

A New View of Summer Camp by Karen Dillon, CRM Director
Everyone knows what camp should look like. Kids pack a bag, grab a sleeping bag, and head off to a tent or cabin in the woods to meet a counselor and other campers. They enjoy the activities like swimming, hiking, sharing meals, doing crafts, sitting around a campfire, and generally having lots of fun. That was the camping idea until this year. Now with the Corona Virus lurking everywhere, is just isn't safe for us to have camp. Or is there another possibility? Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Church of the Brethren is having camp this summer. The format is entirely new. Instead of setting up our tents or cabins, we are setting up our computers and phones to have camp through the magic of ZOOM. It is going to be a virtual camp using the summer curriculum called "This Is Our Prayer."

The camps will be divided into four groups by age and have a set day and time:

- Pre K - 2nd grade on Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 am
- 3rd - 5th grade on Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 am
- 6th - 8th grade on Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 am
- 9th - 12th grade on Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
- Family Camp on Fridays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Camps will last about an hour or a little more, once a week for eight weeks in June and July.

Registration is very important. The campers need to be registered to receive the link by email for joining the zoom camp meeting. We are preparing bags for each camper containing the supplies for crafts and activities. In the camper's free time, there will be additional ideas to review, expand, and challenge their thinking and creativity. Outdoor games and explorations will also be included. Some discussion starters for campers to ask their families at mealtime will be sent in the packets inside the bags. To know where to deliver these bags, we must have the camper's address. That's why registration is so important.

Camp registration will CLOSE on June 4. Camp begins on June 8.
Registration forms can be found on the district website at sodcob.org

Denominational Virtual Choir Moving Forward

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Moderator Paul Munday has announced plans for a denominational virtual choir. A webpage will be available shortly, with resources that will allow persons from across the church to add their voice to a mass Church of the Brethren choir. Three hymns are projected to be a part of the overall project: "Blessed Assurance," "I See A New World Coming," and "Move In Our Midst."

In addition to a denominational choir, plans continue for other virtual events during the week of July 1-5, 2020, when the 2020 Grand Rapids Annual Con-

ference was to be held. Additional details on those events will be released shortly. Persons who want to be on the mailing list for the denominational virtual choir to receive updates and the link to the project webpage, when available, are encouraged to email their contact information to: cobvirtualchoir2020@gmail.com

Southern OH/KY Disaster Ministries Updates

PPE Gowns for BRC - Thank you to all who responded to the need for PPE gowns for BRC. The word was passed widely, and we now have sufficient sewers to make the gowns.

Sewers Needed for Cloth Masks - Sewers are needed to make cloth masks for BRC and for BDM rebuilding sites. Kits have been assembled with pre-cut fabric, elastic, and instructions. Each kit is for 30 masks. Contact Barb Brower at barbbrower51@yahoo.com. Arrangements can be made to pick up the kits or to have them delivered.

Youth Trip to the Brethren Service Center - Pastor Tony Price from Cedar Grove COB and others have decided that there are too many variables to manage to be totally confident that we can travel without someone being exposed to COVID-19. Therefore, the June youth trip is cancelled. Hopefully it will be rescheduled for next summer.

Volunteer! BDM Site in Dayton - The current timeline schedules a rebuilding site for tornado recovery to be set up in July in Dayton. Not knowing how open or closed things will be, BDM is developing a new model for the initial phase of this project. Due to the uncertainty of travel between states and Montgomery County Health Department housing/meal regulations, BDM is counting on local volunteers to be the workers during the initial phase. There will not be any overnight lodging or meals provided during July. The number of volunteers and the type of skills needed will vary from week to week. Rather than putting out an open call for volunteers in July, we are being asked to create a "Wait List". This list will identify volunteers, their skills, and their availability. From that list, leadership will be able to call no more than 8-10 people for a week (Monday - Friday) at a time. If you would like to be added to the "Wait List" contact Burt Wolf (SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com, 937-287-5902). There will be additional opportunities to volunteer as the project moves forward. Later, volunteers will be able to serve for less than a week at a time. .

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District (sodcob@brethren.org) or 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.***