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Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Newsletter
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2019 Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference

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Happy Corner Church of the Brethren

“And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Jesus Christ”. Philippians 4:19

CONFERENCE IS ONLY TWO SHORT WEEKS AWAY!!

If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible. Registration forms are available on the district website.

This year the SOKD Program and Arrangements and the SOKD Resource Development Commission are teaming up to offer several excellent workshops for the educational portion of our conference which support our theme, "God Provides". These workshops will benefit everyone: Church Treasurers, Board Chairs, Board Members, Stewardship Teams, Pastors, anyone who has a family budget, anyone who doesn't have a family budget, if you preach about stewardship, wish you could preach about stewardship, if you spend money, save money, earn money . . . yes, we will be talking about money! Register now, on the district website.

Quilt offered for Silent Auction at District Conference

2019 was the 10th anniversary of our Piece-Full Quilt Camp sponsored by Camping and Retreat Ministries of the S. OH/KY District of the Church of the Brethren. Each camper was sent fabric and a quilt block pattern before camp. We assembled the blocks and sewed it together at camp. It was quilted by Paula Yagisawa who joined us for a day or so at camp. Judy Wellman, a new camper this year, machine embroidered the label. hisT quilt will be give for silent auction at district conference with the proceeds being donated to Camping and Retreat Ministries for camp scholarships. Come prepared to bid and take this beauty home.

Introducing Visiting Pastor Hassan Dicks!

The Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren is delighted to have recent Bethany graduate Hassan Dicks with them as a Visiting Pastor for six months! Pastor Hassan is from Nigeria and is passionate about trauma healing and peacemaking. During his time at Prince of Peace he is interested in learning how the North American church functions and gain experience leading in this context. He will also be helping Prince of Peace live into its new vision statement. However, Pastor Hassan is available to provide leadership throughout the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District. Prince of Peace will be announcing a workshop Hassan will lead for the district soon, to be held sometime in January, but any church or group interested in hearing him speak or spending time with him is welcome to contact him to set up a time. Mileage reimbursement for his travels would be appreciated as compensation. Prince of Peace hopes that the whole district can benefit from the gifts he brings and get to know Pastor Hassan over these six months. For inquires, please contact the Prince of Peace church office at 937-294-0708 or at popcob1956@aol.com.

District Women's Bible Study

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Women's Bible study/spirituality group will begin meeting again in October. This group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Salem Church of the Brethren from 7-8:30 PM. Their first meeting will be Thursday, October 3, 2019 when they will evaluate last year, catch up on how the summer went,, decide how they way this next year to look and what they will begin studying on October 17. Anyone can join at any time. However, this is an especially good time to add members to the group.

Young Adult Gathering

On October 26 at 6 PM we will visit the Brethren Heritage Center. All young adults who have graduated high school through age 39 are welcome to attend.

Planning ahead:

November 9@1PM at the Dayton Peace Museum

December 21@ 7 PM at Carillon Park

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

Local Tornado Response - The cleanup phase of our local tornado response is winding down for now. Much work has been done cutting trees and removing brush. The current plan is to take a break in October. Discussion is taking place about the rebuilding phase.

13th Annual Ice Cream Social – Thank you to all for your support of the BDM Ice Cream Social held August 3rd. There were about 440 in attendance. About \$11,500 was raised which will be used for rebuilding trips, Church World Service kits/buckets, and local response. The support of the S. Ohio/ KY District makes this ministry possible.

Project Updates – Work continues in Lumberton, NC and is scheduled through April 2020. A new site opened September 1 in Jacksonville, FL. It is scheduled through Dec. 2019, with the possibility of being extended. The site in Castaner, Puerto Rico is scheduled until mid-December. This site may also be extended into the spring.

2020 Trip Schedule – The S. Ohio/KY BDM trip schedule is now set. The 2020 trip flyer is on the SOD-COB website. The only sites known are for Jan. 19 – 25, February 9 – 15, and April 26 – May 2, which are to Lumberton, NC. To sign up for a trip, call or text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

2019 Empowering Grants Given

By action of the 2015 Southern Ohio District Conference a percentage of the interest on monies received from The Nature Conservancy for their portion of the sale of the Camp Woodland Altars property has been set aside each year for use as grants to Empower Congregations and to Empower Leadership within the District.

We are happy to share that the following congregations have applied for and received grant money this year:

Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren	\$2800.00
Constance church of the Brethren	\$1500.00
Cincinnati Church of the Brethren	\$1100.00
Trotwood Church of the Brethren	\$ 550.00
Artistry Leads (Church Vitality Survey)	\$2000.00

Ecumenical Stewardship	\$225.00
Happy Corner Church of the Brethren	\$3000.00
Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren	\$3000.00
West Charleston	\$2000.00
An Empowering Leadership Grant to Andrew Wright	\$295.00

More about how this money has been used will be shared at our upcoming District Conference.

Purpose of the grants is to:

1. Provide financial support to any congregation within the District which seeks it for the development of new or expansion of existing missional efforts; or
2. Provide financial support for any member of a District congregation who is in a leadership position and wishes to obtain further training to enhance their leadership role or any member of a District congregation who wishes to seek training to prepare them for future church leadership.

If your congregation would like to apply for a grant go to the district website for more information including how to apply.

Prayer Needs

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

The 2019 Prayer List for Congregations and the most current information on the church in Nigeria including prayer needs can be found on the district website.

- Those who are dealing with the effects of Hurricane Dorian and the tornados spawned by this massive storm.
- Those affected by the tornados and those who are helping with clean up and recovery. This work will continue for some time.
- We express sympathy to the family of Don Wagstaff, passed away last week.
- Larry Lutz, successful recovering from surgery to correct the problem that has continuously caused him to get diverticulitis.
- We celebrate with Katie and Tim Heishman, co-pastors of the Prince of Peace congregation, on this birth of their first child, Phoebe Anna, last week. We also celebrate with the proud grandparents, Irv (pastor at West Charleston) and Nancy Heishman (Director of the Office of Ministry for the Church of the Brethren).
- Kevin Kessler, District Executive Minister of the Illinois/Wisconsin District recovering from surgery.
- Russ Matteson, District Executive Minister of the Pacific Southwest District, is dealing with a blood clot in the calf of his leg.
- Roger Crusier, pastor of the Circleville congregation, recovering from broken bone near hip.
- The Constance congregation continues to worship in space graciously provided by the nearby Hebron Lutheran Church.
- May we continue to lift Bruce and Mary Sue Rosenberger, as they both deal with various health issues.

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 in pastoral search, Larry Tyner is serving as interim; Fred Bernhard is serving as interim pastor at Brookville during this time of transition; White Cottage has called Ricci Arthur, a retired United Methodist pastor, to serve as interim. Tara Hornbacker is serving as interim at New Carlisle. Mel Smith, pastor at Charleston, retiring this year. Angela Asamoah has announced her resignation as pastor at Bear Creek effective the end of September. Bear Creek leadership looking at next steps in their journey.

- 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 considering a move.

Please contact Dave if you know of prayer situations of which he should be aware. May we lift each other in prayer as we strive to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together.