project Leader, 410-596-9118

**Email:** [BDMholton@gmail.com](mailto:BDMholton@gmail.com)

Thank You,  
Rick Koch, District Disaster Coordinator



# DE Ponderings by Kevin Kessler



*"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven..."* Matthew 5:43-45a (NRSV)

In a moment of reflection one morning, the thought came to me that rather than hating what is evil it would be better to share love with that which is evil, lavishing upon what is evil as much love as is humanly possible, and then some. Easy to do? Absolutely not. But isn't it what Jesus calls us to do?

I recently read a quote that I thought was attributed to Mother Teresa, but as I studied it further, I couldn't be sure the author of the article had the attribution correct. My questioning resulted in doing a search for quotes of Mother Teresa. It became quickly apparent that Mother Teresa understood Jesus' instructions to love rather than hate. I'll let her words speak for themselves by sharing some of her quotes. She says it so much better than I can, so I'll cease with my thoughts and give the floor to Mother Teresa.

## From Mother Teresa:

*"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."*

*"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."*

*"I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather he will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'"*

*"The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and*

*uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty—it is not only a poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God."*

*"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."*

I'll close with this thought: I wonder what effect the ripples we create by throwing our rock of love into pools of hate will have on the world in which we live? Something to ponder. Something to do!

## Bus to NOAC at Lake Junaluska



Don and Patti Weirich will be coordinating a bus to the **2013 National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)** this September. Since the NOAC registration brochure

was printed and mailed before the travel arrangements were finalized, we want you to know that there will be a bus for people from the Illinois-Wisconsin District. Some will have to travel to the nearest stop but they can avoid driving all the way to NOAC.

We will need at least 35 people to confirm their space on the bus which will travel from Mt. Morris, Illinois (need a commitment of 10 people there), stop at Timbercrest in North Manchester, and travel on to Dayton, Ohio, before heading to NOAC. The return trip will be in reverse order.

A note about additional stops for this bus: If there is interest they will stop in Elgin, IL, after Mt. Morris; and they do plan on a Middlebury, IN, stop before going on to Timbercrest. This provides lots of options that people can use to their advantage.

**Contact Don and Patti Weirich for more information: [theweirichs@frontier.com](mailto:theweirichs@frontier.com) phone: (574) 825-9185 (574) 825-9185 FREE**

# Registration Form

# DISTRICT POTLUCK

# April 27, 2013



Peoria Church of the Brethren  
4714 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL 61614  
9:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Worship \* Workshops \* Fellowship \* Food**

**Registration Fee - \$5.00, but no one will be turned away**  
**Registration deadline prior to the District Potluck is April 9.**  
**You may attend without registering ahead of time.**

**Each person should bring a potluck dish to enjoy with others from across the district.**  
**Drinks and table service will be provided.**

#### Schedule

8:30 – 9:30 ----- Registration & Fellowship  
9:30 – 10:15 ----- Opening Worship  
10:30 – 11:15 ----- Workshop Session 1  
11:30 – 12:15 ----- Workshop Session 2  
12:30-1:30 ----- Potluck Lunch and Fellowship  
  
1:45 – 2:15 ----- Workshop Session 3  
2:30-3:15----- Closing Worship

#### Workshop Topics and Leaders

**Deacon Training -- David Doudt**  
“Being Present in A Healing Way” I & II  
“Caring for the Caregiver”  
**Multiculturalism – Dennis Webb**  
Multiculturalism – “When a goat is both a pet and dinner!”  
**Disaster Relief 101 – Dutchtown COB**  
“Dollars are Delightful, But Bodies are Better”  
**District Revitalization Team**

Plan now to attend this exciting event. Share this information with others in your church. There will be something for everyone: deacons, pastors, those who want to learn, worship, and enjoy wonderful fellowship.

