

*Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples*



August, 2021

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference

October 8 & 9, 2021

Theme: "Move in Our Midst, Thou Spirit of God"

This year's conference will again be all virtual. Because of the planning time needed, and the uncertainty of circumstances when planning began, your Program and Arrangements Committee again made the difficult decision to hold our conference using the Zoom platform.

Friday workshops will be led by the District Racial Justice Commission, the District Climate Justice Commission and by Zach Spidel and Susan Liller about Jesus in the Neighborhood. An afternoon session will explore how the Spirit is moving in our midst through all three of these district ministries. CEUS will be offered for all 3 workshops. A complete schedule of conference can be found on the website. Registration is now open online. All attendees must register to get your Zoom link.

Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren Celebrates 50 years in Current Location

On the weekend of August 28 & 29th, the Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren will celebrate 50 years in its current location. The original dedication took place on Sunday, August 29, 1971. Events on Saturday will include historical displays, church tours, games, music and a supper with homemade ice cream. Our service on Sunday will feature a video documentary of the history of our church, music, and a special recognition of former pastors, student pastors, and their families, followed by a basket dinner (carry-in provided by the Pleasant Hill members), and the opening of the time capsule. We would like to extend a special invitation for you and your family to join us. RSVP at sbb212@hotmail.com or leave a message at 937-676-2281. Please state which dates you will be attending. A full schedule of the events can be found on the district website.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates:

Ice Cream Social – The annual Ice Cream Social Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, August 7, 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Happy Corner COB. Come for supper, pie, ice cream, and fellowship! There will be musical entertainment in the sanctuary for your enjoyment before and after you eat. A flyer showing musical groups and performance times is available on the district website. Sign up to help with Pork Festival Parking or for a BDM trip. Share-A-Meal tickets will be for sale, and there will be an opportunity for turning in coin jars. Invite others and plan to attend! All proceeds benefit S. Ohio/KY BDM, as we support disaster survivors through rebuilding trips and providing Church World Service (CWS) kits and buckets. →

School Kit Assembly – On Thursday, August 19 at 6:30 PM, there will be an assembly of 2,500 Church World Service school kits. It will be at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton. Volunteers are needed to fill and pack the school bags. The Ziploc bags with the five small items have already been filled, which is a change from previous years. This means that all jobs will be done while standing.

Sewing Bee/Prep CWS Items – There will be **work for both sewers and non-sewers** at the August 28 Sewing Bee. It will be held at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Sewers will be making school bags for CWS school kits. Bring your sewing machine and an extension cord. Non-sewers will be preparing items for CWS cleanup buckets and school kits. Bring a sack lunch and come for a time of service and fellowship. For more information call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442. A flyer showing all the 2021 Sewing Bee dates and locations is available on the district website or inquire at your church office.

Dayton BDM Site – Work continues on tornado damaged homes in Trotwood and Dayton. Through the Tornado Survivor Pathways to Home Ownership Program, homes are being gutted and rebuilt. Volunteers are needed September 5-11. To volunteer or for more information, call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Pork Festival Parking – As a fundraiser, BDM volunteers will park cars at the Pork Festival on Sat. and Sun., September 18 & 19. This event is held at the Preble County fairgrounds. Workers are needed, and now is the time to sign up for a shift. Contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902, SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Quilting Camp — There is still room for people to attend Quilting Camp, Aug. 18 - 21. One can register online at the district website or by contacting Karen Dillon: 937-890-7388 or crimdill@aol.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) 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.***