



Brightmoor Kids at Summer Camp



Through scholarship help from Redford Brightmoor Initiative, 16 students from Brightmoor were able to enjoy camping experiences with youth from 15 other urban United Methodist churches. The Urban Methodist Youth Camp is a week-long fun Christian overnight camp for children aged 12-18.

Camp Pastor Albert Rush, from Eastpointe: Emmanuel UMC, focused on the theme “God’s Transforming Love,” based on 1 Corinthians 13. During the week he taught that God’s love is incredible, invincible, unconditional, faithful, and real. [Read more](#)

Back to School Supplies



August 22 was Back to School Supplies day at the Brightmoor Free Store. More than 70 children came to collect notebooks, backpacks, pencils, pens, rulers, and paper. Each had a personal shopper to help pick out the needed school supplies. Thank you to our generous friends who made this day possible. [Read more](#)

Furniture and Appliances



Claire Miller is an angel who has taken on the RBI furniture and appliance ministry in Redford and Brightmoor. She and her assistants pick up furniture and appliances from donors. Some they deliver to people with an immediate need. Once a month, Claire sets up the remaining items in the parking lot outside our barn for our shoppers to select one item per household. People have started lining up during the early morning hours to take advantage of the free furniture.

Claire has received many hugs of joy from grateful people. To show his appreciation, one shopper brought a peach cobbler to share with the other shoppers the week after he received his stove. [Read more](#)

Wish List: Toiletries for the Free Store

Toiletry items make the Brightmoor Free Store unique in the neighborhood. We offer toilet paper, paper toweling, diapers, facial tissues, shampoo, laundry detergent, deodorant, tooth paste, and many more personal care items for free.

These are items that cannot be purchased using Food Stamps. Many people do not know that the Food Stamp Program was started to support farmers through stabilizing the prices of farm products. This program was intended to make use of our abundant domestic food supply by giving low-income families greater food purchasing power, which also increases the income farmers receive.

The Brightmoor Free Store routinely offers these products for our shoppers, but we never have enough to fill the need. Next time you are at Costco or a dollar store, please consider purchasing some personal care items for our free store. You can call the Brightmoor campus office or our Executive Director Karen Plants (248-895-9825) to let us know when you will be dropping them off.

Nutrition and Exercise Classes



In cooperation with the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, RBI hosted a free program designed to help parents, caregivers, preteens, and teens improve family eating and activity habits. Victoria Fleming talked to the Brightmoor Free Store shoppers about making good food choices, how to prepare food, how to stretch, and potential exercise programs. Some shoppers did the exercises standing up and some did them in their chairs. Even the volunteers joined in. The health drinks made in a blender were a big hit. One shopper proclaimed, “I have been stretching every day and feel so much better!”

Upcoming Events



Mark your calendars now for our fundraiser brunch to be held on **Sunday, November 8**. [Read more](#). Additional details will be available in our October newsletter.



Our annual One-Stop Shop will be held on **Saturday, December 5**. [Read more](#). Additional details about how you can help will be available in our October newsletter.

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