



## 2016 Southern Ohio District Conference

Registration for this year's District Conference is now open. It will be held September 30-October 1, 2016, at our Oakland Church of the Brethren. Jeff Carter, President of Bethany Seminary, will be our guest speaker. The focus for this year's conference training will be developing a vision for ways we can "Work together". The Program and Arrangements Committee has been meeting regularly and is excited about another inspiring time together as we explore our future as a district. Registration is available online at [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org).

## District Conference Outreach: Wide Arms Security Blankets

Your Program and Arrangements Committee has chosen the Wide Arms Security Blankets as a ministry we can support together at this year's District Conference. They would like to ask congregations and individuals to bring blankets to donate to this new ministry in our district.

Wide Arms Security Blankets is a vision of Brandi Motsinger from the Stony Creek Church of the Brethren. Click here to read more about the ministry and Brandi.

## Camping and Retreat Upcoming Events

Be sure to save these dates for exciting events sponsored by the Camping and Retreat Committee:

Sunday, July 17, **Bike Hike** starting at Golden Gate Park in Brookville, Ohio, at 2:00 pm. A flyer with more information is available on the district website. Please RSVP to Art Fourman (937-902-1035) or email ([art1966@sbcglobal.net](mailto:art1966@sbcglobal.net)) if you plan to ride.

Saturday, August 13, 2016, **Golf Outing/Scramble** benefiting both Camping and Retreat Committee and Brethren Disaster Ministries. Click here to download a registration form for your team. Click here to download a hole sponsorship form.

**Woman's Retreat** September 9 -10, at Bergamo Retreat Center, with the theme "Passages, Faith, Hope, and Love in a Women's Life". Click here to download a brochure with more information, including a registration form.

## Disaster Ministry Updates

**Volunteers Needed** - Join a BDM crew July 16 – 24 for our final trip to Loveland, CO for flood recovery work. The project will be moving in August to a new site, possibly SC. Volunteers are needed for the Sept. 4-10 trip that will go to the new site. Transportation is provided, and costs are covered by BDM. Contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 for more information or to join a crew.

**Trip to Brethren Service Center** – Now is the time to register for the **October 24 – 28** trip to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. Transportation will be provided in the BDM vans, or you may travel on your own. Three days will be spent working with Church World Service kits and for SERRV. Lodging and meals will be in Zigler Hall. Registration forms are available on our website. **Registration deadline is August 15. Ice Cream Social Fundraiser – August 6 at Happy Corner COB from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.** This annual event is a time for coming together as the S. Ohio District to enjoy fellowship, supper, and ice cream. Come buy a ticket for "Share-a-Meal." Bring the

coins you've been saving, or pick up a coin collection jar for the upcoming year. All proceeds benefit S. Ohio BDM, as we serve disaster survivors. It covers the cost of sending volunteers for rebuilding homes, and for supplies for Church World Service kits. Congregations will soon receive flyers and posters to use in promoting this event. Invite a friend, and plan to attend!

**School Kits For Church World Service** - Our district Sewing Bees have produced over a thousand bags waiting to be filled with school supplies. These items will go on sale this summer. Churches and individuals are invited to join in the ministry by giving financially to this project. It costs about \$5 per kit, which covers the school items and shipping to the point of need. Donations may be sent to S. Ohio District COB, PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331. Please footnote checks "BDM - CWS Kits." The District support, both past and present, for BDM projects is greatly appreciated.

## Trotwood, Salem, and Happy Corner Churches Host Community Picnic and Vacation Bible School

Trotwood, Salem, and Happy Corner Churches of the Brethren would like to invite you to a Community Picnic and Vacation Bible School

**Community Picnic:** Join us for games, a picnic supper, and worship!

Who: All ages!

Where: Salem Church of the Brethren

6037 Phillipsburg Road, Englewood, Ohio 45322

When: Sunday, July 10, 5:30-8:30 PM

**VBS: Under Construction, A Habitat for Humanity Vacation Bible School**

Build Christian community with us as we worship, learn, and serve together.

Who: Children Age 4-8th grade (completed)

Where: Happy Corner Church of the Brethren

7037 Union Rd., Clayton, OH

When: July 11-13, 6-8:30 PM

For more information, please call Happy Corner Church of the Brethren (937-836-1204.)

## PEACE DAY 2016—How Are You Called to Build Peace?

On Earth Peace invites churches, peacebuilders, and seekers of justice to participate in Peace Day 2016. Plan a prayer service or community action event and reflect on how you and your community are called to build peace during the week surrounding September 21, 2016. We are all called to build peace in unique and transformative ways. Some are called to resist and undo racism, some to pray without ceasing, others to heal God's creation, and others to stop war. Some are called to build peace in their neighborhood, in their church congregation, in their local community, or somewhere across the world. This Peace Day we invite you to follow God's call to wherever you and your church community can build peace together to God's glory and your neighbor's good.

**Learn more about Peace Day and get involved:** Tell us what you're planning and how we can help! E-mail us: [peaceday@onearthpeace.org](mailto:peaceday@onearthpeace.org) Visit our website at <http://peacedaypray.tumblr.com> Follow us on Twitter [@peacedaypray](https://twitter.com/peacedaypray) Join the [Peace Day Facebook Group Conversation](#)

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, the Southern Ohio District ([sodcob@brethren.org](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org)) visit our website: [www.sodcob.org](http://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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org) **before the 15th of the month.***

