

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 now open online. Delegates and non-delegate attendees must register. Non-delegates may attend the conference at no cost, however a donation for meals will be accepted. Child care will be available. Please fill out the appropriate registration form online to request child care so that arrangements may be made.

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 -- 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.

Adult Vacation Bible School--August 3-6, 2015 at Salem Church of the Brethren. 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.

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 Bar and Restaurant at a Dayton loca-

tion 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 [\[sodcob.org\]](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 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.

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. Any questions and directions call 937-833-5222.

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.

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. A flyer with more information is available on our website.

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.

