

July, 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

Dessert and Dialogue: Sharing Together with District Leadership

August 13, 2019 at 1:00 PM
Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren

Many times when we gather together, we feel like our time is limited. Our times together as a District are infrequent and there is much to be shared. Due to time restrictions, leadership is not able to hear adequately from YOU.

Your District Leadership hopes this event will provide a venue which will give opportunity for you to share your thoughts and reflections, joys and concerns, etc.

The event will be casual and relaxed over coffee and desserts. A few guiding questions may be provided but it is hoped that you will direct the conversation. There may be one big conversation, or many smaller ones, depending on attendance.

Everyone is invited!!!! But don't feel badly if it's too far away or you can't make it, this is a quarterly event that will change locations each quarter.

We hope you will join us as we strive to continue the work of Jesus . . . peacefully, simply, together.

Young Adult Gathering

July 13, 10 AM

Come join us at the Columbus Zoo!

Any wanting to carpool or caravan can meet at Happy Corner Church of the Brethren at 8:30 AM

A flyer with more information can be found on the District Website or call Laura Brown at 937-267-0965 with any questions or to RSVP.

West Milton Congregation Tornado Relief

The West Milton Church of the Brethren has become a warehouse for donations for individuals who need clothes and other supplies as this area recovers from the storms. If other churches know of individuals and families in need of clothes, the clothes closet at West Milton is open each Saturday 10-noon. They can also leave a message at 937-698-4395 and one of the congregation will meet them at any time that is convenient to them.

Help Needed at Refugee Warehouse

Volunteers are needed to receive donations at the Refugee Warehouse on July 6 from 10 AM-1PM. There will be a member of the Refugee Resettlement Task Team to lead the session. In addition to receiving donations you might be separating donations to be put away, taken to Goodwill or put in the trash. If you have questions and/or can help, please call or email Linda Brandon at 937-667-0647 or lbrandon@woh.rr.com before July 6.

Gifts Discernment-- 2019 District Slate

The Gifts Discernment Commission will soon be meeting to begin work on the 2019 District slate to present to District Conference. You are encouraged to offer suggestions for the various district offices that come open this year. A list of positions and a form to offer suggestions are available on the district website.

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

Local Tornado Response -S. Ohio/KY BDM is helping homeowners in Harrison Township (Northridge) and Dayton. So far, 350 volunteers have worked about 2,165 hours for 145 families. The homeowners are very appreciative. Thank you to all who have served, made donations, and remembered this ministry in prayer. There is still much work to be done. In July we will be working Thursdays (except July 4), Fridays, and Saturdays. These are the days that we have been having the most volunteers. This change makes a more manageable workload, as we move from early response to the recovery phase.

Volunteers are needed for brush and tree removal. Meet at Happy Corner COB at 7:30 AM for filling out registration forms, and orientation. On Saturdays a continental breakfast is served. There will be carpooling to the worksite. Arrangements can be made to meet us there. Workdays will end at 4:00 PM. To volunteer, call or text Burt Wolf (937-287-5902) or Sam Dewey (937-684-0510) or send an email to SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com. Volunteers need to bring a sack lunch, work gloves, chain saws, etc. If workdays are cancelled due to the weather, we'll post this on the S. Ohio/KY District COB website, and notify the volunteers who are scheduled to come.

Donations are very much appreciated. Expenses are being incurred daily for gas for chain saws, backhoes, trucks, and the BDM van. Make checks payable to: S. Ohio/KY District COB. On the memo line write: BDM Local Response

Mail to: S. Ohio/KY District COB, P. O. Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331

Cleanup Bucket Assembly – You're invited to help with the assembly of 500 Cleanup Buckets for Church World Service. Come on Thursday, July 25, at 7:00 PM. to Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton. Cleanup buckets are mainly used after flooding. Some have also been used in Dayton to clean apartments and houses as tornado survivors relocate.

S. Ohio/KY BDM is purchasing supplies for these buckets and 2,500 School Kits which will be assembled on August 22. The estimated cost for this project is \$33,000. Donations enable us to purchase supplies in bulk, which is cost effective. 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!

Sewing Bee – A Sewing Bee will be held on Saturday, July 27 at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Bags will be sewn for Church World Service school kits. Bring your sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. A flyer with all the 2019 Sewing Bee dates is on the district website, or contact your church office. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442.

13th Annual Ice Cream Social – On Saturday, August 3, plan to attend the annual BDM Ice Cream Social. It will be from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Happy Corner COB, 7037 Union Rd., Clayton. Come for supper, ice cream, and fellowship. This is the major fundraiser for S. Ohio/KY BDM, raising funds for rebuilding trips, local response, and Church World Service kits. Invite your family and friends to come too!

Golf Scramble – On Saturday, August 10 at 8:00 AM, a golf scramble will be held at Turtle Creek Golf Course located in Greenville. Now is the time to register or to become a hole sponsor. Registration forms are available on the district website or contact your church office. All proceeds benefit S. Ohio/KY BDM and Camping & Retreat Ministries.

Trip to Brethren Service Center – Registration is now open for the October 21-25, 2019 trip to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. Volunteers will be processing Church World Service hygiene and school kits in preparation for shipping to the point of need. Travel is available on a first come basis in the BDM vans. Others may drive on their own. Rooms have been reserved for lodging at Best Western in Westminster, MD. Volunteers cover their own expenses on this trip. Registration forms are available at the district website, or contact your church office.

Registration deadline is September 15, 2019. For more information contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Trotwod Church of the Brethren Seeking Early Childhood Personnel

The Trotwood Church of the Brethren is seeking two Early Childhood Caregivers with a Christian background to tend to the youngest flock in our congregation. These paid positions will provide child care and supervision for infants up through 7 year olds. Hours will be every Sunday morning from 9:15 AM until Sunday worship is over, around 12:15 PM with the possibility of additional hours during special events. The ideal candidate for this position is enthusiastic, loves children, and self-motivated.

Job Responsibilities:

Prepare and lead simple, Christian based lessons/activities for young children

Provide a safe and happy environment for the children

Have guardians sign in their child/children and assure children are only released to designated individuals.

Serve children a small snack. Change diapers if necessary.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Experience taking care of small children

Special consideration will be given to individuals with Childhood Education degree, working towards a degree related to children, or those with babysitting training certification.

Must be at least 18 years old

REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant will need to provide 2 references

Submit to a state background check

Start date is negotiable

Interested individuals please contact the church office at 937-837-6604, trotwoodcobrethren@gmail.com, or send your resume to Trotwood Church of the Brethren Attn: Children's Ministry 208 E. Main St Trotwood, OH 45426.

Prayer needs

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer.

- Ron and Bert McAdams. . . moved to BRC, Ron fell and broke hip.
- Constance congregation continues to worship in space provided by Hebron Lutheran Church.
- Bruce and Mary Sue Rosenberger . . . various health issues
- Rob Raker . . . heart condition

Congregations in pastoral transition . . . Beech Grove completed their profile and is beginning a pastoral search; Painter Creek has called Phil Reynolds; Good Shepherd has called Carla Gillespie; Fred Bernhard is serving as interim pastor at Brookville; Tara Hornbacker is serving as interim at New Carlisle.

- 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.