

*Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples*



November, 2024

More information on Disaster Ministry and Camp Sugarwood and other announcements, including complete schedules, registration forms, etc can be found on the district website: www.sodcob.org.

Nominations for the 2025 Annual Conference Ballot Requested

The deadline for nominations for the Annual Conference ballot is December 4. The denomination depends on leaders elected at Conference from nominees proposed by the wider church. Several excellent nominations are already submitted, but additional names are needed. The offices that are open for 2025 are the following: Moderator Elect, Program & Arrangements Committee, Mission & Ministry Board from Area 1 (ANE, Mid-Atlantic, MPA, SPA, WPA), Mission & Ministry Board from Area 4 (MO/ARK, NPL, SPL, WPL), Pastoral Benefits and Compensation Advisory Committee-Lait, and Review and Evaluation Committee. Detailed information regarding these positions is available at <https://www.brethren.org/ac/nominations>.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Mark your calendar for Cookie Camp.

Make and Bake Fri. Dec 6 12 pm - 5 pm 6 pm-9pm

Make, Bake and Box Sat. Dec 7 9am-1pm; Pick Up 2pm - 4pm

Come to Salem Church of the Brethren and be a part of this exciting fund-raiser for the Camping and Retreat Ministries of the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District. The money from the sale of our cookies will help fund two Winter Blast weekends for the district's children, teens and their friends: One for elementary age and one for high school age. For more information and to volunteer to make cookies see your Camp Ambassador or contact Carrie Drees at 937-564-7346 or email: cdrees23@gmail.com.

To order cookies please contact your church's Camp Ambassador.

Thank You!

Thank you to those who have made purchases from the Camp Sugarwood Wish list on Amazon. Thank you for your generosity and support of the Camping and Retreat Programs. There are still more items on the wish list. Please follow the link if you would like to support Camp Sugarwood by purchasing an item. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17UUZ989BSJ4D?ref_=wl_share

Winter Blast Registration Opens December 1.

Registration for the two weekends of Winter Blast opens on December 1. Click here for the registration forms and more information.

Disaster Ministry Updates

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. 8 to Burt and Helen Wolf at SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com or call/text 937-902-3475.**

CDS Helene Response – Children's Disaster Services (CDS) has sent teams of volunteers to Fletcher and Asheville, North Carolina. Workers have set up childcare centers in shelters, providing care while parents work on plans for moving forward. One of the team members who served is from the S. Ohio/KY District. Please pray for those impacted by the hurricane, the CDS workers, and for our partner agencies who are also responding.

Bucket Assembly/Donations – On October 10 BDM hosted an assembly of cleanup buckets for Church World Service (CWS). Workers filled 539 buckets with cleaning supplies. We were blessed to be joined by Matt Stevens from the CWS office in Columbus. The buckets were shipped to the Brethren Service Center.

In response to the great need created by the recent hurricanes, S. Ohio/KY BDM will increase the number of buckets/kits for Church World Service. **Donations may be made to: S. Ohio/KY BDM with CWS on the memo line. Send to:
S. Ohio/KY District COB, P. O. Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331.**

Brethren Service Center Trip – S. Ohio/KY BDM had ten volunteers serve at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. They worked three days processing hygiene kits for CWS. These kits are now ready to be shipped to disaster survivors or the economically disadvantaged. The group toured the warehouse and saw our buckets, hygiene kits and school kits that had just arrived.

Rebuilding Opportunities - Join the Nov. 17-23 crew, who will be serving in Letcher County, KY. This is recovery from flooding in July 2022. Transportation, housing, food, and tools will be provided. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com. The 2025 schedule is now available on the website with openings on every trip.

*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.***