



Summer Camp Updates

There is still time to get registered for summer camp . . . But only a little!! If you would like more information about dates and cost, please visit the Outdoor Ministries section of our website at www.sodcob.org.

We do not want any child to be prevented from attending a church camp due to financial hardship. There is a lot of scholarship money available. You can find more information about how to apply on the above website.

Special District Conference

July 27, 2013 10 AM-2 PM

Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren

The purpose of this conference will be to receive District Board recommendations regarding Woodland Altars and Outdoor Ministries. Due to the extreme importance of this decision and the emotion which surrounds it, the Board feels a special conference is warranted to allow sufficient time for prayer and discussion during the discernment process. Each congregation can determine whether you will use your delegates from the 2012 conference or the newly called delegates who would be serving at the 2013 conference. Registration of delegates is available through the district website. No meal will be served; come early for light refreshments.

Southern Ohio District begins Vital Ministry Journey

Congregational health and vitality is a priority for the Southern Ohio District. We want you to be alive in Christ and thriving in your local community. If you share that same vision, we encourage you to send your pastor and a team of three to five lay leaders to Happy Corner Church of the Brethren on August 10, 2013, 10 AM-2 PM. There we will introduce the Vital Ministry Journey (VMJ). VMJ is a process that empowers congregations to recapture a dynamic vision and mission so as to live abundantly and be God's blessing to its community. Your District Missional Renewal Team will walk with you through a 60-day process of prayer, Bible study and small group conversations shaped just for the congregations of our district. For more information including how to register, visit our website, www.sodcob.org

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministry Updates

We continue to collect money for Clean Up Bucket Kits. You may donate on our website (sodcob.org--requires credit card) or mail a check to 2293 Gauby Rd. New Madison, OH 45346. Mark "Clean Up Kits" on the memo line. You can also find a list of our upcoming trips on the District website.

Gifts Assessment tool available

The Southern Ohio District New Church Development Commission, along with several other districts, recently participated in a web conference with the denominational New Church Development Team about a new assessment process for folks who

are interested in the possibility of a church planting ministry.

Although geared toward those discerning if church planting may be a ministry for them, the results can be affirming of other ministry skills as well. It takes about 15 minutes to complete and the results are immediately available. The site does require that you register, if you do so, please choose Church of the Brethren from the drop down menu for your affiliation. A second level of assessment, consisting of several assessment tools, is also available for \$89.00. Visit www.sodcob.org to find a link to this information.

Help Needed at Annual conference

We are in need of volunteers to serve as Floor Tellers during the business sessions of Annual Conference. Delegates and Non-delegates alike can volunteer for this position. The Tellers see that all printed information is provided to the delegates so that they can fulfill their responsibility. Any standing vote count is also handled by the Tellers. If you are willing to serve, or know of someone who is, please contact Mark Liller (Head Teller) at mwiller@gmail.com or 814-695-3979.

Brethren World Assembly--Lodging Still needed

Happening only once every five years, the next Brethren World Assembly will be held at the Brethren Heritage Center in Brookville, Ohio from July 11-14, 2013. The theme: Brethren Spirituality: How Brethren Conceive of and Practice the Spiritual Life. As the Brethren Heritage Center prepares to host the Brethren World Assembly on July 11-14, 2013 they are in need of some Brethren families who would like to provide lodging in their home for one or more persons attending the BWA, including some visitors from our sister denomination (EN) in Nigeria. If you can help with this, would like to register or would like additional information, please go to the Brethren Heritage Center web site: www.brethrenheritagecenter.org or call the Brethren Heritage Center 937-833-5222 during normal open hours 10:00 - 4:00 Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Everyone has one . . . what will you do with yours?

This workshop will be presented by Brethren Benefit Trust at the Brethren Retirement Center in Greenville on Tuesday, June 11 beginning at 3:00 PM. the workshop is free and open to the public.

Annual Chicken Barbeque

Salem Church of the Brethren Saturday, June 15, 2013
4:30pm-until sold out--Carry-out or Dine-in.

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.

