

2019 Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference

October 11 & 12, 2019

Happy Corner Church of the Brethren

Theme: *God Provides*

Compelling Vision Prayer Summit

As we look forward as a denomination to the continuation of the "Compelling Vision" process, it seems imperative that we prepare for this year's Annual Conference with lots of prayer. The 2019 "Prayer and Worship Summit" titled "Praying for the Vision" will be an excellent pre-conference event. On March 29 and 30, in Harrisonburg, VA, brothers and sisters will come from all over the nation to devote time for worship and prayer over the visioning process. This Summit is open to everyone, and as in the past, there will be no business conducted. We are coming together to worship and pray for our Denomination, asking God to help us recapture our vision.

The event is free, but we are asking for folks to register early as space is limited. Saturday's lunch will be provided free as well. Again, early registration will help us to prepare for the necessary food services for the event.

New Carlisle Church of the Brethren Music on Main Series dates and performers.

The seventh Music on Main Series will open on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm. with Jim McCutcheon performing. Mr. McCutcheon is an outstanding classical guitarist, hosts "The Intimate Guitar" weekly on Dayton Public Radio, and appears as "The Guitar Man" in schools grades pre-K-12, performing assemblies and residencies including demos on the science of music. IN 2017, Jim McCutcheon was awarded the Ohio Governor's Award for the Arts.

The Series continues the Tecumseh High School Women's Chorus on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Saturday, April 6, 2019 will be a Flute and Harp Duo. Then on Saturday, May 4, 2019, the Corndrinkers will perform. This group is a local group from the New Carlisle area who performs Appalachian folk music. The Series concludes with the Ohio Valley British Brass Band on Friday, June 7, 2019. Come and enjoy these free concerts at the New Carlisle Church of the Brethren.

Science Fiction and Theology

February 22-23, 2019

Presenter, Steve Schweitzer

Science Fiction is extremely popular in our wider culture. This genre is filled with theological themes: who is God, what does it mean to be human, what is

the nature of evil, how is it overcome, is war or violence necessary, to name only a few. Based on a course I teach at Bethany, we will explore some examples from widely popular SciFi series--Star Wars, Star Trek, and Doctor Who--that allow connections between theology and culture.--

Steven Schweitzer

Steven Schweitzer (PhD, Notre Dame) is Academic Dean and Professor at Bethany Seminary. He regularly teaches a graduate seminar on Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah and a course on Science Fiction and Theology. Steve has preached, taught, and led workshops for several congregations and districts, including Bible studies and Insight Sessions at Annual Conference. Steve and his wife, Jill, have three children and attend Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren in Southern Ohio/Kentucky District.

A brochure containing more information about this event including how to register can be found on the district website, or contact your church office. Registration deadline is February 15.

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

2018 Data - The S. Ohio/KY District was very supportive of BDM throughout 2018. There were 14 rebuilding trips with 159 volunteers. These trips were to Missouri, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, and Puerto Rico at a cost of \$9,500. Locally, four volunteers helped Bethany Seminary by painting a bedroom and bathroom in Patterson House after renovations. For Church World Service (CWS), 2,500 School Kits and 4,011 Hygiene Kits were assembled for \$31,600. At six Sewing Bees, bags for school kits were sewn by 49 volunteers. There was also a trip to the Brethren Service Center with 26 volunteers who processed CWS kits. Through Children's Disaster Services, there were seven volunteers who served. Thank you to all for your support. Together we bring hope and share God's love.

2019 Rebuilding Trips - Sign up for a trip in 2019! 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. Click Here for a flyer with trip dates. Sign up for a trip by contacting Burton Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Sewing Bee - On Saturday, January 26, a Sewing Bee will be held at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Come sew bags for CWS school kits. Bring your sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. Click

*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.***

