

2016 Summer Camp Update -- Do you know someone who might like to go to camp? Would you like to attend camp? Could you sponsor a person going to camp? Have you heard God's call to serve others by helping at camp this summer? Everyone can participate in the camping experience in a lot of different ways.

Now that camp registration is open for the 2016 camping season, we need people to come to camp, serve at camp, encourage others to attend camp, and help support the campers financially.

Getting campers registered is important. We must know how many campers we will be having so our plans will serve those coming. Counselors, naturalists, cooks and kitchen helpers, storytellers, Bible study leaders, craft teachers, song leaders, and many more are wanting to know when they will be heading to camp. We don't know how to plan properly until we receive the registrations. Children, teens, and adults are encouraged to register for the camp of their choice soon. Ask your church office for a registration form or go on our website (www.sodcob.org).

Annual Conference Update: If you have never attended a Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, you've missed a very meaningful opportunity to experience God's global Church of the Brethren family working together. This year will be no exception. Whether you participate in the age specific group activities, attend the insight sessions, participate in the witness to the host city, you will leave this event with a new appreciation for our brothers and sisters world wide. Not coming to Annual Conference? You and others you know can give blood locally and tie your donation to our Annual Conference blood drive. More information is available on the brethren.org website.

ARE YOU A DR., NURSE PRACTITIONER, RN, LPN, OR EMT?

The First Aid Office at Annual Conference in Greensboro is looking for DR.s, RNs, LPNs and EMTs who would be willing to volunteer a few hours during Annual Conference this summer. Contact Jane Laprade d.laprade@b2xonline.com

Annual Conference appreciates those who volunteer to help be a caregiver or chaperone in the Age Group Activities, usher, stuff Delegate Packets, help in Registration, and more. To sign up go to brethren.org and visit the Annual Conference page.

Wide Arms Security Blankets Ministry-- The Southern Ohio District Shared Ministry commission is excited to ask you to participate in this ministry which was born out of a young girl's desire to give homeless children a bit of security and warmth. Brandi Motsinger attends the Stony Creek Church of the Brethren. You can participate by donating blankets of any type. Financial donations are also needed. If you are interested to know how you can be involved, you can email Brandi at brandimotsinger@yahoo.com.

Refugee Resettlement The October 2015 District Conference voiced a concern over the wholesale devastation in Syria and the high number of Syrian refugees generated by the current war. It was decided that a Task Team should be appointed to look at ways we as a district can help these displaced families. The District Board has honored this request and formed a Task Team which has begun educating themselves and looking at organizations with whom we may be able to sponsor a family or families who wish to relocate to the United States.

As the district moves forward, we would like to encourage the District to consider our Biblical calling to care for refugees. New Testament Professor Dan Ulrich of Bethany Theological Seminary will present two, month-long Bible studies, concerning the Church's calling to care for refugees, presented during the weekly Sunday School hour (9:15-10:10) at Oakland Church of the Brethren. These two presentations, of the same material, will take place in May and June, respectively. Interested persons in the Southern Ohio District are welcome to join either Sunday School class to learn about this timely topic in an engaging environment.

The Task Team would also like to ask you to join them in praying for the family or families that God already plans to send to us.

The Trotwood Church of the Brethren, has fourteen(14) new, unused copies of Eugene Peterson's: *Answering God: The Psalms as Tools for Prayer*. If you want a book that gets beyond study to the practice of prayer cost is \$12.00 per copy while supplies last. Shipping free. Call Glenn Timmons at 832-2630 or e-mail: gtimmons1@woh.rr.com.

Beavercreek Church seeking Organist/Pianist

Please contact Cassie Hockney at 937-242-3209 or click here to email.

Disaster Ministry Updates

Sewing Bee - On May 14 at 9:00 AM, a Sewing Bee will be held at the Greenville Church of the Brethren, 421 Central Ave., Greenville. Come to sew school bags for Church World Service. Sewers need to bring their sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. All are welcome! Prior to the Sewing Bee, we've been invited to join the women of Greenville COB at the Coffee Pot on Broadway in downtown Greenville. They meet the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM for coffee, goodies, and fellowship. For more information, call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442.

School Kits For CWS - S. Ohio BDM supports Church World Service (CWS) through the assembly of hygiene kits, school kits, and cleanup buckets. Currently, school kits are the kit of greatest need. Our district Sewing Bees have produced over a thousand bags waiting to be filled with school supplies. These items will go on sale this summer. Churches and individuals can join in the ministry by giving financially to this project. It costs about \$5 per kit, which covers the school items and shipping to the point of need. Donations may be sent to S. Ohio District COB, PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331. Please footnote checks "BDM - CWS Kits." The District support for BDM projects, both past and present, is greatly appreciated.

Save the Date! Aug. 6 - Ice Cream Social Fundraiser at Happy Corner COB, 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

Aug. 13 - Golf Scramble at Beechwood Golf Course in Arcanum, 8:00 AM registration, 9:00 AM shotgun start.

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, the Southern Ohio District (sodcob@brethren.org) or you can always visit our website: www.sodcob.org. In addition to this publication, we also email a monthly newsletter. To request a newsletter simply email your request to the same email address. If you would like to add your event to either the website, this publication, or the monthly newsletter please email your information to sodcob@brethren.org **before the 15th of the month.***

