

### **161st District Conference Wrap-up**

Our 161st conference is now a part of Southern Ohio District's history.

This year's delegates made three important decisions:

1. Accepted two offers for Camp Woodland Altars: One from the Nature Conservancy for 1.2 Million for the Wooded acreage and one from Tom Partin for approximately \$300,000.00 for the developed acreage. Detailed information will be publicized once the surveying is completed.
2. The budget presented by the District Board was accepted. During the upcoming year, listening sessions will be held as we discern what God's vision for our district is and how each of us is being called to participate.
3. As a district we will enter into a time of reconciliation which will be guided by a professional organization that specializes in this sort of work.

Be watching for more information on these three decisions in upcoming months.

Each year at District Conference, we take time to recognize ordained ministers who are celebrating special ordination anniversaries (5 year, 10 year, 15 year, etc.) This year four ordained ministers were recognized for 50 years or more of ordained ministry. Bill Kidwell (60 years), Mike Hodson (50 yrs.), Charles Cupp (50 years), and Glenn Timmons (50 years). All three of the 50 year ministers were from Southern Ohio District, graduated from Bethany Seminary together, and are again together in Southern Ohio District.

### **Cookie Camp**

Do you love to bake cookies for the holiday season? Would it be more fun to bake while fellowshiping with others?

Join us from 9-12 Saturday, December 5 at the Salem Church to bake cookies. All ingredients will be provided.

A flyer with more information is available on the District website.

### **Disaster Ministry Updates**

**Volunteer Trip Opportunity** – Two volunteers are needed for the Nov. 15 – 21 trip to Spotswood, New Jersey. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Burton Wolf at 937-287-5902. This will be our final trip for Superstorm Sandy recovery. BDM is nearing completion of our work there, and the site will close in January.

**2016 BDM Trip Schedule** - Sign up for a 2016 BDM trip! S. Ohio will have crews serving February 14 - 20, April 24 - 30, and November 27 - December 3 at a site to be opened in either Wise County VA or southern WV. May 28 - June 5, June 18 -

26, and July 9 - 17 crews will go to Loveland, CO. The September 3 - 11 and October 8 - 16 trips will be to Loveland, if there is work to be done there. If not, the Loveland site will be closed, and they will go to another newly opened site. Please share these dates with your congregation. To sign up for a trip, call Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or click here to email. S. Ohio BDM looks forward to sharing God's love by helping disaster survivors in 2016. Come join in the ministry!

**Sewing Bee for Church World Service** - Come on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 9:00 AM to Eaton Church of the Brethren, 1407 N. Barron Street. Sewers bring your sewing machine for sewing school bags for CWS kits. Others may bring scissors to cut out gowns for Baby Kits. Lunch will be served. Invite a friend, and come for a time of service and fellowship!

**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).

**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](http://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.

*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.*

