

Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples



September, 2020

2020 District Conference

October 9 & 10, 2020

Theme: Christ's Ambassadors

A complete conference schedule can be found on the district website.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, and our care for the safety of one another, the 2020 District Conference will for the first time be in a virtual online format. A special newsletter will be coming out mid-September with more details and information about conference.

"Monies or Masks" will be our service project at this year's conference.

The pandemic has increased the need for personal protection equipment at the Brethren Retirement Community. We invite congregations to donate monies for the purchase of masks or make masks for staff and residents at the Brethren Retirement Center. Send monetary donations to Southern Ohio/Kentucky district marked "Monies for Masks". If you choose to make masks or purchase them you may send them to BRC at 750 Chestnut, Greenville, OH 45331. Mark them "district conference service project." Let's spread the love and compassion of Jesus Christ as we care for all our BRC folks.

Who Still cares about climate change?

Congregational responses to denial and despair

This "retreat" will take the form of a weekly virtual seminar, beginning mid-October. Registration forms and more information about the speakers and the event are available on the district website.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Women's Retreat

October 23-24, 2020 Theme: This Is Our Prayer

With the Covid-19 Virus still menacing all of us, we have decided to retreat, to give a little extra time for organizing and securing all the details in to have the retreat using the Zoom format. Our theme is a continuation of the summer camp program "This Is Our Prayer." We will begin the retreat Friday evening at 7:00 for a relaxed, social catching-up and sharing of talents and experiences from the past year. Our main presentations and break-out sessions on prayer practices in the midst of all the problems in today's society, will be on Saturday afternoon, from 1:00-4:00. We will have a closing worship just before we leave the retreat. Women who register for the retreat will receive some instructions and a list of items needed for the time together. It will be necessary to have an email address where the Zoom link can be sent. Further details and registration information will be coming soon.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Appreciation - Thank you to all who made donations to S. Ohio/KY BDM. Without our usual income from the Ice Cream Social, Share-a-Meal dinners, and Golf Outing, these gifts will enable the ministry to continue reaching those in need. In 2020 we're rebuilding tornado damaged homes in Dayton and flooded homes in Pamlico County, NC. For Church World Service 1,000 clean-up buckets and 1,000 school kits are being assembled. It's not too late to make a donation! Click here to donate online. Checks can be made out to S. Ohio/KY District COB, with BDM on the memo line. Mail checks to S. Ohio/KY COB, PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331. Thank you for your donations, as we serve Christ by serving others together.

Dayton BDM Site – BDMers are now coming to Dayton to rebuild homes damaged by the Memorial Day tornadoes of 2019. Not only are homes being rebuilt, but hope is being restored. There are more opportunities for local volunteers to serve. To volunteer, contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Clean-up Bucket Assembly – Yes, we're doing another 500 buckets! This is the priority need for Church World Service (CWS). On Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 PM there will be an assembly of clean-up buckets at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Road, Eaton. Thirty volunteers who are eighteen or older are needed. Because of the pandemic, we will need to follow the Covid 19 protocol that Bullens has in place. Volunteers will need to be able to stand for the duration of the assembly because there will be no chairs. Call or text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 to volunteer or for more information.

Sewing Bee – On Saturday, September 26, there will be a Sewing Bee at Greenville COB, 421 Central Ave. Come at 9:00 AM to sew school bags for Church World Service school kits. Bring your sewing machine, an extension cord, a sack lunch, and a mask. Tables will be spread out for physical distancing. Call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442 for more information.

Brethren Service Center Trip – The October 19-23 trip to the Brethren Service Center is cancelled. The Center has announced that they will be closed to volunteers for the remainder of 2020. We are hopeful of having a 2021 trip to help process school kits and hygiene kits for Church World Service.

*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.***

