Working Together . . . Empowering Disciples

October 2018



**2018 Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference** will be held October 19 & 20 at the Salem Church of the Brethren. The theme will be "We Are All One Body". Registration is now open. You can find all registration forms on the District website.

**2018 Pre-Conference Training:** 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. CEUs will be granted upon request.

## **Discovering a Compelling Vision**

The first step as we work together to discover God's compelling vision for us as a denomination, is that of listening to how God is working in each of our lives. You are encouraged to attend one of the following listening sessions to share and listen to others as we work together to "discern the compelling vision that this body of Christ is called to pursue".

November 1, 2018--6:30 PM at Brethren Retirement Community November 2, 2018-- 6:30 PM at Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren

November 3, 2018 -- 9:30 AM at White Cottage Church of the Brethren

November 3, 2018 -- 5:30 PM at Troy Church of the Brethren.

#### **Fall Adult Bible School**

October 22-26, 2018

Troy Church of the Brethren

Come join others from the district to enjoy a Bible School geared for adults. The guest speaker is Allison DeHart and the theme, *A Hidden Wholeness--Welcoming the Soul in Community*. Each day is structured with Bible studies, singing, sharing, interesting speakers, activities, games, puzzles, arts, crafts and a light lunch. Everyone is invited to attend this event offered by the SOKD Camping and Retreat Ministry and the Troy Church of the Brethren.

## Kingdom Building: An Evangelism Conference

The Greenville Church of the Brethren would like to invite all to an Evangelism Conference on November 9 & 10th. The guest speaker is our Moderator Elect, Paul Mundey. A flyer with more information including how to register can be found on the district website.

## **District Board Meeting**

Our next District Board Meeting will be the board retreat held November 16 & 17, 2018. The location is to be determined.

# **PowerHouse Regional Youth Conference**

November 10-11, 2018

PowerHouse Regional Youth Conference registration is live! Power-House is an overnight youth conference at Camp Mack in Milford, Indiana for youth in grades 9-12 and their advisors. More information can be found at www.manchester.edu/powerhouse. The speakers this year are David and Maria Huber, Jed Freels, and Jeanne Davies. The weekend will include worship. workshops, recreation, yummy camp food, new friendships, and fun! this year's event is November 10-11, 2018.

#### **Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update**

**Update from BDM leaders in Lumberton, NC** — Our volunteer housing was not flooded by Hurricane Florence. There are some homes that we started working on before the storm that were not affected, or affected minimally, that we are continuing to work on. We believe that we will have some rebuild work, some roof work and some muck and gut work for those that can physically handle that. We have no word on homes that we completed in Lumberton. At least one that we almost completed that had several feet of water in it, and needs to be re-done. The city and FEMA are discussing steps forward. All of the houses in Nichols, SC received water. We will muck and gut them as the homeowners and the town decide on how they are going to move forward.

**Volunteer Now!** -- There are openings for three volunteers on the Oct. 7 -13 trip, and five volunteers on the Nov. 4-10 trip to Lumberton, NC. Transportation is provided and expenses are covered.

**Volunteer in Puerto Rico** - BDM is scheduling small groups of 5-7 volunteers to work in Castañer, Puerto Rico rebuilding homes for COB members. Volunteers need to be able to work in a hot humid climate. It is hoped that most volunteers will stay at least two weeks (10 working days). Assistance is available for airfare.

Church World Service Response/ Donations – Hygiene and Health Kits are being assembled in SOKD. Donations are welcomed. Please make checks payable to S. Ohio/KY District COB, and footnoted BDM/CWS kits. Mail checks to S. Ohio/KY COB, PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331.

For more information about any BDM activity, contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

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.