

2018 Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference was marvelously hosted by the Salem Church of the Brethren on October 19 & 20. A mini report of the conference can be found on our District website. Our 2019 conference will be held at the Happy Corner Church of the Brethren. The theme will be "God Provides". The date is to be announced.

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.

District Board Retreat/Multicultural Worship Workshop

On November 16-17, the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Board will hold its board retreat at West Charleston Church of the Brethren. That Saturday, the 17th, in place of a guest speaker for the retreat, West Charleston invites anyone interested to join alongside board members for a special worship service at 10:15. This is not a "demo". It will be worship in the way that the West Charleston congregation has made their new normal: multicultural, multilingual, and joyfully expectant of the time when all peoples of every nation and tongue will worship God together. After worship, a meal be served, prepared in part by some of our immigrant families, and then you will have the opportunity to choose one of two workshops in the afternoon: the first will be about the logistics of this type of worship; the second will address the challenges and opportunities of intercultural leadership and outreach. Donations to cover the cost of the meal will be accepted, and those not on district board can plan to be finished by 2:30. RSVP by calling West Charleston CoB at (937) 667-3988, so that adequate preparations for the meal can be made.

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

Sewing Bee – On Saturday, November 3, a Sewing Bee will be held at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Please bring a sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442. The 2019 Sewing Bee is available on our website or contact your church office.

2019 BDM Trip Schedule – Dates have been scheduled for 2019 BDM trips.

Schedule is available via the website, your church office.

Volunteer in Puerto Rico - BDM is now scheduling 2019 dates for 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 Donations – With Hurricanes Florence and Michael, there has been a great need for cleanup buckets and hygiene kits. Donations enable us to purchase supplies in bulk, which is cost effective. To help with this project, make checks payable to S. Ohio/KY District COB. On the memo line, write BDM/CWS kits. Mail checks to S. Ohio/KY COB, PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331. Donations are much appreciated.

For more information about Disaster Ministry events or to volunteer, contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

News from our Congregations:

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 Munday. A flyer with more information including how to register can be found on the district website.

Election Eve Communion Invitation: A Christian Unity Event Monday, November 5 at 7:00 PM at Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren. Next month is another divisive election. Are you tired of the polarization in our politics and the way it infiltrates the church? There is a better way. We worship a God who washes feet. We can hold passionately to our beliefs, but when we take communion remember that we are sisters and brothers in Christ. Some will vote for Republicans, some will vote for Democrats, others will vote for third party candidates or not at all. All of us are loved by Christ and called to love one another. Join us on the night before the election to worship the God who calls us into one family and celebrate our unity in Christ. An RSVP to the church office is helpful but not required. Please email popcob1956@aol.com or call 937-294-0708 to RSVP.

Sound System Available: The Bear Creek congregation has purchased an updated sound system and has components of their previous system available. For more information please contact Dave Fourman at 937-336-5390.

*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.***

