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Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Workshop – On March 17-18, 2023, Oakland Church of the Brethren will host a Children's Disaster Services (CDS) workshop. CDS sets up childcare centers in shelters and disaster assistance centers following natural or human caused disasters. Workers are specially trained to care for traumatized children, providing a calm and reassuring presence. This workshop is for those who want to become CDS volunteers or recertification of current volunteers. Register online at <https://www.brethren.org/cds/training/>. Contact Toni Custer at tcuster77@gmail.com or 937-423-1841 for more information.

Volunteer at New BDM Site – Dawson Springs, KY is the new rebuilding site that opened in January 2023. The work is primarily new homes as 400 of the 1,200 housing units in town were destroyed during the December 2021 tornado. This site will be open for six months with the possibility of being extended. A flyer with the 2023 trip dates is available on the district website (www.sodcob.org) or ask in your church office. Transportation, housing, food, tools, and leadership are provided. Call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join a crew.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – The first sewing bee of 2023 will be held on Saturday, February 25 at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine to make school bags for Church World Service (CWS). Non-sewers will prep items for school kits and cleanup buckets. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. A flyer with the 2023 schedule is available on the church website.

Quilters and Quilting Projects needed

This past autumn, four Perry Township ladies began meeting at the Heritage Center to start-up a quilting group. To date, they have completed two quilts and a third quilt is in the frame. The group would like to offer their services if you have a quilt top that needs quilting. There would be a charge, which will be donated directly to the Brethren Heritage Center. The quilters meet weekly on Mondays from 10 am until 1 pm. Please stop by if you would like to talk to them regarding your quilting needs. We also invite you to join us for quilting.

Trotwood CoB Offers Scholarship for College Students

The Trotwood Church has five scholarships for college students. You can learn more details and ask for an application form by contacting the church at 937-837-6604, Tuesday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon or sending an email to office@trotwoodcob.com. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the number of applicants, the resources available and the guidelines of each contributor. The deadline to have the applications turned in is April 14, 2023.

Calling all Needle Artists!!

Each year the Association for the Arts in the Church of the Brethren quilts wall hangings and auctions them at Annual Conference to raise money for hunger projects. For several years the funds have gone through the CoB Global Food Initiative for Nigeria, where the need is the greatest.

If you would like to participate, please check the district website or ask in your church office for a flyer with more information. Blocks should be completed and mailed before May 15, 2023 so they can be assembled and quilted. It would be amazing if all of our congregations would participate.

*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.***