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Empowering Disciples



March, 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. You will never be more than a few minutes from a laugh or a moment that makes you hold your breath. 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**

It is a privilege to welcome the Mission and Ministry Board of the Church of the Brethren to SOKD. 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. They will meet on March 13-16 at the Brethren Retirement Community in Greenville, OH. The open meeting schedule is posted on [www.brethren.org/mmb/meeting-info.html](http://www.brethren.org/mmb/meeting-info.html).

### **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.

### **Summer Camp Registration Open**

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Camping and Retreat summer camp schedule is online and registration is open. As always, there are many exciting camps to choose from for all ages. The complete schedule is on the district website, or ask in your church office.

### **Young Adult Gathering**

The next Young Adult Gathering will be on March 21, 2020. We are looking forward to a personal tour of the Dayton Peace Museum. All young adults ages high school graduates through 39 are welcome.

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

The SOKD climate justice group will meet at the Salem Church of the Brethren at 7pm, Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Please join us as we plan for a *Caring for climate: Beyond Denial and Despair* retreat for district churches October 23-25, 2020 at a site here in the Dayton area. We will also be working on ways to support congregations that hope to make a difference through their actions related to climate change.



### **Hymn Sing Benefits SOKD Camping & Retreat Ministry**

Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren, located at 7240 Peter's Road, Tipp City, Ohio, invites you to a Hymn Sing featuring "Rising Faith" on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 4:00 pm. Rising Faith is a husband and wife gospel duet spreading God's word in music, song and testimony. We will join together singing our favorite hymns. A free will offering will be taken to support camping in our district. For information contact Pastor Mark Lancaster at 510 809 6721 or email at [marklancaster116@gmail.com](mailto:marklancaster116@gmail.com)

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

**BDM Appreciation Dinner / RSVP** - This year's Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 28 at 6:00 PM at Happy Corner COB, 7037 Union Rd., Clayton. All who have worked with and/or supported BDM through rebuild trips, local response, Church World Service kits, and donations are invited to attend. RSVP by March 15 by calling/texting Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com). (Please let us know if you are a vegetarian or need a gluten free meal.) We look forward to a time of fellowship, sharing BDM experiences and upcoming ministry opportunities.

**Sewing Bee** – On Saturday, March 28, there will be a Sewing Bee at Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Rd. 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. There will be work for nonsewers, preparing items for cleanup buckets. Call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442 for more information.

**2020 Rebuilding Trips** – Volunteer now! The April 26 – May 2 trip to Lumberton, NC needs five more volunteers. There are also volunteers needed for May 24 - 30, June 7-13, and July 12-18. These are open to adults and youth (fifteen and older, fourteen if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian). Transportation and expenses are covered by BDM. Sign up by contacting Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com).

**Youth Trip to the Brethren Service Center** – New this summer is the June 14-18 youth trip to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. This includes two travel days and three days for processing school kits and hygiene kits for Church World Service. Youth must be at least 14 years old to participate. Lodging will be at Best Western in Westminster, MD. Transportation will be provided. Participants will cover their expenses for lodging and most food. For additional information or questions contact the trip leader, Tony Price, (937-997-3675, [pastortony-price@gmail.com](mailto:pastortony-price@gmail.com)).

*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.***