

### **Gifted by God . . . Called by the Church . . . Empowered by the Holy**

**Spirit**--The Council of District Executives is sponsoring a conference for congregational leaders May 14-16 at the Frederick Church of the Brethren in Maryland. The conference entitled, "Gifted by God, Called by the Church, Empowered by the Spirit", is for congregational leaders to provide tools and resources to assist congregations to become healthy, vital, growing communities of faith. Arrangements are being made for CEUs for ordained ministers. We may try to organize a bus to go to this event. Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend this gathering, and encourage several leaders from your congregation to come as well. Watch for more information on the CODE Leadership Facebook page.

**Adam's County Property Update** We've set up a special page on the website where you can view any information on the Adam's County Property including a blog page where you can ask questions or join the discussion.

**New District Mailing Address** Due to safety concerns, we've decided to no longer have our mail delivered to a rural mail box. Our new mailing address is P O Box 785 Greenville, OH 45331. Please make adjustments to your data base to reflect this change.

### **Camping and Retreat Commission updates**

#### **CAMP OPEN HOUSE is MAY 3 from 2-4 PM**

*Come tour the facility and get just a sampling of what your child will experience at church camp this summer.*

It's not too late to register !!!! Camps are not full. All camps will be held at Cricket Holler, except for Quitting Camp which will return to Bergamo Retreat Center. From Adult/Child Camp to the new Family Camp, plans are being made to provide a special, set apart time to experience what living in Christian community is. Each camp is carefully crafted to fit the campers as they explore God's boundless love and His call in their hearts while they live with others sharing the adventure.

Family Camp is new. We will be sharing the Fourth of July weekend together at Cricket Holler. People can come for a day or the whole weekend. Some can camp in tents, RVs, cabins, under the stars or just return home for their own beds. Lunch, supper, and snacks will be shared together, but breakfasts are on your own. Highlights will include family Bible study, games, free time, swimming, campfires, singing, seeing fireworks, and eating together. What a special time this will be honoring a national holiday with church friends and family! Come and join in the celebration and fun.

**Volunteers are NEEDED.** Camp counselors, cooks, Bible study leaders, singers,

campfire builders, dish washers, crafty people, storytellers, and even warm bodies are all needed to make camp an exciting and wonderful place to be. Volunteers can be used for as little as an hour or as much as a week or more. Kitchen help is really needed to provide delicious, home cooked meals to the campers and leaders who often say they are starving from all of their activities. Please look over the list of dates to find the time you could serve in this vital camping ministry. The rewards are great when one sees the happy faces around the tables as campers and leaders enjoy, food, fellowship, and fun.

### **Disaster Ministry Updates--**

#### **Sewing Bee**

On Saturday, May 2 at 9:00 AM, there will be a BDM Sewing Bee at Eaton COB, 1407 N. Barron Street. School Bags will be sewn for kits being sent to Church World Service. Sewers bring your sewing machine. Others may bring scissors to cut out gowns for baby kits. Come join together in a time of service and fellowship. Lunch will be served.

#### **Volunteer Now!**

Four more volunteers are needed May 24-30 in Spotswood, New Jersey for Superstorm Sandy Recovery. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Burton Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

#### **New Windsor Trip**

Registration is open for an October 26 – 30 trip to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. Three days will be spent working with CWS kits and for SERRV. Lodging and meals will be in Zigler Hall. For more information and a registration form visit our website, or contact your church office.

**Prayers for Nigerian Church and the Kidnaped Girls** Updates can be found at [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org)

#### **Are You A Dr, Nurse Practitioner, RN, LPN, Or EMT?**

The First Aid Office at Annual Conference in Tampa is looking for DR.'s, RN's, LPN's and EMT's who would be willing to volunteer a few hours during Annual Conference this summer. Kathi Horrell is coordinating the First Aid Office this summer in Tampa and would be glad to hear from willing volunteers! Please contact her at: [neonpalmtree@gmail.com](mailto:neonpalmtree@gmail.com).

**National Older Adult Conference** September 7-11, 2015, at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in western North Carolina. Registration is now open. More information can be found at [www.brethren.org/NOAC](http://www.brethren.org/NOAC)

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, the Southern Ohio District ([sodcob@brethren.org](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org)) or you can always 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.*

