



News From Foods Resource Bank

Spring 2012

Events

2012 Annual Meeting

Kidron, OH
July 27-29, 2012

Heart of the Hill:

Washington D.C.
Jun. 18-21
July 16-19
Sept. 17-20
Nov. 12-16
Dec. 3-6

Overseas Trips

The Democratic Republic of the Congo and Angola, June 1-13, 2012

East Africa, August 24 - September 12, 2012 Destinations include Mozambique, Malawi & Zambia.

Armenia, September 13-19, 2012

India, November 28th- December 12, 2012

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South America, January 2013 Possible destinations include Bolivia, Colombia and Peru.

West Africa, January/February 2013 Possible destinations include Mali, Liberia & Burkina Faso.

Middle East, February 2013 Possible destinations include Jordan and Palestine.

East Africa, February 2013 Possible destinations include Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya.

Work learning trips to Central America, March/April 2013 Possible destinations include Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Foods Resource Banks 2012 Annual Gathering is 2 Months Away! Please Register Now!

Join us in Kidron OH July 27-29 for FRB's 2012 Annual Gathering. This year's meeting will be hosted by the Wayne County OH Growing Project. Located about an hour south of Cleveland and 30 minutes from Akron, Kidron is close to one of the largest Amish communities in the US.



If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by emailing laurie@foodsresourcebank.org or calling (888)276-4372. When registering, please state the number in your party and the days you plan to attend. Reservations are appreciated for accurate numbers.

There are several options for accommodations. A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved at The Royal Star Inn, Orville, OH please call (888) 711-8110 for reservations. Rooms have also been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn Wooster, (330) 202-7701. Many members of the Wayne County Growing Project have also offered to host guests in their homes. If you are interested in a home stay please call Stuart Newcomer (330) 465-1581 or email him at scebn4@aol.com.

2012 Annual Meeting Agenda

Friday July 27, 2012

Late afternoon: tours of Lehman's Hardware Store
6pm: Barbeque in Kidron Park

Saturday July 28, 2012

9am: Annual Meeting at Central Christian School in Kidron, OH
Keynote speaker Wayne County Extension Agent Rory Lewandowski
Overseas Guests from India and Guatemala
Afternoon: tours of local agricultural sites

Sunday July 29, 2012

Morning: attend local churches and/or give "Moments for Mission" about FRB



We look forward to seeing you in Kidron, OH!



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Overseas Visitors To Travel to US Growing Projects in June and July

FRB is pleased to have three groups of overseas visitors planned for this summer, from the India-Banka program, Guatemala-Sibinal program, and the Kenya-Ganze-Jaribuni program. Each group will consist of a participating farmer and program staff member. The guests will arrive late June and early July and will travel in the US visiting growing projects. Both the Indian and Guatemalan guests will attend FRB's Annual meeting and host breakout sessions. If you are interested in hosting the guests or visiting with them please email laurie@foodsresourcebank.org or call (888) 276-4372 for more information on their visits.



Growing Projects in 2012.... Check out what new and existing growing projects have planned in 2012

Wayne Zion Lutheran Church - Monticello IA



This congregation chose to focus on hunger issues through Lent. They had a very successful campaign and that energy is spilling over into ideas to start a growing project. They hope that by next growing season they will be able to expand to involve farmers in their congregation. Here is a quote from Pastor Ellery Dykeman about their project's success so far this year: *"We had our kids do a "Noisy Coin" offering during the Offering on Sunday mornings. It was always amazing to see a stampede of kids come forward to grab their soup cans so that they could go out and collect the loose change from everyone. Then they would come back up and dump the offering into a big roaster we had sitting up in the front of the church all through Lent. In the end we*

had over 49 lbs. of change in that roaster!"

Calusa County CA

Several families in Calusa County are working together to grow one acre of sweet corn, half organic and half conventional. The children in the families, grades 7 and 11, will be involved in the marketing, weeding the organic plot and making the donation decision.

Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches - Bull Shoals AR

These churches have asked their congregations to bring in produce throughout the growing season. They will then sell the produce on Sundays before and after service as a freewill offering with all proceeds going towards their growing project. These churches also already get together for a 5th Sunday service and potluck. There is talk about finding a way to work hunger and their growing project into these services so that they can create an opportunity for more people to become involved and learn about hunger issues at home and abroad.

St Matthew Lutheran in Urbana IL - Sola Gratia Farm www.solagratiainfarm.org

This has been a growing project since 2005. They have been farming 5 acres in the traditional way with a corn and soy rotation but have decided that this year they would try something totally new. They have worked this past winter to establish a CSA (community supported agriculture). They hired a farmer to raise a variety of vegetables and developed a plan to sell shares of the produce to members of the community. They have planted 3 acres to begin with and this year they sold 70 full shares, hoping to increase that to 100 next year. Pastor Bob Rasmus feels it is their mission to help guide others into a similar community agriculture connection.

Pigeon MI Hunger Relief Growing Project - Pigeon MI

In its 10th year, the Pigeon MI Hunger Relief Growing Project is doubling in size in memory of participant farmer Merlin Yoder. Merlin, who died last year in an accident, was a faithful supporter of FRB. In his honor, the growing project has added 187 acres of sugar beets to the project for this year.

Peaches to Papayas - Kingsburg CA

Stone-fruit farmer, Vernon Peterson, is "selling" 600 peach trees for FRB. For \$50, a person can sponsor a peach tree for the year, the proceeds of which will go to support FRB's Central African Republic-Gamboula program. As a member of a large CSA, Vernon is asking his customers to get involved in FRB by supporting a tree. You too can support a peach tree through the FRB website or by sending in a donation for \$50 marked "Peaches to Papayas" on the memo line.

