

### **Red Bird Mission Work Trip, Oct. 17-23**

Our annual work trip to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky is from Oct. 17-23 this year. We share this venture with members from Rochester St. Paul's UMC. Red Bird Mission is a mainstay in the lives of people of this beautiful but impoverished region of southeast Kentucky. The ministries of the mission include a K-12 school, a dental and medical clinic, a community store, craft marketing, and emergency food, clothing and transportation assistance. They also have a Work Camp, which is what we participate in. Their website (<http://www.rbmission.org/>) describes the work camp in this way:

*Work Camp strives to provide home repair for low-income community residents and maintenance for Mission buildings and grounds. Some examples of work projects are roof replacement, small room additions, painting, building porches or ramps, and grounds keeping. Other light duty work is available such as cutting soup/product label upc's, office work, craft and community store helpers, and recycling. A single fee covers the cost of each person's lodging, meals, and materials used. In addition to providing mission opportunities, we strive to provide an atmosphere where participants grow spiritually and gain a personal understanding of mission. Evenings are spent in Christian fellowship and learning about the diverse ministries of Red Bird Mission.*

All interested people are invited to the home of Bob and Betty Conger, 9467 Thornhill, Clarkston, MI, for an informal gathering on **Sunday, September 26 from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.**, (Pizza served at 4:45pm. Please rsvp to 248-515-5163, bconger1@aol.com). This will give newcomers an understanding of a typical week at Redbird and remind us “returnees” what to pack! **If you have always wanted to go on a mission trip, this is the perfect one: well-developed plan, meaningful work projects matched to skills, reasonable cost, close to home, comfortable housing, spiritually fulfilling, and great fall colors!** Reservations deadline is Sept. 19. Cost: \$280 (set by Red Bird Mission for food lodging and materials) plus travel expenses to and from Kentucky. See Pastor Marge for more info or if cost is an issue.