

August, 2018
Southern Ohio/Kentucky 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
Registration forms are available online.

2018 Annual Conference

Annual Conference in Cincinnati is now a part of our history. A wrap-up of conference events is available on the Church of the Brethren website (brethren.org), or contact your church office.

Discovering a Compelling Vision

***"The Church of the Brethren stands at a crossroads. Recent decades have been defined by paralyzing conflict. In response to the ongoing conflict, at the 2017 Annual Conference, the delegate body affirmed a report from the Leadership Team and the Council of District Executives regarding *The Authority of Annual Conference and Districts regarding the Accountability of Ministers, Congregations, and Districts*. That report concluded with this statement: *To stay on the journey together, it is also crucial that the church discern the compelling vision that this body of Christ is called to pursue. . . Denominational and District leadership have worked together to begin a process whereby we can begin a process of conversation and discernment in an effort to arrive at a compelling vision rooted in our shared commitment to live as Christ's disciples.*"

** *from [brethren.org/ac/compelling vision](http://brethren.org/ac/compelling-vision)*

Be watching for more information about how this process will unfold in the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District.

Click here for a much more extensive explanation of the process. We hope you will join us on this journey, engaging in the conversations as they occur.

Camping and Retreat Ministries

Women's Retreat

September 7-8
at Bergamo Retreat Center in Dayton

Registration is now open (deadline is August 31!) A brochure with more information, including how to register, can be found on the district website, or contact your church office.

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

12th Annual Ice Cream Social – Support S. Ohio BDM by attending the Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 4, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Happy Corner COB, 7037 Union Rd., Clayton. Come enjoy supper! Menu items include chicken & noodles, chili dogs, BBQ sandwiches, macaroni & cheese, and cowboy beans. Then enjoy a variety of pies and ice cream (vanilla, chocolate, peach, and maple pecan). This is the time to bring coin collection jars that you may have received last year. All proceeds benefit the ministry of S. Ohio BDM, funding volunteers going on rebuilding trips and buying supplies for Church World Service kits.

Golf Scramble – On Saturday, August 11 a golf scramble will be held at Turtle Creek Golf Course, 6545 US 36 East, Greenville. Now is the time to register or to become a hole sponsor. [Click Here for a registration/](#)

sponsorship form which is due August 4, 2018. All proceeds benefit BDM and Camping & Retreat Ministries of the S. Ohio/KY District.

Sewing Bee – Sewers and Non-sewers Needed! On Saturday, August 11 at 9:00 AM a Sewing Bee will be held at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Sewers will be making school bags and need to bring their sewing machine and an extension cord. Non-sewers will be preparing school kit items for the upcoming school kit assembly. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442.

Kit Assemblies for Church World Service – Volunteers Needed! There will be jobs for those who want to work while seated.

* 2,100 School Kits - Thursday, August 23, 7:00 PM, Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton

* 1,000 Hygiene Kits - Thursday, September 20, 7:00 PM, Mill Ridge Village Community Center, 1000 Mill Ridge Circle, Union

Pork Festival Parking - BDM will be parking cars at the Eaton Pork Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16. Many volunteers are needed for this fundraising project. To volunteer for a shift, please call Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902.

Trip to Brethren Service Center – Registration is now open for the October 22-26, 2018 trip to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. Volunteers will be processing Church World Service hygiene and school kits in preparation for shipping to the point of need. Travel is available on a first come basis in the BDM vans. Others may drive on their own. Rooms have been reserved for lodging at Best Western in Westminster, MD. Volunteers cover their own expenses on this trip. Click here for the informational brochure/registration form. Registration deadline is September 15, 2018. For more information contact Burt Wolf at 936-287-5902 or email SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Our next District Board meeting will be held September 15, 2018.

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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. The 2018 Prayer List for Congregations can be found on the district website.

--The most current information on the church in Nigeria including prayer needs can be found on the denominational website.

-- Mary Sue Rosenberger, diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis along with a slow growing carcinoma in her lungs. Exploring potential treatment.

-- Rob Raker, heart condition

-- Congregations in pastoral transition--Prince of Peace has called Katie and Tim Heishman as co-pastors beginning in October; Painter Creek--Pastor Dave Cummins has retired; Good Shepherd--Musa Mumbala has left as his term as scholar in residence in Bethany has ended.

--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.