

Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples



October, 2022

District Conference Celebrates God's Abundant Goodness"

We eagerly anticipate a return to an in-person District Conference this year. It will be held at the Happy Corner Church of the Brethren on October 7 & 8. All delegates must be present to vote, but we will also be offering two virtual options. Late registrations are still open, but since catering numbers have already been submitted, no onsite lunches will be available.

Virtual options include zoom and Facebook live. Register online if you wish to receive a zoom link. Facebook live will be available during these times:

Friday, October 7	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Saturday, October 8	9:00 am – 10:45 am
	11:05 am – 12:30 pm
	1:15 pm – 4:15 pm

As a part of our celebration, we ask you to join the sponsoring congregations in a "Witness to the Host Communities". We have chosen a ministry of each of these congregations and we are asking you to collect and bring items for these ministries. Items needed are: **Children's books** -- new or gently used; **Children's new underwear**; **Children's socks**; **Soy baby formula**--Parent Choice brand (Walmart); **Almond milk**-- 80 calories per serving; **Size 5 baby diapers**; **Non-perishable food items**; **Hygiene Items**--Hair shampoo/conditioners, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, etc. Please bring items to conference.

FALL AMBASSADORS' MEETING

October 16, 2022

Salem Church of the Brethren 2 - 4 pm

The Camping and Retreat Ministries of the District invite all churches to send their Camp Ambassadors to the fall gathering held at Salem Church of the Brethren, on October 16, at 2:00. We will be enjoying this event together, face-to-face for the first time in several years. The meeting is planned to include updates on the ministries' fall and winter events, information about our Cookie Camp fund raiser, as well as some games, singing, devotions, and reacquainting ourselves. We won't forget the fabulous refreshments. Every church is encouraged to send an ambassador. The ambassador is the link between the church and the Camping and Retreat Ministries. They play an important part in keeping everyone informed and sharing information to and from the churches with the ministry. Ambassadors are keys to maintaining open, clear communications. The Camping and Retreat Ministries highly value the role the ambassadors serve. Thank you to all those who accept God's call in building His kingdom in the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District COB.

Turning Swords into Plowshares: The Story of the Seagoing Cowboys and the Heifer Project

Peggy Reiff Miller, author of The Seagoing Cowboy, will be doing a presentation at the Dayton International Peace Museum October 15. Through historical images on screen and verbal descriptions, Peggy will tell the story of how World War II war ships and the lives of many men were transformed into vessels of peace in the aftermath of the war through the cooperation of strange bedfellows: the secular quasi-governmental United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and the religious Brethren Service Committee and its Heifer Project program. Many southwestern Ohio people played roles in this story, including Heifer International founder Dan West and Dayton International Peace Museum co-founder, Ralph Dull. ALL AGES WELCOME!

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

BDM Appreciation Dinner – You're invited! Come to the annual BDM Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 6:00 PM. We will thank our volunteers, recognize new volunteers, and share information about the work of S. Ohio/KY BDM. This year the dinner is hosted by Oakland Church of the Brethren, 8058 Horatio Harris Creek Rd., Gettysburg, OH. The guest speaker is Matthew Stevens, who will tell about Church World Service. Please RSVP by Oct. 22 to Burt and Helen Wolf (call/text 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com).

Rebuilding Continues – The current BDM rebuild site in Waverly, TN is open through 2022. In Dawson Springs and Bremen, KY there will be a short-term project (3 weeks) working on recovery from the tornadoes of December 2021. S. Ohio/KY BDM is scheduled to work there Oct. 9-15. Transportation, housing, food, tools, and leadership are provided. We currently have an opening for one volunteer. Contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Sewing Bee/Prep CWS Items – The upcoming Sewing Bee/CWS Prep is on Sat., Oct. 22. It will begin at 9:00 AM at Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine for making bags for Church World Service (CWS) school kits. Non-sewers will prepare items for CWS kits. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. Contact Barb Brower (937-336-2442) for more information.

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District (sodcob@brethren.org) or 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**.*