

December 2018

Cookie Camp Is Coming

The orders are flying in with happy anticipation. The flour and sugar are standing ready. Eggs are yet to be gathered, but everything is being assembled for the GREAT COOKIE CAMP days at Salem Church of the Brethren on December 7, 6-9 pm, and December 8, 9 am-1 pm. It is a lot of fun as we work to support the two Winter Blast Camps for all the children and teens of our churches. Please come and bring your mixer and cookie scoops to join us in this special event.

Winter Blast & Safari Winter Blast

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for Safari Winter Blast, Jan. 18 - 19, and Winter Blast, Jan. 25 - 26, is now open. Registration forms are available online or contact your church's office or camp ambassador. Please send registrations and money to: Karen Dillon at 756 Old Springfield Rd., Vandalia, OH 45377.

Men's Retreat

February 1, 2019 . . . February 3, 2019

This retreat is a spiritual weekend for all men regardless of church affiliation. Men 16 years of age and older are invited to enjoy a weekend of fellowship, scripture teachings, worship and fun. This year's retreat will be on February 1-3, 2019. The retreat offers different registration packages from full to partial attendance. Come and enjoy a getaway from your normal routine. The retreat will be held at Woodland Altars Campground and Outdoor Adventures Center, Peebles, Ohio. The guest speaker will be Ken Moyer and the topic "Real Manhood". A brochure with more information, including how to register, is available online, or ask your church office. You can also register online using your credit card.

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

Volunteers Serving in Puerto Rico – S. Ohio/ KY BDM has two volunteers serving in Castaner, Puerto Rico from Nov. 25 – Dec. 15. Sam Dewey and Brian Huffaker from Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren are part of a 5-7 person crew who are rebuilding hurricane damaged homes for COB members. Three volunteers are already scheduled to go in 2019, and there are more openings. 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. For more information and to volunteer, contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

2019 Trip Schedules – Nine rebuilding trips are scheduled for S. Ohio/ KY crews in 2019, with room for fifteen volunteers on most trips. The current site is in Lumberton, NC, but new sites will be opening later in the year. Volunteers

need to be at least fifteen years old, unless they go with a parent or guardian, and then they may be fourteen. The June and July trips are for youth and their leaders. Expenses are covered, and transportation is provided in the BDM vans. A flyer with trip dates can be found online or at your church office. Sign up for a trip by contacting Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com

Church World Service (CWS) Response/Donations – This fall S. Ohio/ KY BDM sent 2,000 hygiene kits and 2,500 school kits to the Brethren Service Center. With Hurricanes Florence and Michael, there has been a great need for these kits and cleanup buckets. We'll be assembling more kits and buckets in 2019. 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 welcomed and appreciated.

2019 Sewing Bee Schedule – Each school kit sent to CWS needs a cloth bag to hold all the school items. These bags are sewn at Sewing Bees that are scheduled about every six weeks throughout the year. Click Here for the 2019 Sewing Bee flyer. Usually the sewing bees are held at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Please note that the March 2 sewing bee is at Eaton COB, 813 Camden Road. A full schedule can be found online or ask at your church office.

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

Southern OH/KY District Young Adults Gathering

December 8, 2018

All young adults are invited to join in a visit to Carillon Historical Park, for their Christmas festival and to enjoy the lights. We will meet at the park at 6:30 PM. If you want to carpool or caravan, meet at Happy Corner Church of the Brethren at 5:45 PM. (7037 N Union Rd. Clayton, OH 45315) Click here to RSVP.

News from our Congregations:

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.***

