

August, 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

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.

Young Adult Gathering

August 17, 2019 at Prince of Peace
All young adults high school graduates through age 39 single or married are welcome. The August event will be a movie night. 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.

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

13th Annual Ice Cream Social – On Saturday, August 3, come to the BDM Ice Cream Social. It will be from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Happy Corner COB, 7037 Union Rd., Clayton. Come for supper! The menu includes chicken and noodles, hotdogs, BBQ sandwiches, cowboy beans, cole slaw, and more. Then enjoy ice cream and pie for dessert. There will be an opportunity to buy Share-a-Meal tickets and to return your coin jars. 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 for an evening of delicious food and great fellowship!

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. Click here for a registration/sponsorship form. All proceeds benefit S. Ohio/KY BDM and Camping & Retreat Ministries.

School Kit Assembly – You're invited to help with the assembly of 2,500 School Kits for Church World Service. Come on Thursday, August 22, at 7:00 PM. to Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton. Lots of hands are needed for this project! There are jobs that can be done while seated. The school kits are used in the US and are shipped around the world. S. Ohio/KY BDM is purchasing supplies in bulk, at a cost of \$5 per kit. Donations are needed and appreciated. Donations may be made on-line at SODCOB.org. Checks need to be 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.

Local Tornado Response -S. Ohio/KY BDM is helping homeowners in Harrison Township. So far, 501 volunteers have worked about 3,250 hours for 156 families. The homeowners are very appreciative. Thank you to all who have served, made donations, and remembered this ministry in prayer.

Volunteers are still needed! In August we will be working on a case by case basis. Emails will be sent to our volunteer group telling the dates and the work to be done. Volunteers then need to call or text Burt Wolf (937-287-5902) to respond to opportunities.

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. Click Here for the informational brochure/registration form.

Registration deadline is September 15, 2019. For more information contact Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

13th Annual Charity Auction

The BRC 13th Annual Charity Auction and Dinner will be held on September 13, 2019 at Romer's. The theme this year is "The Greatest Gala of All Time" which is a circus theme. As in past years, we are seeking donations for the live and silent auctions and would like to ask congregations to consider a donation. It can be a challenge to think of an appropriate donation, so we are offering a few ideas:

Tickets for Concerts, Movies or Sporting Events

Gift Card Tree

Date Night Package

Alexa Device

Wood Fire Pizza Oven

Indianapolis Children's Museum Tickets

Zoo Package

Charter Pontoon Ride at Indian Lake

Cincinnati Dinner Train Tickets

Escape Room Tickets

Or you may have a great idea of your own. Please give your commitment to Todd Reish at Todd.Reish@BHRC.org on or before August 19th.

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.