

Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples



February, 2020

Can we talk? Conversations for Change through Story and Song

We are excited to welcome the Ted Swartz and Ken Medema "Can We Talk?" tour to the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District. "Can we talk?" is a rollicking 90 minutes of story, song, laughter and moments of serious reflection around listening and conversation, especially when there is seemingly so much disagreement on issues in the church and society. You will never be more than a few minutes from a laugh or a moment that makes you hold your breath. Don't miss this opportunity. Come join us on Sunday, March 15, 2020 in Northmont High School Auditorium, 4916 National Rd Clayton, OH 45315.

Admission is free. A donation will be collected to benefit Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Disaster Ministry Local Response to support their work with victims of the 2019 Memorial Day Tornadoes. The event is sponsored by congregations of the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District.

Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board Meets in Southern Ohio/Kentucky District

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District is excited to welcome the Mission and Ministry Board. The Mission and Ministry Board serves as the board of directors of the Church of the Brethren, carrying out the direction set by Annual Conference. They meet 3 times each year, twice in Elgin and one time at Annual Conference. Occasionally (every 5 years) they meet at a location other than that. So it is a privilege to welcome them to their meeting on March 13-16 at the Brethren Retirement Community in Greenville, OH. Many of their sessions are open to visitors. The meeting schedule will be posted on www.brethren.org/mmb/meeting-info.html once it is finalized. On Sunday, March 15, MMB members and Church of the Brethren Staff will be visiting various congregations within our district. Be watching for more information about how you can request that someone visit your worship service.

Day of Caring 365 Pancake Breakfast

February 23, 2020

11:30 AM-2:00 PM

Salem Church of the Brethren

6037 Phillipsburg Road Englewood, Ohio 937-836-6145

Proceeds benefit local homeless shelters and foodbanks

Camping and Retreat Simple Living Weekend

March 27-28, 2020

This new intergenerational camp at Cricket Holler is 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. A brochure containing more information, including how to register is available on the district website, or contact your church office.

Young Adult Gathering

The next Young Adult Gathering will be on February 22, 2020. We plan to go bowling at the Poelking Woodman Lanes in Kettering beginning at 7:30. All young adults ages high school graduates through 39 are welcome.

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, February 9 from 7-9pm. Please be in touch with Mark Lancaster at 510-809-6721 or marklancaster116@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

Sewing Bee – On Saturday, February 22, there will be a Sewing Bee at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Come at 9:00 AM to sew school bags for Church World Service school kits. Bring your sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. Click here for a flyer showing the 2020 sewing bee dates and locations. Call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442 for more information.

2020 Rebuilding Trips – Sign up for a trip in 2020! The current sites are in Lumberton, NC, and Tampa, FL. Volunteers are needed for the March 14-22 trip to Tampa and April 26 - May 2 trip to Lumberton, NC. Transportation and expenses are covered by BDM. Sign up by contacting Burton Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

New Trip Flyer – An updated 2020 trip flyer is available on the district website. There is a change for the March 14 – 22 trip. The dates listed now include the extra days needed for travel to Tampa, FL. Also, the June 7-13 and July 12-18 trips are not designated as youth trips. While youth are welcome to sign up, these are open trips for others to sign up as well. Our designated youth trip for this summer will be June 14-18 going to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD.

Brethren Helping Hands Project – BDM has responded to a request by the Urban Ministry Team, that includes East Dayton COB, to help with the renovation of a building for community use. Two workdays have been held in January and more will be scheduled. So far, the work has been hanging and finishing drywall. If you'd like to be involved in this project, contact Burton Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

BDM Appreciation Dinner – Save the date! This year's Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 28 at 6:00 PM at Happy Corner COB.

*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.***

