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Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Newsletter
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More information on Disaster Ministry and Camp Sugarwood including complete schedules, registration forms, etc can be found on the district website: www.sodcob.org.

2024 SOK District Conference
September 27 & 28, 2024

*at Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren
800 E David Rd, Dayton, OH 45429*

With District Conference now being less than a month away, all we now need is you! Please register as soon as possible. Deadline is September 15, 2024.

Ted and Co Benefit Performance for On Earth Peace - September 28 - at Bridge-water Church of the Brethren and streaming online

Join On Earth Peace for its 50th Anniversary celebration with a performance by Ted & Co Theater-Works entitled, "*Just Give 'Em the News*."

For 50 years "On Earth Peace" has been advancing the joyful vision that accompanied the birth of Jesus by developing and walking with leaders working for justice and peace. Ted and Co use humor and professional storytelling to talk about issues of faith and social justice, provoking both laughter and reflection, as all good comedy does. This show, "*Just Give 'Em the News*" is an original, delightfully askew, musical take on the first Christmas, when the good news of "on earth peace" was proclaimed.

For more information and to purchase tickets, use this link: [**Ted & Company Benefit Performance**](#)

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Camp Ambassadors Meeting—The Fall Camp Ambassadors Meeting will be held September 8 from 3:00-4:30 pm at Salem CoB 6037 Phillipsburg Union Rd. Englewood, OH 45322 Ambassadors will gather for fellowship, hear news of the many exciting upcoming events, and enjoy refreshments.

Women's Retreat — Registration is Open for Women's Retreat, and they are due September 4. Women's Retreat will be held September 20-21 at Bergamo Retreat Center 4400 Shakertown Rd. Beavercreek, OH 45430. This year's theme is *The Lord's Prayer: Discovering Jesus' Plan for Transformation* and is being led by Barbara Menke. Please see the registration form for more details. Scholarships are available. Please contact Carrie Drees for questions: cdrees23@gmail.com or 937-564-7346.

Golf Scramble — The Golf Scramble was held August 17 at Beechwood Golf Course near Arcanum. Thank you to everyone who participated either by golfing on a team, providing door prizes or hole sponsorships or volunteering your time to make the Golf Scramble fundraiser a success. Your generosity greatly benefits Brethren Disaster Ministries and Camping and Retreat Ministries. A special thank you to Happy Corner Women's Fellowship for all the work in providing lunch for the day.



Mark your Calendars — District Game Day will be held October 5 from 10am-5pm at West Charleston CoB 4817 S St Rt 202 Tipp City, OH 45371. All ages are welcome to attend. This day of fun and fellowship will give you the opportunity to play board games, card games, and table games with others in the SOK District. You are welcome to come and go as you please. Bring games you wish to play, a snack to share and a monetary donation for lunch. We will be ordering pizza. For questions, contact Carrie Drees at cdrees23@gmail.com 937-564-7346.

Fall Family Gathering will be November 1-2 at Cricket Holler 6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414. A new camp for families of all sizes. Gather your family for a weekend of spiritual growth and fun. Registration opens September 9.

Disaster Ministry Updates

With Appreciation – August was fundraising month for S. Ohio/KY BDM. There were 330 people in attendance at the Ice Cream Social, raising about \$9,100. The Golf Scramble that was held with Camping & Retreat Ministries had 23 teams, and we're awaiting the amount raised. The Darke County Fair parking at Orthopedic Associates had proceeds of \$3,000. We appreciate the support of the S. Ohio/KY District!

Rebuilding Sites – A new long-term BDM rebuilding site opens in September in Letcher County, KY. This is in southeastern Kentucky, where flooding occurred in July 2022. BDM is partnering with HOMES, Inc., an organization that was already working on affordable, sustainable housing prior to the flooding event. BDM will build new homes and do repairs on ones that were flood damaged. We'll have crews working Sept. 8-14 and Nov. 17-23. Volunteers are needed for the November crew. The short-term site that will be open for ten weeks this fall is in Dawson Springs, KY. BDM has already served here and will now be completing homes that we started, as well as build two more. Volunteers are needed Sept. 15-21 and Oct. 13-19. Transportation, housing, food, and tools will be provided. To join a crew call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – More sewers are needed for sewing school bags! Come at 9:00 AM on Sat., Sept. 28 to Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road. The bags are already cut out, so sewers just need to bring their sewing machine. Non-sewers will prep items for Church World Service (CWS) kits. Bring a sack lunch and come for a time of service and fellowship.

Save the Date!

Cleanup Bucket Assembly – Thurs., Oct. 10, 6:30 PM, Bullen Ultrasonics, Eaton
Appreciation Dinner, Sat., Nov. 16 at 6:00 PM, Trotwood Church of the Brethren

Prayer Needs

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer. The 2024 Prayer List for Congregations is available on the district website.

May we remember those congregations in pastoral transition -

- ◆ **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**-- Mark Lancaster beginning June 17, 2024
- ◆ **Donnels Creek**-- Jim Chronister, Interim
- ◆ **Pleasant Hill**— Tom and Paula Bowser, Interim
- ◆ **Trinity**-- John Edwards, Interim
- ◆ **Eversole** — Brent Driver, Interim
- ◆ **Good Shepherd** -- Dennis Delk, Interim
- ◆ **Circleville**--Roger Crusier retired Dec. 31, 2023

- 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.