



May, 2018
Southern Ohio District Newsletter
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2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Cincinnati, OH – July 4-8, 2018
Duke Energy Center
Theme: Living Parables

The 2018 Annual Conference will be held at Duke Energy Center in Cincinnati. Southern Ohio District will be hosting the conference with the theme of “Living Parables.”

Many of us see this as an event that we wouldn't miss. But many more of us have never attended an Annual Conference. If you are one of those who has never attended, now would be a great time to experience the church in a new and different way. Our sisters and brothers from all over the world will be in attendance. There are activities for all ages, the worship is fantastic, and you will have a new sense of being a part of something much larger than your local congregation. Why not make take advantage of this opportunity and plan a unique vacation in Cincinnati, OH. More information on how to register, hotel reservations, ideas about what to do in Cincinnati, and lots of useful information can be found at www.brethren.org/ac As a part of the experience, why not take advantage of the opportunity to be a “living parable” by assisting and serving in some capacity at the conference? Volunteers are needed to assist with Early Childhood Care; Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Junior High, Senior High, Young Adults, Single Adults, Conference Registration, Ticket Sales, Ushering, Unloading(7/3/18) and Loading(7/8/18) of equipment. Contact Glenn and Linda Timmons, On Site Co-Coordinators at 937-832-2630 (H) or 937-623-5609 to find out how to volunteer.

Desserts and Dialogue: Sharing together with District Leadership

May 5, 2018 at 2:00 PM
East Dayton Church of the Brethren
3520 East 3rd
Dayton, OH 45410

Many times when we gather together, we feel like our time is limited. Our times together as a District are infrequent and there is much to be shared. Due to time restrictions, leadership is not able to hear adequately from YOU. Your District Leadership hopes this event will provide a venue which will give opportunity for you to share your thoughts and reflections, joys and concerns, etc. The event will be casual and relaxed over coffee and desserts. A few guiding questions may be provided but it is hoped that you will direct the conversation. There may be one big conversation or many smaller ones, depending on attendance. Everyone is invited!!! But don't feel badly if it's too far away or you can't make it. This is a quarterly event that will change locations each quarter.

We hope you will join us as we strive to continue the work of Jesus . . . peacefully, simply, together.

Disaster Ministry Updates

Hygiene Kit Assembly Scheduled – On Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 PM there will be an assembly of 1,000 hygiene kits for Church World Service (CWS). The assembly will be at Mill Ridge Village Community Center, 1000 Mill Ridge Circle, Union. CWS has requested hygiene kits because their inventory is low due to the hurricanes in 2017. The hygiene kits will be shipped to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD.

Opportunity for Youth – Sign up Now! Youth BDM trips to Lumberton, NC are set for June 10-16 and July 8-14. Youth fifteen years and older are invited to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew. It isn't necessary to have building skills, just a willingness to learn and serve. Transportation is provided in the BDM vans and expenses are covered. Contact Burt Wolf 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com

Project Updates/Volunteers Needed – A new BDM site has opened in Lumberton, NC for recovery from Hurricane Matthew, which hit in October 2016. Volunteer housing will be at the First Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are needed for upcoming trips. To sign up for a trip, contact Burt Wolf as listed above. [Click Here](#) for the 2018 trip schedule.

USVI Response – Category 5 hurricanes, Irma and Maria, struck the Virgin Islands in September 2017. BDM has been supporting the recovery in the US Virgin Islands (USVI) through the Disaster Recovery Support Initiative (DRSI) program. There, our staff have been walking with and mentoring the St. Thomas Recovery Team (STRT) as they are planning their recovery. STRT is now ready to welcome volunteers and BDM has three 2-week time periods in 2018 reserved for BDM volunteers to work in the USVI on St. Thomas. Those weeks are June 17-30, September 9-22, and December 2-15. There are 12 spots open each of the 2-week periods for volunteers from all districts on a first come basis. Housing, transportation on island, tools and meals will be provided during these 2-week time periods. Volunteers must be able to work in warm climates and some of the work during the June trip will likely include mucking and gutting homes. S. Ohio BDM will be working on partial reimbursement of airfare for volunteers serving during these weeks. More information will be available after the May 3 BDM meeting. Contact Burt Wolf (937-287-5902) to volunteer or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com for additional information.

Sewing Bee – A Sewing Bee will be held on Saturday, May 5 at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Bring your sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. Sewers will be making bags for CWS school kits. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442. [Click Here](#) for all the 2018 Sewing Bee dates.

Mother's Day Gratitude Project

Honor a woman you know and love by celebrating and supporting mothers around the world! Global Women's Project announces our annual Mother's Day Gratitude Project! Rather than buying more material gifts for your loved one, express your gratitude with a gift that helps other women around the world. Your donation allows us to fund projects focused on women's health, education, and employment. In return, your chosen recipient(s) will receive a lovely, hand-written card indicating that a gift has been made in her honor, with a brief description of GWP.

To participate, send a donation to:

Global Women's Project
c/o Tina Rieman
508 Miami St
North Manchester IN 46962
(write checks to GWP)

Remember to include your name(s) and recipient's name and address. You may also make memorial donations, which will be honored on GWP's website: www.globalwoomensproject.wordpress.com.

Gratitude cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day if you send your request to Tina by May 6, 2018. After the 6th, she will mail them as soon as she receives your request.

Adult Mental Health First Aid

New Carlisle Church of the Brethren will host "Adult Mental Health First Aid: Older Adult Module Course" training on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Mental Health First Aid teaches a five step action plan to offer initial help to people with signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self help care. Participants that complete the full training will secure a three year certification. The cost is \$30.00, includes 8 hours of training, a comprehensive manual and a box lunch provided by Bowman Landes. For more information and to register, contact the New Carlisle Church of the Brethren at 937-845-1428 or email Vicki Ullery, Associate Pastor at ncbrethren01@aol.com.

Camp Is for Everyone

Registration for summer camps of 2018 is open for everyone in the Southern Ohio/ Kentucky District. Most camps are held at Cricket Holler Boy Scout Camp near Vandalia and Dayton. It is a unique natural setting sur-

rounded but apart from the urban communities in the area. Not quite as rugged as camping used to be, the life changing experiences now are just as profound to the campers who come and live with committed, faithful leaders. Friends at camp become family. God's great love is so tangible as we all work together to build His kingdom on earth at camp.

Camps for 2018

Adult/Child Camp June 7 - 10

Intergenerational Service Camp June 10 - 14 Camp Safari (Special Needs Camp) June 11 - 14 Family Camp June 14 - 17 Creative Arts Camp June 17 - 23

Quilting Camp (Bergamo Retreat Center) July 11 - 14

A complete schedule and all registration forms can be found on our website: www.sodcob.org

Prayer Needs

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer. Click here to download the 2018 Prayer List for Congregations.

-- Jim Moore, prostate cancer

-- Rob Raker, continues to deal with heart condition

-- Congregations in pastoral transition-- Prince of Peace-- Doug Veal serving as interim; Painter Creek-- Pastor Dave Cummins retiring; Stony Creek--Pastor Ryan Calybaugh resignation

--May we remember the possibility of new church starts in various locations in our district.

--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 he should be aware. May we lift each other in prayer as we work to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together.