**Come enjoy time with sisters and brothers from across the district!!!!!!**

*This one-day event is being planned by your **District Deacons** on behalf of the Leadership Team of the District.*

Please complete the bottom portion, detach, and return with the registration fee to the **District Office at 269 E. Chestnut St., Canton, IL 61520**. Make checks payable to the District of IL/WI. **NOTE:** If you know how many are planning to attend from your congregation but are unsure of who, please return the form with the name of the congregation and the number attending. This will help us plan for the day. **Thank you.**

We look forward to seeing you and visiting on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at Peoria.

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#### District Potluck – April 27, 2013

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make copies of this form as needed.**

# Work Day Planned at Pleasant Hill Village



The Brethren Home of Girard has set their **Sixth Annual Work Day for Saturday May 4th starting at 8:00 am**, with a rain date of May 18th. The agenda includes clearing flower beds, lots of planting, mulching and brushing preservative on outdoor wood furniture. Please bring your gloves and garden trowels. A light lunch will be provided along with refreshments and fellowship throughout.

**Please call and let us know how many may be coming and confirm the week prior in case rain is predicted by calling 217-627-2181 ask for Kyle Hood, Maintenance or Terry Link, Chaplain or email us at [pleasanthillvillage@royell.org](mailto:pleasanthillvillage@royell.org)**



To all who have assisted in the past, a hearty Thank You for your dedication to serve. Pleasant Hill Village is a ministry of the ILL/WIS District of the Church of the Brethren. This is a good opportunity to be involved in serving some of the least among us.

## 2013 CAMP EMMANUEL SCHEDULE

The mission of Camp Emmanuel is "Sharing God's Message and Love with children of all ages through the beauty and wonder found in nature. CAMP MANAGERS FOR 2013 ARE RANDY AND JO ELLEN DOYLE. Camp Phone is 309-329-2291. The Camp e-mail address is: [campemmanuel.cob@gmail.com](mailto:campemmanuel.cob@gmail.com). The website is: [www.cob-net.org/camp/emmanuel/](http://www.cob-net.org/camp/emmanuel/)

### JUNE 7-9 WOMENS' CAMP

Friday, 4:00 p.m. – Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Director: Rosie Brandenburg (217-763-6039)

Email: [samrosie@ctiwireless.com](mailto:samrosie@ctiwireless.com)

Fee: \$60 (\$75 after May 24<sup>th</sup>)

### JUNE 9-15 YOUTH CAMP (ages 14-18)

Sunday 5:00 p.m. – Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Director: Dana McNeil (309-243-8726)

Email: [pastordana@peoriabrethren.org](mailto:pastordana@peoriabrethren.org)

Fee \$125 (\$140 after May 31<sup>st</sup>)

### JUNE 16-22 JUNIOR HIGH CAMP (ages 11-13)

Sunday 5:00 p.m. – Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Director: Lynn Jones (217-627-2355)

Email: [misslynnmo@yahoo.com](mailto:misslynnmo@yahoo.com)

Fee \$125 (\$140 after June 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### JUNE 23-29 JUNIOR CAMP (ages 8-10)

Sunday 5:00 p.m. – Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Director: Sarah Fulk (217-454-6942)

Email: [fulkner34@yahoo.com](mailto:fulkner34@yahoo.com)

Fee \$125 (\$140 after June 10<sup>th</sup>)

### JUNE 27-29 PRE-JUNIOR CAMP (ages 5-7)

Thursday 5:00 p.m. – Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Director: Stephanie Bettinger (217-855-6415)

Email: [bettinger.stephanie@yahoo.com](mailto:bettinger.stephanie@yahoo.com)

Fee \$60 (\$75 after June 13<sup>th</sup>)

### AUGUST 9-11 MENS' CAMP

Friday 4:00 p.m. – Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Director: Ray Knotts (309-692-0846)

Email: [raynkitty@gmail.com](mailto:raynkitty@gmail.com)

Fee: \$60 (\$75 after July 26<sup>th</sup>)

### AUGUST 30-SEPT. 2 FAMILY CAMP

Friday 6:00 p.m. – Monday 10:00 a.m.

