



**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.

**Disaster Ministry Updates**

**June Sewing Bee** – Come sew school bags on Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Bring your sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. Both in the U.S. and internationally, Church World Service (CWS) school kits are needed for disaster survivors, refugees, and the economically disadvantaged. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442.

**Upcoming Events** - Mark Your Calendar:

Saturday, August 5 - Ice Cream Social Fundraiser at Happy Corner COB, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Saturday, August 12 – Golf Scramble at Turtle Creek Golf Course, Greenville, 8:00 AM  
Registration, 9:00 Scramble Start

**Support BDM: Kroger Rewards** – A simple way to support S. Ohio BDM is through the Kroger Community Rewards program. Each time you make a purchase at a local Kroger and have your Kroger Plus card scanned, a donation can be given to a registered nonprofit community group. Why not support S. Ohio BDM? To register, call Kroger at 800-576-4377 and select option 3. You'll talk to a person, and be asked to verify your personal information. Then identify BDM (#38704) as your preferred organization. You can also register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. In 2016 S. Ohio BDM received about \$100 for each quarterly payment. More registered supporters will increase this amount, giving more funds to help disaster survivors.

**Camping and Retreat Updates**

**Scholarship Money Needed for Camps**

Last year the generosity of the donors in the district helped many campers. Children, special needs kids, and families were able to attend camp, because funds were available to supplement the costs. Without the support, many campers would not be able to experience the exciting, faith building life in the Christian community we of Southern Ohio District Church of the Brethren offer.

We are looking at another year with similar needs. The funds from last year have been completely depleted. The camping program is growing, as is the need for scholarship money. Please consider making a donation now to this important ministry. You can be a big part of helping lives change through camp! Click here to donate now.

***All Summer Camps Still Need Campers!***

Registrations for Branching Out, this year's theme, are being taken as the summer camping season quickly approaches. There is a camp for everyone in the Southern Ohio District. Whether you are a toddler, elementary school student, teen, mother, father, friend, grandparent, cousin, quilter, hiker, singer, writer, swimmer, adventurer, more mature adult, or less mature adult, you are invited to come to camp for the time of your life! We have all kinds of camps that just need campers!!

Check out the different camps and information on brochures from your Camp Ambassador, church office, and online at the Southern Ohio District website. We are waiting to welcome you to camp this summer!

**A Biblical Basis for Befriending Foreigners**

Sponsored by Southern Ohio District Church of the Brethren  
Refugee Resettlement Committee

June 17, 8:30 AM - 2:35 PM  
Nicarry Chapel, Bethany Seminary  
615 National Rd. West  
Richmond, IN

We live in a time when the fear of terrorists can lead to a more general fear of foreigners. God, however, wants to fill us with love that overcomes fear and opens the door to life-giving friendships. In a series of four lessons on the theme, "A Biblical Basis for Befriending Foreigners," New Testament professor Dan Ulrich lifts up various scriptures from both testaments that encourage us to "pursue the love of foreigners" (Romans 12:13). These lessons offer a biblical foundation for welcoming refugees and for befriending other neighbors from abroad. Cost is \$10 paid at the door. CEUs will be offered upon your request. If you have any questions, contact Christy Schaub at cschaub@spieglerusa.com or call 937.681.5867 .

Presenter: Dr. Dan Ulrich, Professor of New Testament Studies, Bethany Theological Seminary

**Trinity Church of the Brethren Seeks 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.

**New Carlisle Church offers Music on Main**

The Ohio Valley British Brass band will perform an outdoor concert at New Carlisle Church of the Brethren in the parking lot on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM. This talented Brass Band was founded in February 1992 by Francis Laws and the late Ed Nickol. Since January 2009 the band has been under the leadership of music director Michael Gallehue.

*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.*

