



June, 2018
Southern Ohio District Newsletter
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2018 Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference

October 19 & 20
Salem Church of the Brethren
Theme: We are all One Body
Be watching for more details coming soon!

2018 Annual Conference

Cincinnati, OH – July 4-8, 2018
Duke Energy Center
Theme: Living Parables

The 2018 Annual Conference will be held at Duke Energy Center in Cincinnati. Southern Ohio District will be hosting the conference with the theme of “Living Parables.”

Many of us see this as an event that we wouldn't miss. But many more of us have never attended an Annual Conference. If you are one of those who have never attended, now would be a great time to experience the church in a new and different way. Our sisters and brothers from all over the world will be in attendance. There are activities for all ages, the worship is fantastic, and you will have a new sense of being a part of something much larger than your local congregation. Why not make take advantage of this opportunity and plan a unique vacation in Cincinnati, OH.

Information on how to register, hotel reservations, ideas about what to do in Cincinnati, and lots of other useful information can be found at www.brethren.org/ac.

Bus Transportation to Annual Conference closing worship provided

The Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren Worship and Outreach Commissions will be arranging bus transportation for anyone who is interested in attending the final worship service at Annual conference on July 8. Tentative plans involve departing from Prince of Peace at 6:45 am and returning no later than 2:00. If you have never experienced a worship service at Annual conference, it is an amazing exxperience. The cost will be \$15 per person. The conference can't get much closer! Leave the driving to the bus driver! If you have questions, please contact the Prince of Peace Church at 937-294-0708. If you would like to reserve a spot, call the church office or email the church at popcob1956@aol.com. They will need your name, number of seats, and way to contact you either by phone or email. Payment will be due by June 22.

Brethren Heritage Center Hires Director

A new milestone in the growth of the BHC Brookville, Ohio

The Brethren Heritage Center has reached a level in its 15 year history where the need for a salaried director is recognized. The hiring of Mark Lancaster by the Board of Directors moves the BHC from an all-volunteer staff.

Mark brings over forty years of experience in working with mostly non-profit organizations, including Heifer International and American Friends Service Committee. One of his latest projects as executive director of institutional advancement at Bethany Seminary has been working as a liaison between the Seminary and Ekklesiyar Yan' Uwa a Nigeria (EYN - Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), helping to develop a program to train EYN leadership. Mark will continue to work part-time with Bethany as he starts working part-time with BHC. Some of the activities that Mark will be leading for the BHC include strategic planning, outreach, fundraising, donor relations, supervision of volunteer staff, and to promote the archives regionally, nationally and internationally.

The Brethren Heritage Center is a research and educational facility focusing on the history and genealogy of The Brethren Church, Church of the Brethren, Conservative Grace Brethren International, Dunkard Brethren, Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Old Brethren, Old Brethren German Baptist, Old German Baptist Brethren, Old German Baptist Brethren Church, New Conference, and Old Order German Baptist Church. The BHC archives and museum is open to the public Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 10 am-4 PM.

Camp Is for Everyone

Even though camp is not literally just around the corner, there is still time to register! Most camps are held at Cricket Holler Boy Scout Camp near Vandalia and Dayton. It is a unique natural setting surrounded but apart from the urban communities in the area. Not quite as rugged as camping used to be, the life changing experiences now are just as profound to the campers who come and live with committed, faithful leaders. Friends at camp become family. God's great love is so tangible as we all work together to build His kingdom on earth at camp.

Camps for 2018

Adult/Child Camp June 7 - 10

Intergenerational Service Camp June 10 - 14 Camp Safari (Special Needs Camp) June 11 - 14 Family Camp June 14 - 17 Creative Arts Camp June 17 - 23

Quilting Camp (Bergamo Retreat Center) July 11 - 14

A complete schedule and all registration forms can be found on the District Website.

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

Sewing Bee – A Sewing Bee will be held on Saturday, June 30 at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Bring your sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. Sewers will be making bags for CWS school kits. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442. [Click Here](#) for all the 2018 Sewing Bee dates.

July 8 – 14 Youth BDM Trip – There are several openings for youth on the July 8 - 14 BDM trip to Lumberton, NC. Youth fifteen years and older are invited to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew. It isn't necessary to have building skills, just a willingness to learn and serve. Transportation is provided in the BDM vans and expenses are covered. To register or for more information contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com

12th Annual Ice Cream Social – Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 4, 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Happy Corner COB. Plan to come for supper, ice cream, and fellowship. This is the major fundraiser for S. Ohio BDM and provides funds for rebuilding trips and Church World Service kits.

Golf Scramble – On Saturday, August 11 a golf scramble will be held at Turtle Creek Golf Course located in Greenville. Now is the time to register or to become a hole sponsor. Click here for a registration/sponsorship form. All proceeds benefit S. Ohio BDM and Camping and Retreat Ministries.

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Prayer Needs

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer. Click here to download the 2018 Prayer List for Congregations.

--The most current information on the church in Nigeria including prayer needs can be found at www.brethren.org.

--As we continue to receive reports of shootings in schools, domestic violence, racial and religious prejudice leading to mistreatment, and other acts of violence, I am calling us to earnest prayer for peace. As one of the historic peace churches, we have often been in a position to pray for resolution of war, but there has been a definite shift in recent years of violence in our own communities, violence to our neighbors. Sometimes physical, sometimes mental or emotional, sometimes other means of injustice. Such violence does not honor the Prince of Peace whom we claim to follow. May we come to understand all people are God's people and we are called to treat all with love and respect, and to pray for their well-being. May we seek the guidance of the Spirit for how we are to respond.

-- Don Wagstaff-- back pain, recovering from surgery

--Jim Moore -- cancer free after being treated for prostate cancer

-- Rob Raker, continues to deal with heart condition. Is currently hospitalized in Columbus

--May we remember the possibility of 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 Dave if you know of prayer situations of which he should be aware. May we lift each other in prayer as we work to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together.