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### **Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference**

The SOK District met together at the Oakland Church of the Brethren September 26 & 27 for district conference. We would like to thank them for their warm hospitality as they welcomed the us to their campus. 57 Delegates represented 20 congregations at this year's conference. We had a total of 98 attendees.

Check the district website for a more complete wrap-up.

The 2026 conference will be held on September 25 & 26 at the Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren. The Moderator is Linda Brandon Eubank and the theme is "The Least of These".

### **Camp Sugarwood Updates**

**Camp Ambassadors Meeting** *Camp Ambassadors meeting* will be held at Salem CoB on October 5 from 3:00-4:30. Camp Ambassadors come to find out what Camping and Retreat events are happening this Fall and Winter. In addition to event information, we will have a time of devotion, play a game, have snacks, fellowship, and perhaps sing a song or two. For those unable to attend, please be on the lookout for a camp packet in your church mailbox.

**Registration is Open Fall Sewing and Crafting Day Retreat:** October 20-22 at Oakland Women's Retreat: October 31-November 1 at Bergamo Retreat Center Fall Family Gathering: November 14-16 at Cricket Holler Fall Family Gathering Worship Service: November 16 at Cricket Holler 10am (no registration needed) Elementary Winter Blast: January 9-10 at Cricket Holler Jr and Sr High Winter Blast: January 16-17 at Cricket Holler Winter Sewing and Crafting Day Retreat: February 5-7 at Happy Corner Information for these events can be found at [sodcob.org](http://sodcob.org) or from your camp ambassador after October 5.

**Worship at Camp Sugarwood** Everyone is invited to join in worship at Camp Sugarwood Fall Family Gathering on Sunday, November 16 at 10am at Cricket Holler Schiewetz Leadership Training Center, 6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414. Pastor Lee Saylor will be delivering the message on Isaiah 43:19-21 "Behold, I am doing a new thing!" No registration is needed. Come as you are!

### **Trotwood CoB Celebrates 125 Years of Ministry**

On Saturday, October 18th, you are invited to the Trotwood Church of the Brethren's 125th Anniversary Celebration! A special program will be held at 5:30 in the church sanctuary. As we look back over the church's history, there will be several former pastors in attendance who will be sharing memories. Singing and a special skit will also be part of the program which will then be followed by a time for fellowship. Sunday worship, at 10:45 on October 19th will be a continuation of our 125th Anniversary Celebration. All are welcome to attend! The Trotwood Church of the Brethren is located at 208 East Main Street, Trotwood, Ohio 45426 and is handicap accessible with an elevator near the back entrance. For questions, please contact our church office at 937-837-6604 or office@trotwoodcob.com.

### **Pitsburg Church hosts "Biblical Exploration"**

Mel Menker will be leading a weekend conference on "Biblical Exploration" at Pitsburg Church of the Brethren on October 10th and 11th. The cost is \$35. CEUs will be available for an additional \$10. The opening session begins at 3:00 pm on Friday. for more info go to [www.pitsburgcob.org](http://www.pitsburgcob.org)

### **Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates**

**Volunteers Needed Oct. 12-18 in TN** – A new short-term site is open for eight weeks in Johnson County, TN for Hurricane Helene recovery. We've signed up for a full crew and have four open slots. Housing will be at the First Christian Church in Mountain City, TN. To join a crew call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com).

**Rebuilding in KY** Nov. 9-15 – Flood recovery continues in KY, as we partner with HOMES, Inc. Houses are being built in Chestnut Ridge, a higher ground property in Knott County. There are four openings on this trip. Contact Helen Wolf to sign up.

**Cleanup Bucket Assembly** – On Thurs., Oct. 23 at 6:30 PM will be the assembly of cleanup buckets for Church World Service. It will be held at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton. Workers are needed to fill the 500+ buckets with cleaning supplies. Plan to attend!

**Sewing Bee/CWS Prep** – Come to the Sewing Bee/CWS Prep at Greenville COB on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9:00 AM. School bags are already cut out, so sewers just need to bring their sewing machine. Non-sewers will prep items for school kits, hygiene kits, and cleanup buckets for Church World Service (CWS). All are invited to bring a sack lunch. This will be our final Sewing Bee in 2025.

**Fall Bazaar** – New for BDM! Happy Corner COB has invited us to partner with them for their Fall Bazaar. It's on Sat., Nov. 8, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. We are helping with the Cookie Room. Donations of three dozen cookies per kind, cakes, pies, candies, etc. are needed. Just bring them to the church kitchen on Fri., Nov. 7 from 9:00 - 4:00. Plan to donate homemade baked goods and attend! Proceeds from the event are being donated to S. Ohio/KY BDM.

**Save the Date! Appreciation Dinner**, Sat., Nov. 22 at 6:00 PM, Troy Church of the Brethren

*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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org)) or visit our website: [www.sodcob.org](http://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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org) **before the 15th of the month.***