

2015 District Conference: "Toward a 20/20 Vision"

This year's District Conference will be held October 9 & 10 at Happy Corner Church of the Brethren. The theme is "Toward a 20/20 Vision". Conference this year will be quite different since it features six different workshop opportunities. The conference will be both inspirational and informational--not only for pastors, but for all church leaders and other persons interested in seeing their congregation develop a vision to reach out into their respective communities--offering their neighbors and friends the opportunity for a transformed life through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Registration will be open soon. In the meantime, we invite you to visit our website to see what workshops are being offered. As workshop descriptions become available, they will be posted here.

2015 Annual Conference Sunday!

Join congregations and individuals from around the country as we worship together as one virtual church on Annual Conference Sunday--July 12, 2015.

All congregations are invited to come together in celebration during the Sunday morning worship service at Annual Conference by sharing in the worship webcast. You can broadcast the service live to your church and worship with thousands of other Brethren! Discover how as well as find other information on how to get the most from your conference experience at www.brethren.org/ac.

Special Worship Service Invitation

On Sunday, August 2nd at 6:30 PM, Chaplain Rich Carlson, from the Dayton Dragons, will be speaking at Bear Creek Church of the Brethren. Chaplain Carlson will be sharing about his experience growing up in the gangs of New Jersey and how his inner-city ministry, Power of Three Ministries, is changing the lives of Dayton area youth. This promises to be an evening filled with hope, love and promise. Make plans to join us. The program is free with a free will offering being taken, and refreshments to follow. [at Bear Creek Congregation](#)

Camping and Retreat Commission updates

Summer Camp 2015 is in progress and going well! Watch for more in future newsletters.

Summer Bike Ride--You are invited to join fellow bikers on a leisurely bike ride on July 19. The gathering location is on Dayton Street at the Yellow Springs Village Office and Police and Community Center at 2 PM. Parking can be at this location or you may park at the Subway or Peach's Grill. The ride ends at Young's Dairy. There is no registration fee but you will want to bring money for a sweet treat at the end of the ride! The event is sponsored by the Camping and Retreat Commission.

Golf Outing--Our Camping and Retreat Commission will sponsor their annual golf outing on August 8, 2015 at Beechwood Golf Course. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Camping ministry of Southern Ohio District. If you don't golf, you can still support the ministry by sponsoring a hole. Please join us to make this our most successful Golf outing yet!

Women's Retreat -- on August 28 & 29 at Bergamo Center. The theme is *Feeding your Body, feeding your soul*. The speaker will be Kris Ankeney. Registrations are available through your church office or on our website.

Men's Retreat --was held May 15-17 at Woodland Altars. Fourteen men enjoyed fellowship, worship, and learning together. For a complete report, visit the Southern Ohio website.

Disaster Ministry Updates

Ice Cream Social Fundraiser – August 1 at Happy Corner COB from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. There will be great food, great fellowship, and lots of ice cream! **Special this year is homemade ice cream in various flavors, made by Tim Sheaffer, long term BDM project leader.** It's the same delicious ice cream he makes for us on BDM trips! Come buy a ticket for "Share-a-Meal." Bring the coins you've been saving, or pick up a coin collection jar for the upcoming year. Mark your calendar, invite a friend, and plan to attend! All proceeds benefit S. Ohio BDM, as we serve disaster survivors.

New Windsor Trip - Have you helped with CWS Kits or Clean Up Buckets and want to see the next step in the process? Now is the time to register for the **October 26 – 30, 2015** trip to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. Three days will be spent working with Church World Service kits and for SERRV. Lodging and meals will be in Zigler Hall. Please visit our website for more information and a registration form. **Registration deadline is July 17.**

Sewing Bee – July 25 at 9:00 AM at Eaton COB, 1407 N. Barron Street. Sewers bring your sewing machine for sewing school bags. Others may bring scissors to cut out gowns for baby kits. Bring a sack lunch or McDonalds is next door. The cooks are on vacation this month!

Hygiene Kits Needed - With the earthquake in Nepal, Church World Service needs hygiene kits. S. Ohio BDM is responding to this need. Congregations and individuals are invited to contribute, so that items can be purchased in bulk for \$5 per kit. Donations may be given through the Southern Ohio [\[sodcob.org\]](http://sodcob.org) website. Checks may be sent to: District of Southern Ohio Church of the Brethren, PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331. Please designate that the gift is for hygiene kits.

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.

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) or you can always 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.

