

April, 2019  
Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Newsletter  
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## 2019 Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference

Announcing:  
2019 Southern Ohio/Kentucky  
District Conference  
Theme "God provides"  
October 11&12, 2019  
Happy Corner Church of the Brethren  
Watch for more information

## 2019 Summer Camp registration is open!

Registrations are open for the **2019 Peace Works Summer Camp** season in Southern Ohio/Kentucky District COB. Finding peace, working for peace and becoming God's peacemakers are themes all the camps will explore. There is a camp for every person in the church, and everyone is encouraged to be a part of the exciting and fulfilling time of faith sharing.

Two new camps are being offered: **Junior Discovery Camp** June 9 - 11, and **Beginner Sewing/Quilting Camp** June 10 - 14.

**Junior Discovery** is designed as a transitional camp for children who have completed 2nd grade to 4th grade. It will give the campers a taste of what camp life is, but not be away from home for a long period of time. This camp will end in the evening of the last day with a campfire for the campers and their families.

**Beginner Sewing/Quilting Camp** will explore different kinds of sewing, how to use a sewing machine, quilting techniques for beginners. Campers will have all the supplies, fabric, sewing machines provided so they can determine if this is something they want to pursue in the future before investing large sums on their own sewing machine or supplies. Several expert teachers will be ready to instruct and assist campers in their selections of projects. This is a day camp with lunch and snacks provided. Campers will return home to rest in their own beds before returning to camp each day.

**Intergenerational Service Camp** is a great opportunity for high school students to earn their community service credits as the camp visits sites to volunteer their labor. Working with other adult campers has been a great way to build new relationships and understanding across the generations. After a day at work, evenings are spent in group building, games, swimming, fun, and time for reflection. All the other traditional camps are still being offered.

Descriptions of and registration for all camps can be found on the district website. Family Camp and Quilting Camp have their own registration forms. Hard copies of the camp information can also be found in all church offices. Scholarships are available by contacting Karen Dillon. Come to camp and join others in the special time of building God's Kingdom on Earth.

## **Women's Retreat Announced**

September 27, 28th, 2019  
Bergamo Center

Theme: Love Like an Ocean  
A flyer is available on the website.

## **Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update**

**Register now for Youth BDM Trips!** – Youth oriented trips to Lumberton, NC are set for June 16-22 and July 14-20. Youth fifteen years and older are invited to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricanes Matthew and Florence. It's not necessary to have building skills, just a willingness to learn. In the evenings there will be recreation and group building activities. A full crew is ten youth and five adults. Transportation is provided in the BDM vans, and expenses are covered. For more information or to register, contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com). **It's important to register by April 15, 2019.**

**Three Volunteers Needed for Puerto Rico** – June 8-22 S. Ohio/KY BDM is scheduled to have a crew of five to seven people working in Castaner, PR, rebuilding homes damaged by Hurricane Maria. Volunteers need to be able to work in a hot humid climate. Assistance is available for airfare. For more information and to volunteer, contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com).

**Hygiene Kit Assembly** – On Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 PM there will be an assembly of 1,000 hygiene kits for Church World Service. It will be held at Mill Ridge Village Community Center, 1000 Mill Ridge Circle, Union. Many hands are needed! There is work that may be done while seated. The completed kits will be sent to the Brethren Service Center. They are then shipped to survivors of disasters or to the economically disadvantaged in the US and around the world.

**Sewing Bee** – A Sewing Bee will be held on Saturday, April 27 at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Bags will be sewn for Church World Service school kits. Bring your sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. Non-sewers may come to prepare items for the clean-up bucket assembly that will take place in July. [Click Here](#) for a flyer with the 2019 Sewing Bee dates.

## **Young Adult Conference**

Enflame us with your love; Empower us with your Spirit! will be held May 24-26, 2019 at Camp Blue Diamond near Petersburg, Pennsylvania. Young Adult conference (YAC) offers people ages 18-3 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, Bible Study, service projects and more . . . with other fantastic young adults! If you know of young adults who are planning to attend this event or who may be interested in more information, contact Laura Brown (937- 267-0965) or by email at [mbsae37@hotmail.com](mailto:mbsae37@hotmail.com) so that car pooling arrangements can be made.

## **Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren Hosts Cost of Poverty Event**

One in five children in America live at or below the poverty line. These numbers should disturb us, yet statistics can have a numbing affect. The Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) offers you an opportunity to walk in the shoes of families in our community who face poverty every day.

Think Tank developed COPE with individuals who have lived experience in poverty. Their stories offer an opportunity to move beyond assumptions or stereotypes to a more holistic understanding of the causes and affects of poverty.

In this 2 hour hands-on training, you will experience a month in the life of families struggling to get by. The experiential nature of COPE will help you more deeply understand the complexities of poverty, paving the way for our community to be better allies and advocates for under resourced families.

