

October, 2024
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

Another District Conference has come and gone. The pre-conference session on Kingian Nonviolence was led by On Earth peace. As we were preparing for supper and worship Friday evening the power went out! as it dead for thousands in the Miami Valley. Undaunted, Moderator Tracy Sturgis continued with a scaled down but meaningful worship. We gathered again Saturday morning with the power still out. Power was restored around 10:30 for the remaining time. Business went smoothly with the slate and budget being approved by a large majority. We heard reports from all committees and were blessed by the presence of General Secretary David Steele, and Stan Dueck who has been guiding the Visioning Team through their process. We are grateful to the Prince of Peace Congregation for their warm, welcoming hospitality.

The 2025 District Conference will be held at the Oakland Church of the Brethren September 26 & 27, under the leadership of Moderator Tom Menke and Moderator-Elect Linda Brandon Eubank. The theme will be "Embracing our Imperfections". *But he said to me, My grace is sufficient fo you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.* 2 Corinthians 12:9

New Carlisle CoB Hosts Navigating Medicare and Supplemental Insurance

October 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM at New Carlisle Church of the Brethren. This is a free event. To register, call 937-845-1428 before October 6. A flyer with more information can be found on the district website.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Wishlist —Can you help supply Camp Sugarwood with items needed? A wish list has been created through Amazon with items that CRM currently does not have. Many of these items are needed for the camp kitchen and would make it easier to provide meals during camp weeks. If you can help with purchasing an item please [click here](#). Items can be shipped directly to Carrie Drees, Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries. If you have questions please contact Carrie cdrees23@gmail.com or 937-564-7346.

District Game Day —District Game Day is October 5 from 10am-5pm at West Charleston CoB 4817 S St Rt 202, Tipp City. 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. Please bring games you wish to play, a snack to share and a monetary donation for lunch. We will be ordering pizza. You are welcome to come and go as you please. Text or email Carrie Drees with games you are bringing, hoping to play, or if you have questions. cdrees23@gmail.com 937-564-7346.



Fall Family Gathering

November 1 & 2, 2024

Held 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.

Cost: \$70 Adults; \$40 Child

Cost for commuting campers:

\$60 Adults; \$30 Child

Registrations accepted through October 18.

Women's Retreat Sessions on Video - If you missed Women's Retreat or if you attended and would like to hear it again, a video has been made of the sessions. If you would like a copy recorded to a flash drive please let Carrie Drees or Charlene Foster know at cdrees23@gmail.com, charbyclark@aol.com. A suggested donation of \$5 would be appreciated to cover the cost of the flash drive.

Disaster Ministry Updates

Cleanup Bucket Assembly – On Thurs., Oct. 10 at 6:30 PM, there will be an assembly of cleanup buckets for Church World Service (CWS). It will be held at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton. Many workers are needed to fill the 500+ buckets with cleaning supplies. These will be sent to the Brethren Service Center. CWS has contacted us and is counting on these buckets to help meet the needs from Hurricane Helene.

Rebuilding Opportunities – BDM now has two rebuilding sites open. The tornado recovery continues in Dawson Springs, and there is room for more volunteers Oct. 13-19. A new rebuild site is open in Letcher County, KY for recovery from flooding in July 2022. Volunteers are needed for the Nov. 17-23 crew. Transportation, housing, food, and tools will be provided. To join a crew call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com. The 2025 schedule is now available with openings on every trip. **Click Here** for a trip flyer.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – More sewers are needed for sewing school bags! Come at 9:00 AM on Sat., Oct. 26 to Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. 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.

Appreciation Dinner – You're invited! Come to the annual BDM Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 16 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 Trotwood COB, 208 E. Main Street. **Please RSVP by Nov. 1 to Burt and Helen Wolf at SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com or call/text 937-902-3475.**

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**— Open position
- ◆ **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.