

**A Fibromyalgia Support Group Meets At Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren**

The support group formed by **Esther Mobley**, who lives in Hagerstown, continues to meet. The group meets monthly at 1:00 p.m. here at Nettle Creek. If this is a concern of yours, plan to join the group. **The next meeting is February 23. They meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m.**

**The Christian Year -Lent**

The beginning of Lent is Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 1 this year. Lent is the forty-day period preceding Easter, which excludes Sundays. *The term lent comes from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning spring, or the verb meaning to lengthen, and pertains to the lengthening of days especially noticeable at this time of year. The forty days of Lent are most frequently identified with Jesus’ forty-day fast in the desert, the forty days Moses spent on Mount Sinai, and Israel’s forty years of wandering in the wilderness. (For All Who Minister, Brethren Press, p 24).* Lent is a time of soul-searching and repentance where we reflect upon the life of Christ.



**Giving For December**

Average Weekly Offering needed to meet budget.....	\$1,465.29
Average Offering for December .....	\$ 1,107.04
4.....	1,362.15
11.....	880.00
18.....	1,346.00
25.....	840.00
Average Attendance for December.....	41
Other giving:	
Advent Book.....	\$20.00
Christmas Achievement.....	\$40.00
Special Offering.....	\$200.00



**January Giving thus far**

January 1.....	\$1,630.00
January 8.....	2,282.43
January 15.....	954.20
Other giving:	
Tithe envelope.....	30.51
Global Food Crisis.....	26.00
District Support.....	27.95

**District Giving**

We did not budget any money to give to the District this year. To help the District, anyone who would like to give may give the amount of **\$27.95**. This amount was designated by our District, which was calculated across the district per member. Please mark any envelopes or giving for **S/Central Indiana District budget**, so that we may be sure your gift goes to the District.

**Calling all Men of South Central Indiana Church of the Brethren Men’s Retreat 2006**

*Pickin’ & Washin’: Brethren Heritage Down-Home Style* is the theme of the men’s retreat which will be held at Camp Mack. Frank Ramirez and Lee Krahenbuhl are the leaders for this event. Cost is \$72: by February 1 (All it takes is \$20 deposit to reserve your place. Registration forms are on their way. See Pastor Carol for a form or call the District Office toll free at 1-877-730-9315 for more information.

**Youth Alert! Come and See: The Journey to NYC**

Registration for **National Youth Conference (NYC)** opened on January 1. The registration process is entirely web-based. Youth advisors and youth are able to register for the conference at [www.nyc2006.org](http://www.nyc2006.org). In addition to basic information such as name, address, date of birth, e-mail address, advisor’s name, and emergency contact information, registrants will have the option of committing to special activities such as hiking, service