Directors: Christine Hoecker, Angela Devaney and Cheryl Spence

Fee: Adults \$60 (\$75 after August 16<sup>th</sup>)

Children 4-12 \$40 (\$55 after August 16<sup>th</sup>)

Maximum per family \$155 (\$215 after August 16<sup>th</sup>)

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2013 (Not all scheduled yet)

Spring Work Day – April 13th

Spring Work Week – April 14-20th

Mandatory CIT training – April 27<sup>th</sup> (9AM-Noon)

Fall Gospel/Song Fest – Family Camp Hosts

Fall Work Day/Camp Closing – October 19th

Each camp will be responsible for making a banner in conjunction with the Camp's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Also, there will be special t-shirts for sale in addition to the items given out at each camp.

So order sizes EARLY with your registration.

Special t-shirt costs will be \$12 unless it is a special size.



CAMP EMMANUEL – CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM

CAMPER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CAMPER'S BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

LAST GRADE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER M/F AGE \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT T-SHIRT SIZE, CIRCLE: S M L XL XXL XXXL

CIRCLE CAMP ATTENDING: PRE-JUNIOR \$60 (\$75) JUNIOR \$125 (\$140) JUNIOR HIGH \$125 (\$140) YOUTH \$125(\$140) WOMEN'S \$60(\$75) MEN'S \$60(\$75) FAMILY (see schedule)

PERSON PICKING UP CAMPER \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FEES: PLEASE SEND APPROPRIATE FEES TO: CAMP EMMANUEL, P.O. BOX 557, ASTORIA, IL 61501
Those in parenthesis are the late fees. Please see schedule when these late fees would be added.

Church's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: Bill my church \_\_\_\_\_ Church portion included \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: Church Portion \$ \_\_\_\_\_ My portion \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Paid in Full: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Personal, Medical and Emergency Information

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Person to ask for \_\_\_\_\_

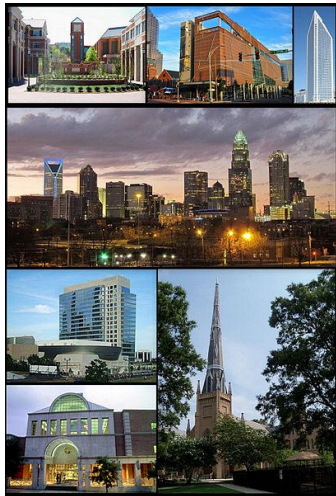
Please share any allergies or physical limitations of which the camp should be aware of \_\_\_\_\_

Please share any special dietary needs of the camper, i.e. food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the camper on any medication? If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

My child and I have read the Camp Emmanuel information guide. By signing below, we each understand and agree to follow the Camp Emmanuel guidelines. Parent/Guardian signature below also grants permission for Camp Emmanuel personnel to seek medical care or to administer first aid if necessary.

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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in our  
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## Annual Conference 2013

You're invited...

...To Annual Conference in Charlotte, NC

June 29 through July 3, 2013!

Find more information and register at [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac)

## Volunteers needed at Annual Conference

We need additional volunteers to assist with **Early Childhood Services** at Annual Conference this summer in Charlotte. If you are attending Conference and would be able to volunteer some of your time for this, please contact conference assistant Jon Kobel at [jkobel@brethren.org](mailto:jkobel@brethren.org), or fill out the online volunteer form at [www.brethren.org/ac/registration/volunteer.html](http://www.brethren.org/ac/registration/volunteer.html)



AC 2013 Photo by Debbie Surin

Thank you for your help.  
Jon Kobel, Conference Assistant



## Exploring Your Call

Bethany Seminary • June 14 - 24, 2013

EYC invites rising juniors and seniors in high school to experience hands-on learning and exploration of where their lives' passions meet God's great purpose. This grant-funded program creates space for discernment and community building amidst the myriad of competing interests for Brethren youth. Registration is already open, so encourage youth in your congregation or district to apply for this amazing opportunity.

