



### **Outdoor Ministries Workday**

Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 is work weekend at Woodland Altars. We will work on the Family Camping Circle Bathhouse as well as cleaning many areas like the chalets, Heritage Lodge, and Sugar Grove. Work begins around noon or whenever people arrive on Friday and will be finished at 4:00 in the afternoon on Saturday. Sleeping accommodations and food will be provided. If possible, please bring building supplies such as: ladders, hammers, nail guns, electric screw drivers, saws, or cleaning supplies such as rags, paper towels, sponges, buckets, step stools, etc. (no chemicals please).

RSVP to 937-890-7388 or email [dom@sodcob.org](mailto:dom@sodcob.org) if you plan to come so that we make arrangements for lodging and food.

### **Summer Camp Updates**

Registration for summer camp is underway and there is room for many more campers. If you would like more information about dates and cost, please visit the Outdoor Ministries section of our website at [www.sodcob.org](http://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.

### **His Hands and Feet Deacon Training**

*Saturday, May 4, 2013 9 AM-3 PM (Registration begins at 8:30 AM)*

*White Cottage Church of the Brethren*

*Registration Deadline April 29, 2013*

Donna Kline, Denominational Director of Deacon Ministries will present three workshops relating to Deacon Ministry: *What are Deacons Supposed to Do, Anyway??; The Art of Listening; and Beyond Casseroles: Offering Support Creatively*. The White Cottage congregation would like to invite any deacon, pastor, or others involved in congregational caregiving, who wish to grow in their ability to do this important ministry to participate.

### **District Board Meeting**

Our next Southern Ohio District Board meeting will be May 4, 2013 --10Am - 4 PM the Brethren Retirement Center in Greenville, OH. Board meetings are open to anyone.

**Journey--A District wide women's Bible Study** will meet May 2 and May16 at 7:00 PM at Mill Ridge Village. They are studying Psalms and all women of the District are invite to participate.

### **Save the Date--A District Pentecost Celebration**

*Sunday, May 19, at 4:00 p.m. at Happy Corner CoB*

The Southern Ohio District will gather for a celebration the entire family will enjoy. You won't want to miss this inter-generational, intercultural experience.

4:00 p.m. A performance by *Yurtfolk*

5:00 p.m. A carry-in meal. For the dinner, please prepare and bring your favorite ethnic recipe (African, African-American, Appalachian, German, Italian, PA Dutch, Spanish, etc.) to share.

5:45 p.m. Games and fun for folks of all ages

6:30 p.m. A closing vesper service.

All activities will conclude by 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

### **Brethren World Assembly**

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](http://www.brethrenheritagecenter.org) or call the Brethren Heritage Center 937-833-5222 during normal open hours 10:00 - 4:00 Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

### **Mission Need**

In addition to many places worldwide where Brethren are active with volunteer work or emergency assistance, the Church of the Brethren carries out mission projects in a number of countries. One such mission location is Proyecto Aldea Global (PAG) in Honduras. Chet Thomas, executive director of PAG, has sent an appeal for the donation of two hay binder units in fairly good condition to help power a ferry boat. If you have a hay binder that you would be willing to donate, or if you simply want to know more about this mission location, you will find more information on our website under the News and Updates link.

*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.*

