

## **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. We invite you to visit our website to see what workshops are being offered.

Registration is open online. Delegates *and Non-delegate attendees must register*. Non-delegates may attend this conference at no charge although donations for the meals will be accepted. Child care will be available. Please fill out the appropriate online registration form if you will require child care so that we can make appropriate plans.

## **Youth Theatre Camp 2015**

The Potsdam Church of the Brethren would like to invite youth grades 5-12 to participate in a theatre camp August 10-14. This event is offered to youth at no charge. Click [here](#) to download a flyer with more information.

## **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.

## **Inter-generational Vacation Bible School**

*August 4-6 at the Salem Church of the Brethren*

*Sponsored by Salem, Trotwood, and Happy Corner Churches*

Step back in time and experience the excitement of a biblical marketplace! Learn about Jesus and how people lived in bible times. Become a member of the twelve tribes of Israel and enjoy music, drama, storytelling, crafts, and more! All ages are welcome. A sack lunch or bring your own. This is an inter-generational event and all ages are welcome. Children under 4 years old must be accompanied by an adult. A flyer with more information is available on the website.

## **Camping and Retreat Commission Updates**

### **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** is August 28 and 29, at Bergamo Center. It is an early retreat that it avoids NOAC and other conflicts in September. The theme is FEEDING YOUR BODY, FEEDING YOUR SOUL, with Kris Ankeny. Kris Ankeny is a registered dietitian who is

currently the Director of Food and Nutrition Services at Reid Hospital in Richmond, IN. Originally from the Pacific Northwest, she and her husband Curt have resided in Clayton, Ohio for the past twelve years. Kris is from the Quaker tradition but has attended Happy Corner Church of the Brethren since moving to Clayton and is active in many ministries there.

The retreat will feature many new ideas about taking care of ourselves, sharing talents, making a tasty concoction, and building up the sisterhood of the women in the District. Mark your calendars for this exciting, inspirational, engaging time. Go to our website or check with your church office for a registration form.

## **Disaster Ministry Updates**

**New Windsor Trip** – Only three rooms left! The registration deadline is passed, but we want to fill all the rooms. Now is the time to register for the October 26 – 30, 2015 trip to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. Come see the next steps in the process for CWS Kits and Clean Up Buckets. Three days will be spent working with Church World Service kits and for SERRV. Lodging and meals will be in Zigler Hall. Please click here for more information and a registration form.

**Support S. Ohio BDM by visiting Chili's Restaurant** at a Dayton location or in Richmond, IN. Take one voucher per person to Chili's on the last three weekends in August. If our sales reach \$500, they will donate 15% of the total amount to Southern Ohio BDM. Click here to print the voucher. This is for August 13 - 16, August 20 – 23, and August 27 – 30.

**School and Hygiene Kits** - We now have over 1,000 bags sewn for Church World Service school kits! Supplies to fill the bags are being purchased in bulk. On July 28 residents from the Brethren Retirement Community assembled the 500 hygiene kits. These will now go to the warehouse in New Windsor, MD until they're shipped to the point of need. Thank you for your support! A donation of \$5 enables us to buy supplies for one hygiene or school kit. Donations may be given through the Southern Ohio [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 CWS kits.

**Congregational Visits** - Would your congregation like to learn more about Brethren Disaster Ministries? We welcome the opportunity to come to your church to share about BDM. We are available for programs of varying lengths. For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Burton Wolf at 937-287-5902 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com).

## **Walter Beachy visits Brethren Heritage Center**

Brethren Heritage Center is proud to announce the widely accomplished Anabaptist historian Walter Beachy on Friday, September 11, 2015 at 7 pm at Brethren Heritage Center, 428 N Wolf Creek St, Brookville Ohio. Walter Beachy is a published author of "Living In the Light", his theme on how to live here on earth while expecting the Lord's return. Originally his text was a series given at a Mennonite Kansas Bible conference where the leadership thought it should be published so the vision can be a reality.

Walter Beachy came from an Amish family of 12 raised in Plain City, Ohio. He and his brother

attended a local Mennonite revival and shortly converted. He attended Rosedale Bible College, ordained in 1960, married Mary Jane in 1955 they had 5 children currently have 19 grandchildren. He pastored until 1999 when he retired at 65 years old. Walter's life has been dedicated to researching and teaching the history of the Anabaptist movement, including their doctrine and theology.

Walter Beachy will be at Brethren Heritage Center at 7 pm on Friday, Sept 11, 2015. The Center is located at 428 N Wolf Creek St, Brookville, Ohio.

Any questions and directions call 937-833-5222.