

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

Our 161st conference is only a few short days away. 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.

This year's delegates will be asked to make two important decisions:

1. Whether to accept two separate offers to purchase the property in Adam's County--one for the purchase of the undeveloped wooded acreage, the other for the purchase of the buildings.
2. How to proceed as we continue to face financial challenges.

More information on both of these items can be found on our website.

Other reports are also posted and changes will continue to be made as conference approaches. Check back often.

All attendees (delegates and non-delegates) must register. If you have not done so and you plan to attend, please attend to registration as soon as possible so we can make appropriate preparations.

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.

Spaghetti Dinner

All are invited to the Emmanuel Spaghetti Dinner, 5657 Rosebury Drive, Huber Heights on Saturday, October 17, from 5-7 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

Disaster Ministry Updates

Sewing Bee- In September we sent 1,084 School Kits and 22 Baby Kits to the Brethren Service Center. Now it's time to start sewing again! Come on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 9:00 AM to Eaton Church of the Brethren, 1407 N. Barron Street. Sewers bring your sewing machine for sewing school bags. Others may bring scissors to cut out gowns for Baby Kits. Lunch will be served.

Volunteer Trip Opportunity – Volunteers are needed for a Nov. 15 – 21 trip to Spotswood, New Jersey for Superstorm Sandy Recovery. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Burton Wolf at 937-287-5902 or [click here to email](#).

BDM Sites – Work in Spotswood, NJ will continue through the third week of January 2016. At that time BDM will complete its Superstorm Sandy Recovery. The next work site, yet to be

determined, will open the second week of February. Locations being monitored as a possible BDM site are in Wise County, VA, Southern WV, and Southeastern, KY. All three of these areas have been hit with flash flooding multiple times in 2015. There is much work to be done at the BDM site in Loveland, CO. As of now, the plan is for this site to continue through the summer of 2016.

Ice Cream Social and Chili's Fundraisers - Thank you to all who supported S. Ohio BDM in our recent fundraisers. At the Annual Ice Cream Social about 400 attendees, including 83 volunteers, raised \$7,708.93. Through using vouchers at Chili's restaurants the last three weekends in August, \$395.05 was raised. This generous support is very much appreciated, and will be used to support BDM trips and assembling 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.

Powerhouse regional youth conference will return to Camp Mack again this year for its sixth edition, providing a weekend of worship, workshops, music, recreation, and more for Midwest senior high youth and their advisors. We hope you can join us Nov. 21-22 for this great weekend! Our theme will be "An Attitude of Gratitude," looking at ways we live out and express thankfulness. Rich Troyer of Middlebury, Ind., former district youth coordinator for Northern Indiana, will be our keynote speaker for three worship times. Opportunities will also be available to visit and tour the Manchester University campus (about 45 minutes from Camp Mack) before or after the conference, and as a workshop option on Saturday.

Visit www.manchester.edu/powerhouse and you will find a variety of information and forms needed for each participant to register. All forms (four total) must be completed for participants to attend. Forms should be downloaded, printed, and mailed to the university with payment when completed (see below for mailing information); make enough copies so that each participant has one copy of each form.

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, and the camp will be preparing our meals. Checks should be made out to and sent to Manchester University, 604 E. College Ave., North Manchester, IN 46962. We are also working on an online payment option for this year; stay tuned!

If your group 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, or at Camp Mack (at your own additional cost). Please be in prayer for this event, and encourage your youth and advisors to attend.

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