

Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples



December, 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.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, approximately 50 issues of the October Messenger that should have contained our Together insert did not contain the magazine. If you received one of those issues, and if you would like to receive the insert, please email the district office. Be sure to include your name and address in the email. We will be happy to send you a copy of the Together insert. (sodcob@brethren.org)

"Together" magazine request for help

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District publishes a magazine twice in the year entitled Together. The magazine is inserted into the denominational publication "The Messenger". The purpose of this "Together" magazine is to inform us of the life of each of our congregations to help us all know how we can support and encourage each other. We are seeking help on the editorial staff of this magazine. Members meet by zoom as needed to share ideas and seek out articles from others in the district. We are currently seeking individuals who may have an interest in joining this editorial team. If you feel a calling to seek out more information about joining this group, please contact Mary Boone at sodcob@brethren.org.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Cookie Camp

You are Invited to Cookie Camp December 6 and 7. If you enjoy baking and fellowship, bring your mixer and willing hands to Salem Church of the Brethren for one or more shifts. The first shift will focus on making lemon cookies, ginger cookies, sugar cookies and chocolate crinkles. The second shift will focus on decorating the sugar cookies and dipping the ginger cookies, as well as making peanut butter blossoms. The last shift will focus on all the rest. Help is also needed during the second and third shifts to box cookies and for clean up. The shifts are: **Friday 12-5pm, 6-9pm: Saturday 9am-1pm.**

For questions, contact Carrie at 937-564-7346 or cdrees23@gmail.com

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.

Save the Date for 2025

Dates for the 2025 Camping Season are on the calendar. Check the website and save the dates for camps you are interested in attending!

Disaster Ministry Updates

Appreciation Dinner – The annual BDM Appreciation Dinner was held on November 16 at Trotwood Church of the Brethren. Twenty-one first-time volunteers were recognized for participating in a rebuilding trip during 2024. Two awards were presented. Rex Miller received the Sledgehammer Award, given to the outstanding rebuilding volunteer. He served extensively as a BDM project leader using his construction and leadership skills as he worked with volunteers. Kathy Hepner received a Service Award for sewing hundreds of school bags for Church World Service school kits. Both Rex and Kathy are members of Trotwood COB. Appreciation was expressed to attendees for the many ways they support BDM including Children's Disaster Services, Church World Service kit assemblies, fundraising, donations, and prayer. Together we rejoice in the ministry accomplished in 2024 and look ahead to 2025.

BDM Meeting – There will not be a monthly BDM meeting in December. Plan to come to the next meeting which will be on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at Mill Ridge Village Community Center. Fellowship Time is at 6:30 PM, and the meeting is at 7:00 PM. Hear from volunteers who served at the Brethren Service Center and from those on the October and November rebuilding trips to Kentucky. We'll review the ministry accomplished in 2024 and look ahead to 2025 opportunities.

2025 Rebuilding Trips – S. Ohio/KY BDM has a rebuilding trip scheduled for January 12-18 and most other months of 2025. Work will be in Letcher County, KY, which is flood recovery from July 2022. Flood damaged homes are being raised and rebuilt, as well as new homes are being built on higher ground properties. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Donations to support the work of S. Ohio/KY BDM are greatly appreciated. Checks to S. Ohio/KY BDM may be sent to S. Ohio/KY District COB, PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331.

*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.***