

**March, 2019**  
**Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Newsletter**  
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## **2019 Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference**

Announcing:  
2019 Southern Ohio/Kentucky  
District Conference  
Theme "God provides"  
October 11&12, 2019  
Happy Corner Church of the Brethren  
Watch for more information

## **2019 Summer Camp registration is open!**

Check what camps are available and download registrations forms on the website.

## **March Madness: An SOKD Youth Event**

Sunday, March 17 @Prince of Peace CoB

6:30-8:0 PM

For grades 6-12

Come play Open Bible Kahoot, an interactive game to put your Bible knowledge to test. Bring your Bible and you can also use your phone to look up answers.

There will be free time for fellowship, Gaga Ball, 9 square, corn hole and snacks!

## **Young Adult Movie night**

Eight folks attended our February 16th bowling event.

Movie night! On March 30th we will be gathering at Happy Corner CoB at 7:00 PM.

Invite your friends ages high school graduates-9.

At our February 16th gathering eight people enjoyed bowling and each other's company (pictured above). We look forward to having more join us. Click here to download a flyer/invitation to use when inviting friends.

RSVP to Laura Brown at [mbsae37@hotmail.com](mailto:mbsae37@hotmail.com) or by telephone at 937-267-0965.

## **Seder Meal and Celebration**

Tuesday, April 16th

6:20 PM (seating)

New Carlisle Church of the Brethren

219 N Main St.

New Carlisle, OH

For the last 2 years the New Carlisle CoB has invited District churches and members to attend their Seder meal & celebration at the New Carlisle church on Tuesday of Holy Week. Since this is Pastor Andrew's last Seder as Pastor (he loves the Seder story and retires soon after on April 21st), they want to invite his friends and co-workers from across the District to celebrate with them and Pastor Andrew/Debi.

Call 937-845-1428 to reserve a spot at the table and/or request childcare.

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

The seventh Music on Main Series continues with 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**

May 17-18, 2019

Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren

Presenter, Steve Schweiter

If you missed this event at New Carlisle, we have good news! You can catch it at Cedar Grove CoB in May!!!! "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 with more information about this event including how to register is available on the district website.

## **Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update**

**Appreciation Dinner** – At the annual BDM Appreciation Dinner on March 2 twenty-six first time BDM volunteers and two Children's Disaster Service volunteers were honored. Speaker for the event was Jenn Dorsch-Messler, director of Brethren Disaster Ministries. We celebrate all the lives that were touched in 2018 when S. Ohio BDM sponsored 14 rebuilding trips with 159 volunteers. This was done at a cost of \$9,500, and the volunteer labor is valued at \$137,000. Thank you to all those in the S. Ohio District who have supported this ministry, helping our brothers and sisters who are in need.

**Hygiene Kit Assembly** – Mark your calendar! On Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 PM there will be an assembly of 1,000 hygiene kits for Church World Service. It will be held at Mill Ridge Village Community Center, 1000 Mill Ridge Circle, Union.

**Sewing Bee** – Mark your calendar! A Sewing Bee will be held on April 27 at Greenville COB. We'll be sewing bags for school kits for Church World Service. Click Here for a flyer with the 2019 Sewing Bee dates. Volunteers Needed! – Volunteer now for an upcoming BDM trip. Trips through September will be to Lumberton, NC. The work will be rebuilding homes damaged by hurricanes in 2016 and 2018. Expenses are covered, and transportation is provided in the BDM vans. Volunteers need to be at least fifteen years old, unless they go with a parent or guardian, and then they may be fourteen. Sign up by contacting Burton Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

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## **Church Music Director Needed**

The West Charleston Church of the Brethren located just outside Tipp City, OH is seeking a music director for its Sunday morning praise team and their children's choir which sings quarterly. A pleasant and strong lead voice is needed as well as proficiency in guitar and/or piano. As an increasingly multicultural congregation, worshippers are accustomed to a wide variety of genres of music including hymns, contemporary, Spanish, African, bluegrass, and gospel. Multiple language proficiency would be a plus. LGBTQ+ friendly. Inquiries and resumes may be sent to wccob1708@gmail.com

## **Prayer needs**

- The Constance congregation has vacated their building due to structural concerns; selling the current property and seeking a new permanent location.
  - Angela Asamoah's mother, heart attack
  - Mary Sue Rosenberger, immunotherapy injections for pulmonary fibrosis along with a slow growing carcinoma in her lungs.
  - Rob Raker, former pastor, continues to deal with the heart condition that has plagued him for some time now.
  - May we remember those congregations in pastoral transition - Beech Grove is discerning next steps in their pastoral transition; Painter Creek has arrangements with Phil Reynolds for regular pulpit supply. Good Shepherd is in an arrangement with Carla Gillespie for pastoral services; Fred Bernhard is serving as interim pastor at Brookville during this time of transition. White Cottage will shortly begin a pastoral search.
  - May we remember the possibility of a new church starts in various locations in our district as well as the urban ministry team for revitalizing some of our urban churches.
  - 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.