

December, 2019

Adopt a Family That was Affected by Memorial Day

Tornadoes this Christmas During this season of giving, we often look for ways we can reach out to our neighbors and friends who may be struggling. This year, thanks to the organizational efforts of Sam Dewey, we would like to offer the opportunity for congregations to adopt a family that has been affected by the recent Memorial Day Tornadoes. We will be working with the Trotwood Madison School and the Trotwood School systems to coordinate this outreach effort. More information can be found on the district website, or contact your pastor or church office.

Climate Justice Task Force Meeting All are invited to the next meeting of the SOK District Climate Justice Task Force which will be held at Salem Church of the Brethren, on Wednesday, January 8 from 7-9pm. Pastor Doug Kaufman from the Mary Lea Environmental Center will join us via ZOOM and hopefully a member of the local Climate Reality group will join us personally. We also hope to show a video recently done by former Vice President, Al Gore, on the science of climate change and what we might do. We should also have an update on a climate retreat for the Southern Ohio/ Kentucky COB, sometime next fall. Please be in touch with Mark Lancaster at 510-809-6721 or marklancaster116@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Nigerian Meal @ Prince of Peace COB The Prince of Peace COB will be sponsoring and providing a Nigerian Meal on Saturday, January 11, 2020 starting at 12:30 pm. Hassan Dicks and his sister Patricia Amos Doka will be preparing the meal. After the meal, Hassan will be sharing information about the current cultural and religious atmosphere in Nigeria. All are welcome to experience this cultural event. Reservations will be needed in order to have a count for the meal preparation by January 4, 2020. The cost of the meal will be a donation to help support Nigerian students studying in United States. Please RSVP to Prince of Peace by January 4. Church's phone number is 937-294-0708 or Email: popcob1956@aol.com

New Carlisle Leadership Academy Presents:

Science Fiction and Theology: Take Two!

February 24-25, 2020; Steve Schweitzer, Leader
This workshop will explore key themes in popular SciFi series: The Matrix Trilogy, Star Trek, and the Marvel superhero movie Black Panther. Each one asks deep questions about the nature of existence, what it means to be human, the nature of violence and peace, and our responsibility to our communities and to the wider world."

Friday evening registration is free. Saturday registration is \$25.00 which includes lunch. CEU's are available. Registration deadline is Friday, January 17, 2020. Need more information or have questions, call or email Vicki Ullery at (937)845-1428, newcarlislecob@gmail.com. →

Looking for a way to make Christmas more meaningful for your family?

Attend a Live Nativity at Potsdam Church of the Brethren on Sat., Dec. 14 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Come and enjoy the live nativity, delicious homemade cookies and cocoa, and even a visit with Santa! The event is free and open to the community at Potsdam Church of the Brethren located at 22 E. Cross St. in Potsdam, Ohio.

Young Adult Gatherings December 21@ 7 PM at Carillon Park
All young adults ages high school graduates through 39 are welcome. Email Laura Brown mbsae37@hotmail.com if you have any questions

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

Local Tornado Response – BDM continues to meet with the Long Term Recovery Group and Volunteer Coordination Committee. With our partners we've prepared homes for winter and delivered furniture. Trainings have been held for assessors and estimators. Case managers have been hired, but more are needed. Volunteer opportunities are posted on MVStrong.org. Please go there to learn of opportunities and to register to help.

Project Updates – Our newest site, Jacksonville, FL, will be open until mid-December, and will then relocate to the Tampa, FL area. The Tampa site is scheduled to be open January 12, 2020 through April 4, 2020. Work will continue in Lumberton, NC through April 2020. The site in Castaner, Puerto Rico has been extended through May 2020.

2020 Trips – The 2020 trip schedule is posted on the website. The January 19 – 25 and February 9 – 15 trips are to Lumberton, NC, where BDM is working on recovery from Hurricane Matthew (2016) and Hurricane Florence (2018). The March 14 – 22 trip is to Tampa, FL which is recovery from Hurricane Irma (2017). Invite a friend to join you! Sign up by calling or texting Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

2020 Sewing Bees – Sewing Bees are scheduled for sewing school bags for Church World Service. They will be held at Greenville Church of the Brethren and Eaton Community Church in 2020. A flyer showing the dates and locations can be found on the district website. The next sewing bee will be in Greenville on Saturday, February 22. For more information call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442.

Kroger Rewards – In 2019 BDM has received \$733.29 through Kroger Community Rewards. Sign up using #KN085 for S. Ohio/KY BDM to receive rewards. Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com or by phone (800-576-4377).

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District (sodcob@brethren.org) or 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.***