

## Programs that Work!

### First Baptist Church Birmingham Stewardship Dinner

#### All Church Stewardship Dinner

This a great way to educate your congregation, promote fellowship and provide a great meal.

Our women decided to cook a meal that would illustrate how we can be good stewards... support local farmers & our MI economy, help small farmers in South America, protect song birds and the environment, AND even

support our AB Women's Ministries  
Chin Refugee Scholarship Project  
**all as we prepare our daily meals.**

We planned the meal and invited several women from the congregation to help with the cooking and some to help with the serving.

We enlisted others to do the setup and cleanup.

This was the "promoting fellowship" part, because working together in small groups is always fun and fast!

We shopped for produce at the local farmers market (onions, pumpkins, eggs, apples, cabbage) and used MI produced dairy and corn-meal mix along with home grown herbs and Fair Trade coffee from our Global Gifts Shop.

We placed an EDUCATIONAL piece on tables.  
The Congregation loved it!

The food was good, the coffee got raves, and we educated the congregation on ways they can use their shopping \$ to help others.

It was a great day!

#### Menu

Rosemary and Sage Roasted  
Chicken

Cranberry /Apple Chutney

Corn Casserole

Sage Buttered Cabbage and Apples

Rolls/Butter

Autumn Pumpkin Cake

Coffee-Tea-Milk

#### **DID YOU KNOW...**

- If every household started spending just \$10 per week of their current grocery budget on locally grown foods we'd keep more than \$37 million each week circulating within Michigan's economy.
- When \$1 is spent locally, that \$1 impacts three to seven local businesses before leaving the local economy.
- Purchasing Fair Trade Coffee enables small farmers to earn a living wage and helps them do so without cutting down the trees which both shade the coffee plants producing a better tasting coffee AND protects the habitat of North American song birds that migrate to South America in the winter.
- More than 10% of the expense of this Church Dinner was for MI produced foods. Through the serving of Fair Trade Coffee this Dinner supported small growers, song birds and our environment. Last but not least, the proceeds from the meal will be used to support the Michigan AB Women's Ministries mission project, providing scholarships for young Burmese Chin refugees to attend a Baptist Youth Conference in 2009. (Michigan is settling Burmese Refugees fleeing an oppressive government.)

Support the local economy, protect song birds, enable a small farmer to earn a living wage, support local mission, get a great tasting meal...



#### **The way you shop can make a difference!**

We hope you enjoy the food and fellowship.