

**September, 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

We are still needing delegate registrations from many of our congregations. Please use these links to register online using a credit card at your earliest convenience in order for arrangements to be made. Printable versions are also available online if you prefer to mail them in with a check.

### **Pre Conference Event: The Body of Christ in Corinth and America**

This year's District pre-conference event will be a 4 hr teaching session entitled "The Body of Christ in Corinth and America" and will be led by Guest Speaker, Dan Ulrich, Wieand Professor of New Testament Studies at Bethany Seminary. Here is a brief description of the talk. "In response to news about divisions within the house churches in Corinth, Paul's effort to repair the beloved body of Christ included writing an instructive letter. The thesis of that letter is an appeal for unity and reconciliation. As Christians who may also need reconciliation, let's gather to study 1 Corinthians with Paul's overall purpose and message in mind. We will not ignore some passages that figure in our divisive debates today, but we will interpret them contextually, showing how the message of the cross and the Spirit's gift of love can still work to heal Christ's body."

CEUs will be granted upon request.

### **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)

A much more extensive explanation of the process can be found on the above cited website. We hope you will join us on this journey, engaging in the conversations as they occur. Be watching for more information about how this process will unfold in the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District.

## **Beech Grove Church of the Brethren Hosts Fall Festival**

### **CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT AND ICE CREAM**

Beech Grove Church in Hollansburg, Ohio will be having a corn-hole tournament followed by ice cream, sandwiches, and homemade pies on Saturday, September 15. On-site tournament registration starts at 3PM, and the tournament will start at 3:30. Registration cost is \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 a team. Profit will go toward the Beech Grove Church Elevator Fund. Children's games will be available throughout the day.

Donations for food will be accepted. For more details, check the website at [beechgrovecotb.com](http://beechgrovecotb.com).

## **Building on our Legacy**

### **BRC Gala**

September 14 is the date for the Brethren Retirement Community's annual Gala. As you can see on the campus of BRC there is a lot of building happening. And soon remodeling will begin in two parts of their main building...so BRC is, "Building On Our Legacy".

The BRC needs your help for the Gala. Many of you know that the Gala is their large fundraiser for the year, raising funds for charity care. The evening of the 14th will consist of a meal, a silent auction, and a live auction.

The BRC would like to have involvement of as many congregations as possible. Donations of items that go along with the theme this year such as tools, hammers, ladders, and drills, etc. to be auctioned would be an idea. But it doesn't have to be limited to the theme. A basket or something else would be wonderful help to BRC.

If you have any questions feel free to call at 937-621-4172 any time. Todd Reish is willing to drive to you and pick up the donation.

## **Biblical Tabernacle and Temples in Jerusalem Sept. 14, 2018, Brookville, OH**

The Brethren Heritage Center will be hosting Duane Rapp as he uses models he has built to take us on a "tour" of the biblical Wilderness Tabernacle, Solomon's Temple, Herod's Temple, and Ezekiel's Temple. Many study Bibles include pictures of how these may have looked based on biblical descriptions. Using his models, Duane's presentation will help us take a closer look at some of these sacred places of worship. Duane is a member of the Covington, Ohio Church of the Brethren and an avid wood worker. Please join us at the Brethren Heritage Center on September 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm for this informative talk. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update**

*Castañer, Puerto Rico* - BDM has been working with the Puerto Rico district and its Recovery Committee to plan for long-term recovery on the island. They are now ready to schedule small groups of 5-7 volunteers, beginning September 1 through the middle of December. It is hoped that most volunteers will stay at least two weeks (10 working days). Our immediate need is for 3 or 4 Construction Volunteers for September 3 – 21. The work will include working on volunteer housing, roof repairs (metal roofs) and general repairs. Assistance is available for airfare. For more information and to volunteer, contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com).

*Lumberton, NC* - Volunteers are needed for the November 4 – 10 crew in NC to rebuild homes flooded in October 2016. To volunteer, please contact Burt Wolf as listed above.

*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* – Register for the October 22-26, 2018 trip to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. Volunteers will be processing Church World Service (CWS) 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 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

*Hygiene Kit Assembly* – On Thursday, September 20, at 7:00 PM, there will be an assembly of 1,000 hygiene kits for CWS. It will be held at Mill Ridge Village Community Center, 1000 Mill Ridge Circle, Union. Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs, and there will be work for those who want to be seated.

*Sewing Bee* – On Saturday, September 29 at 9:00 AM, a Sewing Bee will be held at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Sewers will be making bags for CWS school kits. Please bring a sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442.

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

Our next Board meeting will be September 15, 2018. As reports become available they will be posted on our website.

## **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.

-- Dave Shetler's mother, Barbara Shetler, has had a few minor strokes and possible cecum cancer.

--Jen Scarr, serving with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Columbia

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

-- Rob Raker, heart condition. Hoping for a new procedure which may alleviate some of the issues he has been facing.

-- Congregations in pastoral transition-- Prince of Peace has called Katie and Tim Heishman as co-pastors beginning in October; Painter Creek has made arrangements for regular pulpit supply; Good Shepherd is seeking pastoral services.

--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.