

**2016 Summer Camp Is Ready--** The summer camping season of Southern Ohio is just around the corner. Everyone who comes to camp will find friends, acceptance, adventure, and a setting that encourages them to explore the fullness of God, who they are created to be, and what they are called to do. Just think how the community of Christ will be enriched as campers come together and find the courage to trust, forgive, do justice, change, connect, and stand up to life's challenges. All camps have important life skills to be shared that are woven throughout the days' activities and fun. All these camps are set to begin soon. If anyone is thinking about coming, please don't hesitate in contacting Karen Dillon or Charlene Foster. We always have room for more and would welcome anyone interested.

**Camping and Retreat Events**

Be sure to save these dates for exciting events sponsored by the Camping and Retreat Committee:

- Sunday, July 17, **Bike Hike** starting at Golden Gate Park in Brookville, Ohio, at 2:00 pm
- Saturday, August 13, 2016, **Golf Outing/Scramble** benefiting both Camping and Retreat Committee and Brethren Disaster Ministries
- **Women's Retreat** September 9 - 10, at Bergamo Retreat Center, with the theme "Passages, Faith, Hope, and Love in a Women's Life"

**Annual Conference Delegate Briefing:** Delegates and others interested in the business of this year's annual conference are invited to a briefing on Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 PM at the Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren. Bring your Annual Conference booklet.

**Listening Sessions Wrapping Up:** On May 14 sixteen Listeners gathered at Salem Church of the Brethren for a debriefing session with the Reconciliation team. Responses from the Listeners indicated an overwhelmingly positive experience as they visited their assigned congregations. Within the next few weeks the Team will be sending a summary of the results of the Listening Process to all congregations and the District Board. We hope each congregation will share the report and discuss it with their members.

**Healing Hearts of Traumatized Nigerian Children:** In April, 2016, Kathy Fry-Miller, Assistant Director of Children's Disaster Ministries (CDS) for the Church of the Brethren and Southern Ohio's John Kinsel of the Beavercreek Congregation and long-time trainer for CDS traveled to Jos, Nigeria to train a group of 14 EYN Women Theologians to become trainers of other EYN folks on ways to respond effectively to the children who have been traumatized by the Boko Haram insurgency. The curriculum, developed by Kathy and John over the previous six months, was called Healing Hearts for Children.

Kathy and John found the recipients of the training to be enthusiastic, welcoming and well informed. It was easy to join with these amazing women, many of whom had been directly affected by the Boko Haram. They expressed deep joy and faith even as they claimed their grief and pain at the losses they have suffered in a pure manner that was awe-inspiring and humbling. While there, other groups asked for the same training, as there is an increasing awareness of the suffering of the children. We have designed a new version of the curriculum that is suitable for use with Muslim as well as Christian children and plans are underway to return to Nigeria to follow-up with the

Women Theologians as well as train more people to carry on this ministry. Materials such as crayons and drawing paper are needed to support this work. People who can sew are being sought to create small stuffed animals and dolls for these children who have so little.

If you or your congregation is interested in learning more about this ministry by having John come and share a presentation or if you would like to learn more details on how to help (such as getting the patterns for the dolls and animals, please contact John Kinsel at john.kinsel@gmail.com or 937-371-4906. Thank you. John Kinsel, CDS Volunteer

**Oakland Church of the Brethren Garage Sale Benefits BDM**

Hours are : Wed., 6-22, 5-8 PM; Thurs., 6-23, 9 AM-6 PM; Fri., 6-24, 9 AM-5 PM  
 If you would like to donate items to sell, please bring them to the Oakland Church before June 19 during office hours (8 AM-4 PM Monday-Thursday).

**Eaton Church Has Choir Robes Available**

The Eaton Church of the Brethren has 50 dark teal choir robes with cream on the stoles which they no longer need. They also have one director's robe. They would like to donate them to any church that may have a need. If you are interested in having these for your church, click here to contact the Eaton Church for more information

**Disaster Ministry Updates**

**House Painting Project –** Wanted: youth and adults! Southern Ohio Helping Hands will be painting a small house in Eaton during the month of June. Youth need to be at least 15 years old to work on their own, or 14 years old to work with a parent or guardian. Some adult help will also be required.

**Volunteers Needed -** June 5 - 11 is an open week for volunteers in Detroit, MI. Individuals will be matched up, so they can carpool.

**Sewing Bee -** On Saturday, June 25 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!

**School Kits For Church World Service -** 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 are invited to 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, both past and present, for BDM projects is greatly appreciated.

Contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or burtw417@yahoo.com. For more information about any BDM event.

**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) 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.***

