

January, 2025
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.

Disaster Ministry Updates

2024 Data – Support to S. Ohio/KY BDM was given in many forms: as a rebuilding volunteer, CDS volunteer, sewing school bags, assembling CWS kits, helping with fundraisers, financial contributions, and prayer. All are greatly appreciated as together we bring hope and share God’s love with disaster survivors.

Rebuilding -14 trips with 115 volunteers to Dawson Springs, KY and Letcher County, KY at a cost of \$4,500

Children’s Disaster Services (CDS) – 8 volunteers served on 4 deployments in Ohio, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Florida

Church World Service (CWS) - 564 Cleanup Buckets, 1,344 Hygiene Kits, and 3,139 School Kits were assembled for \$46,200. At nine Sewing Bees, 119 participants sewed bags for school kits or prepped items for CWS buckets/kits. 270 volunteers worked at the Kit/Bucket Assemblies.

Thank you to all the dedicated supporters of S. Ohio/KY BDM!

Rebuilding Trips – Join a rebuilding crew in 2025! S. Ohio/KY BDM has a rebuilding trip scheduled for most months. We will be working in Letcher County, KY with flood recovery from 2022. We’ll be raising and repairing damaged homes and building new homes on higher ground properties. There’s room for two more volunteers on the Jan. 12-18 crew. [Click Here](#) for a flyer with trip dates. Transportation, housing, food, tools, and leadership are provided. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join a crew.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – In 2025 Sewing Bees will be held February through October on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM. They will alternate between Greenville COB and Eaton Community Church. Volunteers will sew school bags for Church World Service (CWS) school kits. Non-sewers will prep items for school kits and cleanup buckets. [Click here](#) for a flyer with the 2025 schedule.



Camp Sugarwood Updates

Winter Blast Registrations Being Accepted

Registration for the two weekends of Winter Blast opened on December 1. Please send in your registrations as soon as possible.

Junior Winter Blast for those in Kindergarten through 5th grade with an accompanying adult is January 10, 6:00pm, after dinner through January 11 at 4:00pm

Senior Winter Blast for 6th grade through 12th grade is January 17, 6:00pm, after dinner through January 18 at 4:00pm

Winter Blast is held at Cricket Holler 6444 Frederick Pike Dayton, OH 45414 and is \$25/person. Bring your friends! Registration forms and more information are available on the district website. .

Quilting and Crafting Day Retreat

February 6, 7, and 8

9am-4pm each day

Happy Corner Church of the Brethren

7037 Union Rd, Clayton, OH 45315

At this day camp, quilters and Crafters will bring projects they are currently working on or projects with which they need help or encouragement. Campers can attend any or all days. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Cost \$20 per day. For info and registration form please visit the district website. Registrations are being accepted.

Registration is opening soon for Church of the Brethren FaithX service trips

Details about FaithX trip options for all ages can be found at www.brethren.org/faithx, and the registration form will be available on this site starting on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00pm Eastern.

What are FaithX service trips?

FaithX trips are short-term service experiences that challenge us to be more aware of ourselves, our communities, and our world. Through FaithX trips, participants grow in Christian discipleship, formed by the command to love God and neighbor, and inspired by Christ's example of humbly serving others. We hope that by serving, we will deepen our faith and grow our compassion as global citizens and children of God.

Who can attend a FaithX service trip?

FaithX trips provide opportunities for all ages to serve! Trips are available for junior high, senior high, junior & senior high combined, adults over the age of 18, older adults over the age of 55, and families comprised of all ages. The FaithX office can also work with your district, congregation, youth group, or family to create a custom trip that works for your unique group's needs.

When does FaithX registration open?

Registration for summer FaithX trips will open on January 8, 2025 at 7:00pm eastern time. Registra-



tion for the spring older adult trip is open now and will close on February 1, 2025. Go to www.brethren.org/faithx to register!

How do I get more information about FaithX service trips?

Visit www.brethren.org/faithx to view the 2025 FaithX schedule and learn more about FaithX service trips. If you did not receive a 2025 FaithX brochure in the mail, reach out to the FaithX Office to have one sent to you. The FaithX Office can be contacted at faithx@brethren.org or 847-429-43

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 -

- ◆ **New Carlisle**--Tara Hornbacker, Interim.
- ◆ **Prince of Peace**--John Sgro, Interim.
- ◆ **Trotwood**-- Mark Lancaster beginning June 17, 2024
- ◆ **Donnels Creek**-- Jim Chronister, Interim—resigned December 31, 2024
- ◆ **Pleasant Hill**—
- ◆ **Trinity**-- John Edwards, Interim—closing December 31-2024
- ◆ **Eversole** — Brent Driver, Interim
- ◆ **Good Shepherd** -- Dennis Delk, Interim
- ◆ **Circleville**--open position

- 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.

