

Southern Ohio District Conference

"We are God's servants working together"

October 10-11

Happy Corner Church of the Brethren

More information, including how to register can be found on our website: www.sodcob.org.

Church Leader's pre-conference:

This year's pre-conference event for church leadership will be held from 1-5 PM at Happy Corner church. A meal will be served only to those who attend the event. It will be led by Jeff Carter, President of Bethany Seminary. The title of the event is "The Church is the Body of Christ". Click here to pre-register. Registration for the event automatically includes a meal.

Business

A change to the Code of Regulations will be presented by the Gifts Discernment Commission. They feel this change better reflects how things are currently being done.

A letter from our Troy congregation requests that we consider selling Woodland Altars.

A response from our Program and Arrangements will be presented for delegates' consideration.

Registration is now open.

One of the most important items needed for the district conference comes from you--the names, email addresses, and addresses of your conference delegates. Information including how many delegates your congregation is entitled to send as well as registration information is available on our website. Click here. We ask that you please register your delegates before September 30, 2014. If you plan to attend conference as a non-delegate, you will also need to pre-register. Registration fees also include the cost of the Saturday meal.

EYN Is Severely Damaged

Nigerian Brethren leader reports

"Save your people, God!" (Psalm 28:9a, CEB).

Global Mission and Service and Brethren Disaster Ministries this week have received new reports from Samuel Dali, president of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria).

EYN closes 26 of 50 district councils, reports 3,038 members killed

Dali shared a report he gave to the Christian Association of Nigeria yesterday, Sept. 29, enumerating losses experienced by EYN and warning of the possibility of "genocide" of Christians in northern Nigeria. He reported that terrorist attacks on some villages including places well known to Brethren--Chibok, Garkida, Lassa, and more--are happening weekly, with little or no resistance from the available security agents. More on this can be found on our website.

Disaster Ministry Updates

Orange Leaf Yogurt in Town and Country Shopping Center is partnering with S. Ohio Brethren Disaster Ministries. Each month they are donating 15% of their sales on the second Monday from 6:00 - 9:00PM. We appreciate their generosity, and invite you to visit their store.

A Sewing Bee will be held on Saturday, October 18 at the Eaton Church of the Brethren, 1407 Barron St., beginning at 9 AM. Bags for Church World Service School Kits, and jackets/gowns for Baby Kits will be sewn. Bring your own sewing machine. Lunch will be served. Invite a friend and come for a time of fellowship and sewing.

Church World Service Clean Up Buckets are in great demand. Another major bucket assembly will occur in November, and supplies will be purchased between now and then. Funds for buckets are needed on an ongoing basis, and may be given through the Southern Ohio [sodcob.org] website. Checks may be sent to:

District of Southern Ohio Church of the Brethren
2293 Gauby Road
New Madison, OH 45346

Camping and Retreat Updates

Woodcutting at Woodland Altars

October 31 & Nov1.

Chalets at Woodland Altars are rented from the end of September through the beginning of December. Firewood will be cut for our guests to use during this time. A chalet will be available for folks who wish to help cut wood to stay overnight. Please bring saws and other equipment needed.

2015 Summer Camping Schedule

The 2015 Summer Camping Schedule is decided! Please take the time to visit our website if you are interested in sending your child to camp or attending one of the many multi-generational camps with your child or grandchild next summer. We are excited about the addition of a Family Camp to the schedule.

Mark your calendars and anticipate early registration opening in January, 2015.

Mark Yaconelli presents

The Way of Radical Comapassion

November 15, 2014

New Carlisle Church of the Brethren

Ask your church office for a flyer with more information, including how to register.

Calling all Dunker Punks

Want to feel like you are back at NYC? Or you missed NYC and want to see an amazing band? Rend Collective will be at The Underground, along with Urban Rescue and Moriah Peters on Saturday, October 25th. Concert is at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m. Click [here](#) or call 513-825-8200 for more information. There is a group ticket price for 10 or more people. The Underground is a concert venue near Forest Fair Mall off of I-275.

Powerhouse 2014

November 15-16, 2014

The Powerhouse regional youth conference has reached its fifth anniversary! Powerhouse will return to Camp Mack again this year, Nov. 15-16, providing a weekend of worship, workshops, music, recreation, and more for senior high youth in the Midwest and their advisors. We hope you can join us for this action-packed and faith-filled weekend as we follow up on National Youth Conference. Opportunities will also be available to visit and tour the Manchester campus (about 45-50 minutes from Camp Mack) before or after the conference, and perhaps as a workshop option on Saturday.

Our theme this year is “Almost Christian: Seeking an Authentic Faith,” drawing on the “Almost Christian” by Kenda Creasy Dean and other study that has been done in this area. We welcome Jonathan Shively, executive director of Congregational Life Ministries for the Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Ill., as our keynote speaker for our three worship times. Seth Hendricks, pastor of Happy Corner Church of the Brethren in Dayton, Ohio, and a member of the band Mutual Kumquat, returns as our music leader.

Cost this year will be \$75 for youth, \$65 for advisors (for extenuating circumstances, please contact us). Everyone will have a bed to sleep in (participants should bring their own bedding and towels), and the camp will be preparing our meals. Click [here](#) for all the forms needed to and a host of other information. Go to www.manchester.edu/powerhouse for more information.

If your group is coming from a distance and needs a place to stay in the area Friday night, please contact us and we can help you make arrangements at Manchester University or with congregations in the area. Please be in prayer for this event and encourage your youth and advisors to attend.