

October, 2022
Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Newsletter
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In Person District Conference will “Celebrate 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. A full schedule is posted on the district website. 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. If you wish to receive a zoom link, please request it on the district website. 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

We will hear stories of celebration from our congregations, our commissions, and our board. But more than that, we will celebrate by serving together!

This year, we are piloting a new way of holding conference. Since we use the campus at Happy Corner so frequently, your Program and Arrangements Committee feels it is unfair to ask them to once again provide all of the volunteer help that it takes to host the district at our District Conference. So, this year the Trotwood, Lower Miami, Good Shepherd, and New Carlisle congregations will join together to provide volunteer help.

Friday morning begins with a training session on Visionary Leadership led by Vicki Ullery and Andrew Wright. This session is open to anyone and CEUs will be given to our pastors. Following our lunch, we will all participate in a service project for the afternoon. [Click here](#) to view a complete list of service projects offered. You will need to choose a first and second choice of which project you wish to participate in when you register.

In addition to our service projects, we wanted to offer an opportunity for the entire district to join together in a meaningful way, even if you are unable to attend conference. Our moderator, Vicki Ullery, along with the Program and Arrangements Commission decided to do this through a "Witness to the Host Communities". We have chosen a ministry of each of the congregations who are helping with District Conference this year. We are asking you to collect and bring items for these ministries. These items will be distributed to the following organizations:

Trotwood CoB- Little Free Library, and Trotwood-Madison City School

Lower Miami CoB--Assistance to Asylum seeking guests, and contributions for St Vincent de Paul

Happy Corner CoB--Blessing Box

New Carlisle CoB--Family & Youth Initiatives

Good Shepherd CoB--Needy Basket of Tipp City and Miami County



Items needed include: **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.

We look forward to seeing you at Happy Corner this fall and to serving together as we "Celebrate God's Abundant Goodness".

Camping and Retreat Ministries 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.

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 SouthernOhiooBDM@gmail.com).

Rebuilding Continues – The current BDM rebuild site in Waverly, TN is open through 2022. The recovery is from flash flooding in August 2021. The homeowners and community members are very appreciative of our work. 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.

Eastern KY Flood Response – Two trips have been made to eastern Kentucky delivering supplies to those impacted by flooding. Donations of nonperishable foods, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies were taken to Oneida, KY in mid-August. This was shortly after the flooding event, and items were being distributed from their fire station. The second trip was to Mt. Vernon, KY with a delivery of the same type of items plus comforters and quilts. These went to Christian Appalachian Project, an ongoing ministry helping those in need. Thank you to all who donated items. They were received with great appreciation!

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.



Prayer Needs

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer. The 2021 Prayer List for Congregations can be found on the District website.

-For the people in Ukraine living in fear, for the families who have lost loved ones, and for those who have been displaced because of the invasion.

- May we remember those congregations in pastoral transition:

- ***Greenville***— Pastor Ron Sherck resignation as of June 19
- ***West Alexandria***—Pastor Brody Rike resignation as of May 15
- ***Oakland***--Andrew Wright, interim
- ***White Cottage*** continues their agreement with a neighboring congregation to supply pastoral services during a time of transition and discernment.
- ***New Carlisle***--Tara Hornbacker, interim
- ***Prince of Peace***-- John Sgro, interim
- ***Trotwood*** -- Rusty Curling, interim
- ***Lower Miami***--Tracy Knechel Sturgis, interim
- ***Beavercreek*** -- Sandy Jenkins, interim pastor
- ***Donnels Creek*** -- Jim Chronister providing pulpit fill
- ***Pleasant Hill*** -- Fred Bernhard, interim
- ***Olivet***—Daniel Fullen resigned

- There are many issues and situations continuing to face us as we minister in our respective locations, including those who are serving in interim situations and others who are in discernment regarding placement or are considering a move. There are others facing health issues, please keep these situations in prayer.

Please contact Nick if you know of prayer situations of which we should be aware. May we lift each other in prayer as we work to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together.