



March, 2017
Southern Ohio District Newsletter
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Camp and Retreat Schedule for 2017

March 12: Ambassadors' Meeting Salem COB

June 7: Camp Set Up Cricket Holler

June 8 -11: Adult/Child Camp--Cricket Holler

June 12-15: Camp Safari-- Cricket Holler

June 11-15: Possible Youth Service/Work Camp (local projects) Cricket Holler

June 15-18: Family Camp--Cricket Holler (Registration form is available online)

June 18-24: Creative Arts Camp--Cricket Holler

July 5-8: Quilting Camp-- Bergamo

August 12: Golf Outing

September 22-23: Women's Retreat Bergamo

September 25-29: Adult Bible School - Salem COB (other locations and dates to be added in the future)

October 15: Ambassadors' Meeting

Disaster Ministry Updates

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. Congregational Advocates, supporters, trip volunteers, sewers, and those who want to learn more about this ministry are all invited. Please RSVP by Feb. 28 to Burt Wolf at southernohiobdm@gmail.com or 937-287-5902.

Help Fund CWS Buckets/School Kits – S. Ohio BDM received a call from Church World Service (CWS) representative, Matt Stevens, of the Columbus office. He notified us of the immediate need for Cleanup Buckets and School Kits. There are only 900 buckets left in the warehouse from a stock of 14,000. Many buckets were sent to West Virginia, Louisiana, and areas affected by Hurricane Matthew. CWS has received a request for 25,000 School Kits, and they only have 13,000 in stock.

S. Ohio BDM has set a goal of providing 200 Cleanup Buckets and 200 School Kits, with a tentative assembly date of April 20. Supplies need to be purchased, so donations are being sought to help cover the expense. The CWS website states a cleanup bucket costs about \$75 and a school kit is about \$15. All donations are helpful and appreciated! Please make checks payable to S. Ohio District COB, with a footnote "CWS Buckets/Kits". These may be sent to S. Ohio District COB, PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331.

Volunteers Needed – S. Ohio's upcoming trips of April 23 – 29 and May 28 – June 3 are in need of volunteers. We are going to Columbia, SC to rebuild homes following storms that hit South Carolina in October 2015, causing historic rainfall and much flooding and storm damage. To sign up for a trip

or for more information, contact Burt Wolf 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com. Transportation is provided in the BDM vans, and expenses are covered by BDM.

New Project Site – A new BDM site is opening in late February in Clay, WV. This is in response to last summer's tremendous rainfall that produced destructive flash floods. In 12 hours, between 8 and 10 inches of rain fell, qualifying it as a one in a thousand-year event. The flash floods killed at least 23 people, making the event the third deadliest flood in West Virginia history. In Clay County, officials estimate more than 500 homes were damaged or destroyed. This is the site where our March crew will be working.

New Carlisle Church of the Brethren presents Jim McCutcheon on Music on Main Street
Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 7 PM.

Jim is Artist-in-Residence in Guitar at the University of Dayton, and holds a B.S. in Physics from there as well as a B.Mus. in Guitar Performance and an M.M.Ed from Wright State University, where he also teaches. He received that school's first Distinguished Music Alumni Award in 1992 and has earned several awards for compositions for guitar from the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District and the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs. He has received several Ohio Arts Council Artist Project grants.

Jim is longtime president of the Dayton Classical Guitar Society and Guitar Advisor to the National Federation of Music Clubs. He has publications with Heritage Music, Guitar & Song and de Haske, including two guitar method books, Blues for Beginning Guitarists and The Very Young Guitarist, a method book for students age 8 and under. He has published articles in Classical Guitar and Soundboard, where he currently contributes CD reviews.

McCutcheon is listed on the Ohio Arts Council Touring Roster, hosts "The Intimate Guitar" weekly on Dayton Public Radio, and appears as "The Guitar Man" in schools grades pre-K-12, performing assemblies and residencies including demos on the science of music.

Jim has released four CDs: The Spice of Life and Moscow Nights, and for children, The Guitar Man and A Day with the Guitar Man, which earned a Parents' Choice Silver Award.

Jim and his wife, Debbie, started McCutcheon Music as a teaching facility in 1988 and have grown the business to a staff of over 45 teachers, a full-time repair shop, and an instrument rental program that serves many school systems in the Dayton area.

Trinity Church of the Brethren Seeking Accompanist

Trinity Church of the Brethren in Sidney, Ohio is looking for a full time or part time person or persons to play music for worship or as needed at other times such as Christmas Eve / Christmas Day and Love Feast. For more information, please contact either Linda Miller at 1-937-726-5258 or Shirley Stone at 1-937-492-3670.

Nigerian Crisis Tractor Project Fundraiser

You are invited to a Dessert Auction at the Salem Church of the Brethren on March 25 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Soup and Salad will be served followed by a presentation of the project and the auction. Funds raised will benefit the Nigerian Crisis Tractor project. Donations of desserts are needed. Visit the Southern Ohio District website to learn more information about this project and how you can be involved.

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.](#)

Presidential Forum and Young Adult Event

Cosponsored by Seminary Stewardship Alliance

God's Green Earth

A Call to Care and Witness

March 16-19 at Bethany Seminary

Living not in the Garden but in the city and country, how can we consume, protect, farm, and care for creation as followers of Jesus? Talks and workshops will include a range of views on topics such as ethical farming and consuming, protecting biodiversity, responding to climate change, and simple living for today. Join us as we share many views on one big concern. **STUDENTS ATTEND FOR \$25.** Call 765-983-1823 with questions.

Prayer Needs

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer. The 2017 Prayer List for Congregations is available on our website.

- Larry Tyner, Pastor of the Prince of Peace congregation--retirement on or before September 30, 2017.
- Rob Raker, dealing with heart condition--testing to determine the best way forward.
- Bear Creek Congregation, making a decision about pastoral leadership
- Rebecca J. Tollefson, house fire, total loss
- Sheila Shumaker, knee replacement
- Cathy Lutz--- recurrence of breast cancer
- Don and Patty King-- Don, hip replacement; Patty undergoing cancer treatment.
- Libby Kee, breast cancer treatment
- Possibility of a new church starts in various locations in our district.
- 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 me if you know of prayer situations of which I should be aware. May we lift each other in prayer as we work to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together.