

READ SEED FEED

Spring 2014

Brightmoor Bikes Initiative

This summer we want to encourage the community youth to stay physically active and to “Get Up and Get Out in Brightmoor!”

Organizations in the Brightmoor community are making positive changes to make our streets safer for our children. The upcoming nonstructural blight removal, the installation of new street lights, and forthcoming art installations have led us to develop the Brightmoor Bikes Initiative.



During our community Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 19, The Amen Corner Youth Ministry and Read Seed Feed have set a goal to provide new bikes and helmets to 200 pre-registered children in attendance.

You can support the Brightmoor Bikes Initiative in several ways:

- Donate online by using the green Donate button on the www.ReadSeedFeed.org website.
- Donate with a check made out to **Read Seed Feed.** *
- Donate \$100 gift cards from your favorite sports retailer to purchase bikes and helmets. *

* Gift cards and checks should be mailed to:

Read Seed Feed
10000 Beech Daly
Redford, Michigan 48239.

Donations are due by **April 11, 2014**, at 6 p.m. Please designate your gift for the “Brightmoor Bikes Initiative.” If you wish to deliver your donation personally to the church, please call Rhonda Fadoir, Program Director of Read Seed Feed, at (313) 443-6272 to arrange a time to do so.

Our prayer is to make sure every child present will receive a new bike.

Brightmoor Campus Upcoming Events

- 3/29/14 U-M Detroit
Partnership Day
- 3/29/14 Sisterhood
PNC Workshop 3:00-5:30 pm
- 3/29/14 Amen Corner
youth program 6:00-8:00 pm
- 4/12/14 Free Store 10:00am-2:00 pm
- 4/19/14 Bike Giveaway/Egg
Hunt 2-4 pm
- 4/19/14 Sisterhood
Financial Lit. Class 3:00-5:30 pm
- 4/23/14 UMC Youth Spring Break Work
Group
- 4/26/14 Amen Corner
Youth program 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- 4/28/14 Brightmoor SOUP @ St.
Christine's 5:30 pm

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Home Repair Ministry

Read Seed Feed is embarking on a new project this year to help homeowners make their homes safe and secure, thus helping to stabilize the neighborhood.

The work to be done will vary throughout the summer. We already have several teams of volunteers coming for long weekends and full weeks to help with this project.

If you are interested in volunteering with this new ministry, sign up on the Read Seed Feed volunteer interest form on our website and we will contact you.

Brightmoor Free Store

The second Saturday of each month of 2014 has seen a flurry of activity in our building with the introduction of the Brightmoor Free Store.

Each month we welcome an average of 50 households to the store. They are able to shop for clothing, books, items for their homes, and personal care items for each member of the household. All the items are given freely to our neighbors.

The store also provides wonderful opportunities to spend time getting to know our neighbors.

Our next store is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to come as early as 9:00 a.m. and stay as long as they are able. Because it is a long day for many involved in the store, we also appreciate fresh volunteers in the afternoon to help tear down the store and prepare the church for Sunday services.

Volunteers are also welcome 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday preceding the store to assist with sorting donations and setting up the store.

Visit our website at www.ReadSeedFeed.org for a list of suggested donations.



Jason Street Apartment Fire

Ash Wednesday 2014 is a day that will never be forgotten at the Brightmoor Campus of Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Our doors opened early in the morning to provide a safe, warm place for the residents of the apartment building destroyed in the devastating fire.

Because we were setting up for our Free Store on Saturday, we were able to immediately provide clothing and personal care items for the residents, many of whom fled the fire with only the pajamas they were wearing when the fire broke out.

The support we received to assist our neighbors was tremendous. In addition to the Red Cross and Salvation Army, we had community members helping sort donations that came in all day long, cook food for lunch, provide dinner, and donate funding for meals on Thursday. We are truly blessed to be part of this wonderful community!

The apartment residents are now being assisted by St. Vincent de Paul Christ the King Conference with their long-term needs. Everyone has been placed in new housing, and St. Vincent de Paul is working on providing new furniture and additional clothing.



Pastor Jeff and church members welcome the apartment residents to our campus after the fire. For more information about our response to the fire, see the article on the Detroit Conference UMC website at www.detroitconference.org/news/detail/1081.

Community Garden

We are looking forward to another successful growing season for our community garden.

Last year church member Dave Mathieu lead a small but dedicated group of volunteers in our first attempt at a large garden with wonderful results. The most successful crops included broccoli, potatoes, bell peppers and tomatoes. Throughout the growing season many of our neighbors helped themselves to the garden, which was one of our goals in creating it. Our tomato crop was so successful we were also able to can 40 quarts of tomatoes and use them as a fundraiser to help fund the 2014 garden!

This year promises to be even better with plans for an expanded garden and a rainwater collection system connected to our newly built gazebo.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways to be a part of the exciting things happening in Brightmoor:

Community Garden

- Become a committee member and help design the garden and work with community members in creating a farmers market in Brightmoor.
- Help with planting the garden (check the website for upcoming dates)
- Spend some time in the garden helping weed.
- Collect canning jars for fall produce.

Free Store

- Organize donation collections through your church, community group, etc.
- Volunteer to help sort donations and set up the store the three days prior to the event.
- Volunteer during the store. Many hands make light work, and volunteers are always welcome.

Home Repair Program

- We are seeking volunteers who are knowledgeable in home repair to help assess projects.
- Bring a group out to work for a day (or longer)
- Collect basic tools to donate to Read Seed Feed for this program. We can use everything from hand tools to circular saws, electric drills, etc.

Contact Rhonda Fadoir for more specific details about any of the programs.

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