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September, 2021

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN Southern Ohio & Kentucky District

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference October 8 & 9, 2021

Theme: "Move in Our Midst, Thou Spirit of God"

This year's conference will again be all virtual. Because of the planning time needed, and the uncertainty of circumstances when planning began, your Program and Arrangements Committee again made the difficult decision to hold our conference using the Zoom platform.

Friday workshops will be led by the District Racial Justice Commission, the District Climate Justice Commission and by Zach Spidel and Susan Liller about Jesus in the Neighborhood. An afternoon session will explore how the Spirit is moving in our midst through all three of these district ministries. CEUS will be offered for all 3 workshops. A complete schedule of conference, business items and reports can be found on the website. Registration is now open online. All attendees must register to get your Zoom link.

First Ever Old Fashioned Brethren Gathering Presented by the Brethren Heritage Center

SAVE THE DATE......Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10-3 the Brethren Heritage Center along with Brethren Charities will present our first ever......"Old Fashioned Brethren Gathering".

This event will be held in the lot behind the Heritage Center at 428 N. Wolf Creek St., Brookville, Oh. There will be a book fair, with ice cream, pastries and face painting available.

Throughout the day, our guests, the **Salem Quartet**, will present music along with an old fashioned hymn sing. Tours of our facilities, the **Brethren Heritage Center and Brethren Charities, will be given.**

Our first-ever "Old Fashioned Brethren Gathering" will be a great success if you mark your calendar and <u>plan on joining us</u>!

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates:

Ice Cream Social – Thank you to all who were a part of the annual Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 7. We appreciate the support of the workers, musicians, and all who attended. For those still wanting to make a donation, it's not too late! Checks may be made out to "S. Ohio/KY District COB" with "BDM" on the memo line. Send to S. Ohio/KY District COB, PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331.

BDM Sites – Work continues in the Dayton area on tornado damaged homes and with houses that are part of the Tornado Survivor Pathways to Home Ownership Program. Opportunities are winding down, as the Dayton site will close on October 2. Then BDM will return to Bayboro, NC, continuing recovery from Hurricane Florence (Sept. 2018). To volunteer or for more information, call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Sewing Bee/Prep CWS Items – There will be work for both sewers and non-sewers at the September 25 Sewing Bee. It will be held at 9:00 AM at Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road. Non-sewers will be preparing items for *Church World Service (CWS)* cleanup buckets and school kits. Many items have been purchased and need to be taken out of the packaging. Sewers will be making school bags for CWS school kits. Bring your sewing machine and an extension cord. Everyone, bring a sack lunch and come for a time of service and fellowship. For more information call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442. A flyer showing all the 2021 Sewing Bee dates and locations is available on the district website.

Bucket Assembly – Volunteers are needed to assemble Cleanup Buckets for CWS.bThe assembly will be onThursday, September 30 at 6:30 PM at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton.

Appreciation Dinner - Save the date for the upcoming BDM Appreciation Dinner! It will be held on Saturday, October 23 at 6:00 PM at Salem Church of the Brethren. More information will be coming soon.

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: <u>www.sodcob.org</u>. 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 <u>before the 15th of the month</u>.