

## **Students at St. Matthew's UMC to "Read to Feed"**

Starting September 12<sup>th</sup>, students from St. Matthew's UMC and the community will be busy reading books for fun and pleasure, and at the same time helping end world hunger and improve the environment through Heifer International's *Read to Feed Program*. The sponsored program helps students raise money for Heifer International to provide livestock, seeds, trees and training for families in need around the world.

"The students get very excited to look through the catalog and to decide which animal or item they are going to get with the money they earn," Galen and Carolyn Menne, who are coordinating the program, said. With Read to Feed, students enlist sponsors who pledge donations for each book that is read. Then they read, and as they finish more books, the pledges grow higher, until at the end of the program (October 30<sup>th</sup>), the children meet to gather their pledges, pool their money and donate the total to Heifer International to use to help families build sustainable lives and to become self-reliant. Books that are chosen are from the public library, although students will be asked to read at least one book that is recommended by Heifer International.

**Some Gifts that can be chosen:** Heifer- \$500, Water Buffalo \$250, Sheep or goat- \$120, Trio of rabbits-60 , Llama- \$50, Flock of chickens, ducks, or geese -\$20.

### **Scheduled Events:**

**Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – Feast for the Soul Sunday** - Children will receive the enrollment booklet called "Real Kids, Real Animals"

**Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Mission Sunday, Children's Book Exchange** – Children will be invited to bring books they no longer are reading. These will be sold with all money going to this project.

**Saturday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Dinner** for readers and their parents and or grandparents

**Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Announcement** of how much money was raised for Heifer International and what animals or items we are sending

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