



Southern Ohio District Conference will be held October 6-7, 2017 at Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren. The theme will be "Created to love" based on the words of Jesus in Matthew 22:37-40, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the prophets hang on these two commandments. Our moderator is John Kinsel. We look forward to what God will teach us through this theme in the months ahead.

District Board Meeting Our next District Board meeting will be held March 18, 2017 at the Cincinnati Church of the Brethren 10 AM-4 PM. You can go online to read reports at any time preceding the meeting.

Camping and Retreat Upcoming Events

WINTER BLAST - The very first Winter Blast sponsored by the Camping and Retreat Ministries was just that, A BLAST! Pictures and more can be found on our website.

NEW INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE CAMP 2017 ! ! ! ! June 11 - 15, 2017 The Camping and Retreat Committee has designed a new camp for an intergenerational group to live together in a Christian community and go out into the local area to offer service. One doesn't need to go far to see places where a helping hand is needed. "Branching Out" is the camp theme and focus this year. By serving others in need, we can demonstrate our faith. This camp is open to everyone 14 years and older. The home base will be at Cricket Holler with breakfast and dinner served there. Each camper can pack his/her own sack lunch for the work site. Swimming and evening activities will be included. On the last day, the campers will serve by helping with the Camp Safari's activities, bringing the two camps together. More details are being planned, but it is hoped that lots of people decide this might be the camp they want to join. The full Camping and Retreat Schedule for 2017 is available on our website.

Disaster Ministry Updates

Thanks from BDM Office - *We are very grateful for all of the effort that the members of the S. Ohio District put into gathering books to send to Nigeria. Thank you for bringing them here (New Windsor, MD) and for doing the initial sorting. I think you'll be pleased to know that the books are now on pallets ready to be shipped. We have nearly eleven pallets! Thanks to all who helped with this huge effort.* Sharon Franzen, BDM Office Manager

Feb. 25 Sewing Bee — Attention all sewers! There is a great demand in the U.S. and internationally for Church World Service school kits. A Sewing Bee will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Greenville COB, 421 Central Ave. Come at 9:00 AM to sew bags for school kits. Bring your sewing machine an extension cord, and a sack lunch. For

more information, call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442. A flyer with 2017 Sewing Bee dates is available on our website.

Appreciation Dinner — "Sowing Seeds of Kindness" is the theme for our annual BDM Appreciation Dinner. It will be on Saturday, March 11 at 6:00 PM at Salem COB. There will be a recognition of first time volunteers and a celebration of the ministry of S. Ohio BDM. Supporters, trip volunteers, sewers, and those who want to learn more about this ministry are all invited. Please RSVP to Burt Wolf at southernohiobdm@gmail.com or 937-287-5902.

Are you a Dr, Nurse Practitioner, RN, LPN, or EMT?

The First Aid Office at Annual Conference in Grand Rapids is looking for DRs, RNs, LPNs and EMTs who would be willing to volunteer a few hours during Annual Conference this summer. Dr. Rosalie McBride of Northern Indiana District is coordinating the First Aid Office this summer in Grand Rapids and would be glad to hear from willing volunteers. Click here to contact her.

Listening for Grace

West Charleston Church of the Brethren

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Listening for Grace is a new play, presented by Ted and Co. about relationships, sexuality, and the church. The West Charleston Church of the Brethren, is sponsoring this event on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Admission is free - donations are appreciated. The church is located at 4817 South State Route 202, Tipp City, OH. The play uses Ted Schwartz' distinctive humor to give voice to our fears and hopes when a faith community engages in questions around sexuality and same-gender relationships. Those interested may stay after the presentation for a half hour of facilitated conversation in small groups. All perspectives will be welcome and respected. Links for bulletin inserts, posters, and a trailer about the play are available on the District website.

New Carlisle Church of the Brethren presents the Corn Drinkers on Music on Main Street

Church of the Brethren begins their new season of Music on Main Street to the community with the delightful band the "Corn Drinkers" on Saturday, February 4, at 7:00pm. The audience will be entertained with music from the 1920's and 1950's. The concerts are free and open to the public, however during intermission a "free will offering" will be accepted as a donation to the performers.

*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) 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.***