## Opportunities for Honduras Work/Study Trips

Church of the Brethren congregations in Illinois are inviting individuals to participate in one of the work/study trips to Honduras that are being organized for 2013-2014.

Bill Hare is organizing another trip for construction of much needed housing in southern Honduras. Bill has extensive experience in Honduras having made over 20 trips there for home construction and other service projects.

An alternate trip to northern Honduras has the options of combined work and study with Heifer International and other projects. This trip will be hosted by Tim and Gloria Wheeler that have been living and working in Honduras for close to 40 years, currently in the role of Heifer advisors and Presbyterian missionaries.



A family in Trinidad de Copan stands by the foundation of their new home being built with the assistance of the village and volunteers.



A cow contributed by Heifer provides nutrition and supplementary income for the family of Jose Lopez on his coffee farm.

### Home Construction

Bill Hare of Polo (Ill.) Church of the Brethren invites individuals to join him **Jan. 2014**, for a trip to build homes in **southern Honduras**. As in previous similar trips, participants will travel through Tegucigalpa and into a small community to work alongside up to six recipients of new homes. Cost, including room, board, and building materials is \$1,150 plus airfare.

### Tour of Heifer Projects in Honduras

York Center Church of the Brethren invites individuals to join a work/study trip **Oct. 5-12, 2013** (tentative dates), in **northern Honduras**. Participants will be invited to indicate preferences for the itinerary that could include visits to ongoing Heifer projects, house construction, assisting at a home for boys, and a visit to the Copan Mayan ruins. Preliminary cost estimate is \$500 plus airfare.

Yes, I am interested in the following trip:

- Home construction in southern Honduras  
 Work/study trip in northern Honduras (indicate preferences)  
 Visit Heifer project sites       Assist at home for boys  
 Assist with house construction       Visit Copan Mayan ruins

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

Send the above, or a request for more information, to:

Bill Hare, 815-734-4268(fax) by 12/1/2013 ❖ or to York Center, [habegger4@comcast.net](mailto:habegger4@comcast.net) by 7/1/2013



Illinois/Wisconsin District Church of the Brethren  
2013 Pledged to Actual Comparison (unaudited)  
As of March 31, 2013

Congregations	2012 Actual Contribution	2013 Annual Pledge	2013 YTD Actual	Difference
Allison Prairie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Canton	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$325.00	(975.00)
Cerro Gordo	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$437.50	(512.50)
Champaign	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	(1,200.00)
Cherry Grove	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Chicago First	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(500.00)
Decatur	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$170.00	(430.00)
Dixon	\$1,405.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Douglas Park	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Franklin Grove	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Freeport	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	(125.00)
Girard	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Highland Avenue	\$14,450.00	\$14,300.00	\$0.00	(14,300.00)
Hurricane Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
La Place	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(500.00)
Lanark	\$2,449.92	\$0.00	\$612.48	612.48
Martin Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Milledgeville	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	800.00
Mt. Morris	\$2,250.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	(1,750.00)
Naperville	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	(6,000.00)
Neighborhood	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Oak Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Oakley Brick	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Panther Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Peoria	\$5,850.00	\$5,850.00	\$1,462.50	(4,387.50)
Polo	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(1,000.00)
Rock Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Rockford	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Romine	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Springfield	\$3,400.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,750.00	(1,750.00)
Stanley	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Viriden	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	1,000.00
West Branch	\$900.00	\$740.25	\$0.00	(740.25)
Woodland	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Yellow Creek	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	(100.00)
York Center	\$6,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$1,875.00	(5,625.00)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$54,055.35</b>	<b>\$45,915.25</b>	<b>\$8,432.48</b>	<b>(37,482.77)</b>

These are the **First Quarter** results of Congregational Donations to the Illinois-Wisconsin District. They are Actual Contributions vs Pledged Contributions.. Most Churches pay Quarterly and their percentage figures will be 100% by the end of the year..

