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Empowering Disciples



January, 2020

### **Camping and Retreat Upcoming Events**

*(Brochures and registration forms for all events are available on the district website or ask your church office.)*

#### **Winter Blast**

January 17&18 at Cricket Holler

Prepare yourself for lots of outdoor fun along with cabin living, devotions, a pancake breakfast, swimming, and much more.

#### **Men's Retreat**

February 7-9, 2020 at Woodland Altars

A spiritual weekend for all men ages 16 yrs and older regardless of church affiliation. The retreat offers different registration packages from full to partial attendance. Registration deadline is January 20, 2020.

#### **Simple Living Weekend**

March 27-28, 2020

Plan ahead to attend this new intergenerational camp at Cricket Holler. Designed for all ages, this camp reminds us of the Brethren value of simple living. Activities, crafts, devotions, cabin living . . . lots of fun for all ages. Watch for upcoming registration

**Young Adult Gathering** January 25, 2020 and will be a Paint Night at Happy Corner CoB. All young adults ages high school graduates through 39 are welcome. Email Laura Brown [mbsae37@hotmail.com](mailto:mbsae37@hotmail.com) if you have any questions

### **District Youth Gathering: God In Pixels and Polygons**

January 10, 2020 6-9 PM

West Charleston Church of the Brethren

Interested in playing video games? Interested in creating fun, interactive works? Raul will be presenting what it's like to create video games, tell stories through this medium, and adapt biblical narratives and stories for a new generation. We'll talk about games, get to play a few, discuss some tools for creating your own, and talk about what it's like to work on games.

### **Climate Justice Task Force Meeting**

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 a member of the local Climate Reality group will join us personally. We will show a video recently done by former Vice President, Al Gore, on the science of climate change and what we might do as well as an update on a climate retreat for the SOKD sometime next fall. Contact Mark Lancaster at 510-809-6721 or [marklancaster116@gmail.com](mailto:marklancaster116@gmail.com), if you have any questions.

### **New Carlisle Leadership Academy Presents:**

#### **Science Fiction and Theology: Take Two!**

January 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](mailto:newcarlislecob@gmail.com).

### **Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update**

**2019 Data** - The S. Ohio/KY District has had a very active year with Disaster Ministries. There were 17 rebuilding trips with 139 volunteers. These trips were to North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and St. Thomas at a cost of \$24,000. Locally, through Brethren Helping Hands, there was one ramp project with New Carlisle COB. With the Memorial Day tornadoes, 665 volunteers worked 70+ days at a cost of \$7,000. For Church World Service (CWS), 528 Cleanup Buckets, 2,500 School Kits and 2,200 Hygiene Kits were assembled for \$39,000. At seven Sewing Bees, 61 participants sewed bags for school kits or prepped items for buckets/kits. There was also a trip to the Brethren Service Center with 35 volunteers who processed CWS kits. Through Children's Disaster Services, three volunteers served in Texas and N. Carolina. Thank you to all for your support. Together we bring hope and share God's love.

**2020 Rebuilding Trips** -- Sign up for a trip in 2020! The current site is in Lumberton, NC, and a site in Tampa, FL opens mid-January. Volunteers need to be at least fifteen years old, unless they go with a parent or guardian, and then they may be fourteen. Expenses are covered, and transportation is provided. Volunteers are needed now for the February 9 – 15 trip to Lumberton, NC. Click here for a flyer with the 2020 trip dates. Sign up by contacting Burton Wolf at 937-287-5902 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto: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. Click here for a flyer showing the dates and locations. The next Sewing Bee will be in Greenville on Saturday, February 22. For more information call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442

*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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org)) or visit our website: [www.sodcob.org](http://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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org) **before the 15th of the month.***

