



July, 2016
Southern Ohio District Newsletter
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2016 Southern Ohio District Conference

Registration for this year's District Conference is now open. It will be held September 30-October 1, 2016, at our Oakland Church of the Brethren. Jeff Carter, President of Bethany Seminary, will be our guest speaker. The focus for this year's conference training will be developing a vision for ways we can "Work together". The Program and Arrangements Committee has been meeting regularly and is excited about another inspiring time together as we explore our future as a district. Registration is available online at www.sodcob.org.

District Conference Outreach: Wide Arms Security Blankets

Your Program and Arrangements Committee has chosen the Wide Arms Security Blankets as a ministry we can support together at this year's District Conference. They would like to ask congregations and individuals to bring blankets to donate to this new ministry in our district. Wide Arms Security Blankets is a vision of Brandi Motsinger from the Stony Creek Church of the Brethren. [Click here](#) to read more about the ministry and Brandi.

Camping and Retreat Upcoming 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. A flyer with more information is available on the district website. Please RSVP to Art Fourman (937-902-1035) or email (art1966@sbcglobal.net) if you plan to ride.

Saturday, August 13, 2016, ***Golf Outing/Scramble*** benefiting both Camping and Retreat Committee and Brethren Disaster Ministries. [Click here](#) to download a registration form for your team. [Click here](#) to download a hole sponsorship form.

Woman's Retreat September 9 -10, at Bergamo Retreat Center, with the theme "Passages, Faith, Hope, and Love in a Women's Life". [Click here](#) to download a brochure with more information, including a registration form.

Disaster Ministry Updates

Volunteers Needed - Join a BDM crew July 16 – 24 for our final trip to Loveland, CO for flood recovery work. The project will be moving in August to a new site, possibly SC. Volunteers are needed for the Sept. 4-10 trip that will go to the new site. Transportation is provided, and costs are covered by BDM. Contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 for more information or to join a crew.

Trip to Brethren Service Center – Now is the time to register for the **October 24 – 28** trip to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. Transportation will be provided in the BDM vans, or you may travel on your own. Three days will be spent working with Church World Service kits and for SERRV. Lodging and meals will be in Zigler Hall. Please [click here](#) for a registration form. **Registration deadline is August 15.**

Ice Cream Social Fundraiser – **August 6 at Happy Corner COB from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.** This annual event is a time for coming together as the S. Ohio District to enjoy fellowship, supper,

and ice cream. Come buy a ticket for "Share-a-Meal." Bring the coins you've been saving, or pick up a coin collection jar for the upcoming year. All proceeds benefit S. Ohio BDM, as we serve disaster survivors. It covers the cost of sending volunteers for rebuilding homes, and for supplies for Church World Service kits. Congregations will soon receive flyers and posters to use in promoting this event. Invite a friend, and plan to attend!

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.

Trotwood, Salem, and Happy Corner Churches Host Community Picnic and Vacation Bible School

Trotwood, Salem, and Happy Corner Churches of the Brethren would like to invite you to:
A Community Picnic and Vacation Bible School

Community Picnic: Join us for games, a picnic supper, and worship!

Who: All ages!

Where: Salem Church of the Brethren

6037 Phillipsburg Road, Englewood, Ohio 45322

When: Sunday, July 10, 5:30-8:30 PM

VBS: Under Construction, A Habitat for Humanity Vacation Bible School

Build Christian community with us as we worship, learn, and serve together.

Who: Children Age 4-8th grade (completed)

Where: Happy Corner Church of the Brethren

7037 Union Rd., Clayton, OH

When: July 11-13, 6-8:30 PM

For more information, please call Happy Corner Church of the Brethren: 937-836-1204.

Potsdam Seeking Children's and Families' Outreach Intern

The Potsdam congregation is seeking an intern with a term at least through the end of this calendar year and possibility of renewal to work with their children and family outreach. Responsibilities include working with the Wednesday Awana ministry, assisting in other church activities such as Children's Church and Summer VBS, coordinating other regularly scheduled activities/programs pertaining to child & families outreach. I have a complete job description if you or someone you know is interested in this ministry.

Prince of Peace Seeking Music Director

Due to the retirement of the choir director at Prince of Peace, the congregation is in search for someone who could come to Prince of Peace to share their musical talents and gifts as well as help to revitalize the choir, praise band, and other forms of music. This is a part-time position of ten or so hours a week to revitalize the music ministry at Prince of Peace which could include choral as well as contemporary styles. If anyone is interested they can contact Pastor Larry Tyner at 937-902-9976 for more information.

West Charleston Seeks Music Director

West Charleston Church of the Brethren is seeking a Music Director for their multicultural worship services. The position involves about 10 hours a week and facility with Spanish language is a plus. Contact the church at 667-3988 or send a resume to w_c45371@yahoo.com.

Prayer Needs

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer.

--Annual Conference; traveling mercies for those attending and for wisdom and guidance of the Spirit in deliberations.

-- Those affected by the continuing violence and unrest across our country

--Rob Raker, pastor of the Bear Creek congregation, doctors are pleased with how the pacemaker is working.

--Don and Patty King and the Prices Creek congregation; Don's hip replacement surgery went well. Patty is in treatment for cancer

--Sie Brock, Jr., heart attack

--David Shumate, at home recovering. Returning to work June 25

--Mike Hostetter, retirement beginning August 31

--Salem Church, pastoral transition

--Jim and Linda Vandermark's daughter, Amanda, breast cancer treatment completed and she is cancer free

--Libby Kee, breast cancer

--Wolf Creek Congregation, preparing for restart.

--Possibility of new church start in Lexington, KY.

--There are many issues and situations continuing to face us as we minister in our respective locations, including those who are serving in interim situations and others who are in discernment regarding placement or are considering a move. There are others facing health issues, please keep these situations in prayer.

Please contact Dave if you know of prayer situations of which we should be aware. May we lift each other in prayer as we work to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together.