You will have many ways to spend your time this month, but this experience you will never forget.

## **New Carlisle Church of the Brethren Upcoming events**

The seventh Music on Main Series continues on Saturday, April 6, 2019 will be a Flute and Harp Duo. Then on Saturday, May 4, 2019, the Corndrinkers will perform. This group is a local group from the New Carlisle area who performs Appalachian folk music. The Series concludes with the Ohio Valley British Brass Band on Friday, June 7, 2019. Come and enjoy these free concerts at the New Carlisle Church of the Brethren. Click [here](#) to download a poster for the Music on Main Series.

### ***Christ in the Passover***

April 7, 2019 at 5:00 PM

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' last supper have in common? Alexander Adelsen, with Jews for Jesus, will answer that question as he presents, "Christ in the Passover". Alexander will set a table with items traditionally used at the Passover meal and detail their spiritual significance. He will also explain the connection between the events of the first Passover in Egypt and the redemption that Jesus accomplished, as well as the deep bond between the ancient Passover feast and the Christian communion celebration today. Alexander will be happy to answer questions after the presentation. There is no admission charge.

A flyer with more information is available on the district website.

### ***Discovering the Heart of God and the Future of Our World***

April 28, 2019

Those who are really interested in discovering the heart of God will want to know what He is doing in our world today. This is the focus of our conference speaker, Mike Wingfield. He has devoted most of his life to know the heart of God and discover God's eternal purposes and plans.

flyer with more information is available on the district website.

## **Science Fiction and Theology**

May 17-18, 2019

Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren

Presenter, Steve Schweiter

If you missed this event at New Carlisle, we have good news! You can catch it at Cedar Grove CoB in May!!!! "Science Fiction is extremely popular in our wider culture. This genre is filled with theological themes: who is God, what does it mean to be human, what is the nature of evil, how is it overcome, is war or violence necessary, to name only a few. Based on a course I teach at Bethany, we will explore some examples from widely popular SciFi series--Star Wars, Star Trek, and Doctor Who--that allow connections between theology and culture."--Steven Schweitzer

Steven Schweitzer (PhD, Notre Dame) is Academic Dean and Professor at Bethany Seminary. He regularly teaches a graduate seminar on Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah and a course on Science Fiction and Theology. Steve has preached, taught, and led workshops for several congregations and districts, including Bible studies and Insight Sessions at Annual Conference. Steve and his wife, Jill, have three children and attend Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren in Southern Ohio/Kentucky District.

A brochure with more information about this event including how to register is available on the district website.

the volunteer labor is valued at \$137,000. Thank you to all those in the S. Ohio District who have supported this ministry, helping our brothers and sisters who are in need.

**Sewing Bee** – Mark your calendar! A Sewing Bee will be held on April 27 at Greenville COB. We'll be sewing bags for school kits for Church World Service. Click [Here](#) for a flyer with the 2019 Sewing Bee dates.

## **Church Music Director Needed**

The West Charleston Church of the Brethren located just outside Tipp City, OH is seeking a music director for its Sunday morning praise team and their children's choir which sings quarterly. A pleasant and strong lead voice is needed as well as proficiency in guitar and/or piano. As an increasingly multicultural congregation, worshippers are accustomed to a wide variety of genres of music including hymns, contemporary, Spanish, African, bluegrass, and gospel. Multiple language proficiency would be a plus. LGBTQ+ friendly. Inquiries and resumes may be sent to [wccob1708@gmail.com](mailto:wccob1708@gmail.com)

## **Prayer needs**

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer. The 2019 Prayer List for Congregations is available on the district website.

--As violence born out of hatred continues to occur around our world, I encourage all of us to offer prayer for those affected and to seek guidance from the Prince of Peace.

--There continues to be division and posturing over the border, our prayers for a solution to this tense situation are needed.

--Ron and Bert McAdams, moved to BRC. Health concerns.

--Sheila Shumaker, continued healing and gaining strength

--Rejoicing with Constance CoB as their property has been sold. They continue to worship in the Hebron Lutheran Church while they discern their next steps

--Bruce and Mary Sue Rosenberger--serious health issues.

--Rob Raker, heart condition

--Congregations in pastoral transition--Beech Grove has completed their profile and is beginning their pastoral search; Painter Creek has arrangements with Phil Reynolds for regular pulpit supply; Carla Gillespie is serving as interim pastor for Good Shepherd; Fred Bernhard is serving as interim Pastor at Brookville; White Cottage will shortly begin a pastoral search; Andrew Wright has announced his retirement at New Carlisle, Tara Hornbacker will serve as interim.

- May we remember the possibility of a new church starts in various locations in our district as well as the urban ministry team for revitalizing some of our urban churches.

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.