**Thank you very much for supporting the Mission of the District.**

# 2013 Calendar

## April

*Child Abuse Prevention Month*

- 13 .....Leadership Team Mtg Neighborhood Church
- 14-20 ..Work Week - Emmanuel
- 22 .....Earth Day
- 27 .....**DISTRICT POTLUCK – PEORIA**

## May

*Older Adult Month*

- 2 .....National Day of Prayer
- 5 .....National Youth Sunday
- 9 .....Ascension Day
- 12 .....Mother's Day
- 19 .....Pentecost
- 25 .....Young Adult Conf. Camp Pine Lake, Eudora, Iowa
- 26 .....Trinity Sunday
- 27 .....Memorial Day

## June

- 5 .....World Environment Day
- 7-9 .....Women's Camp – Emmanuel
- 9-15 ....Youth Camp - Emmanuel
- 8 .....Leadership Team Meeting, Peoria
- 14-16 ..Nat'l Jr Hi Conference, Elizabethtown, PA
- 16-22 ..Junior Hi Camp - Emmanuel
- 21 .....First Day of Summer
- 21-27 ..Song & Story Fest, Camp Myrtlewood, Myrtle Point, Oregon
- 23-29 ..Junior Camp – Emmanuel
- 27-29 ..Pre-Junior Camp Emmanuel
- 27 .....CODE Meeting, Charlotte, NC
- 28 .....Mission & Ministry Board, Charlotte, NC
- 29-July 3 .....Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC

## July

- June 29-3 .....Annual Conference
- 4 .....Independence Day
- 9 .....Ramadan Begins
- 28 .....Parent's Day

## August

- 9-11 ....Men's Camp - Emmanuel
- 10 .....Leadership Team Meeting, Pinecrest, Mt. Morris
- 30-2 ....Family Camp - Emmanuel

## September

- 2 .....Labor Day
- 2-6 .....National Older Adult Conf., Lake Junaluska, NC
- 8 .....Grandparent's Day
- 13 .....Yom Kippur
- 15 .....Bethany Sunday
- 21 .....International Day of Peace
- 22 .....First Day of Autumn

## October

*Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

- 6 .....World Communion Sunday
- 12 .....Leadership Team Meeting, Neighborhood
- 18-21 ..Mission & Ministry Board, Elgin, IL
- 24 .....World Disarmament Day  
United Nations Day
- 27 .....Reformation Sunday
- 31 .....Halloween

## November

- 1-2 .....Ill.-Wisc. District Conf., Mt. Morris
- 3 .....National Junior High Sunday  
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11 .....Veteran's Day
- 15-16 ..Leadership Team Retreat, Camp Emmanuel, Mt. Morris, IL
- 24 .....Christ the King Sunday
- 27 .....Hanukah Begins
- 28 .....Thanksgiving

## December

- 1 .....First Sunday of Advent  
World Aids Day
- 21 .....First day of Winter
- 25 .....Christmas Day
- 31 .....New Year's Eve

## Silent & Live Auctions 2013 District Conference

### Benefiting a variety of Ministries

This year we are doing things a bit differently. For the Silent Auction we are asking each Church to provide a basket of goodies with a theme, such

as kitchen, movie night and so on. We are also asking for baked goods for the Silent Auction. For the Live Auction we are asking people to provide nice Arts and Crafts items, such as woodworking, paintings, maybe pottery. We would like to have a dozen or so items in the Live Auction. If you would like to provide an item, please let me know ahead of time what you are planning to bring.

For more information, please contact Rick Koch at 815-499-3012 or at [revrick-dutchtown@jcwifi.com](mailto:revrick-dutchtown@jcwifi.com).

