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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

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. Jane Lapgade is coordinating the First Aid Office this summer and would be glad to hear from willing volunteers! Please contact her at d.laprade@b2xonline.com

Desserts and Dialogue: Sharing Together with District Leadership

Saturday, May 18, 2019
at 10:00 AM

Painter Creek Church of the Brethren
8593 State Route 571
Arcanum, OH 45304

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.*

2019 Summer Camp registration is open!

Camp Registrations Are Needed

OK! Spring has finally appeared. Most schools have a little more than a month to go. Summer is just around the corner, which means that camp is not far off. In planning for food, counselors, deans, specialists, activities, volunteers, and supplies, the camping staff needs to know how much to secure for the success of the 2019 camping season. The only way we can know this important information is to look at the registrations. Thus far, the registrations have been very low. Many people have expressed their intention of attending camp, but the registration is the key part.

PLEASE SEND IN CAMP REGISTRATIONS NOW

There really are camps for everyone: CHILDREN: Adult/Child camp, Junior Discovery Camp, Family Camp, Creative Arts Camp TEENS: Family Camp, Intergenerational Service Camp, Creative Arts Camp, Beginning Sewing and Quilting Camp Adults: Adult/Child Camp, Family Camp, Beginning Sewing and Quilting Camp, Intergenerational Service Camp, Quilting Camp Our theme this year is Peace Works! As we explore all the ways we can build a more peaceful world, our minds and bodies can experience the peace that camps offers all who come. Friendships are strengthened. Our faith is enhanced. New ideas are shared. Daily routines are set aside. Time is devoted to talking and listening to God. Creative thought is encouraged. Adventures await. Laughter abounds. Joy is everywhere. God's Kingdom on earth is made real! All this and more happens at Camp. Come and join in this year's camping celebrations.

[Registration forms can be found by clicking here](#)

Volunteers are needed in all areas. Anyone can come for an hour, a day, a week, or whatever fits each person's schedule. We welcome all volunteers and appreciate all the services offered. If interested, contact Charlene Foster at 937-833-3336, charbyclark@aol.com or Karen Dillon at 937-890-7388, crimdill@aol.com.

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

Volunteer Now! - Join a crew June 16-22 to rebuild homes in Lumberton, NC. There are openings for seven volunteers. This is no longer a trip specifically for youth, but youth may attend. Transportation is provided and expenses are covered. To volunteer, contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Register now for Youth BDM Trip -A youth-oriented trip to Lumberton, NC is set for 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.

Four 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.

Hygiene Kits- Thank you to all who helped on April 11 with the assembly of 1,000 hygiene kits for Church World Service. There were 56 volunteers from sixteen churches who helped with the project. The completed kits have been sent to the Brethren Service Center. They will be shipped when needed to survivors of disasters or to the economically disadvantaged in the US and around the world.

Mark your Calendar:

July 25 - Cleanup Bucket Assembly

August 22 – School Kit Assembly

Both events are at 7:00 PM at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton.

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 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.

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.

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.