

*Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples*



April, 2023

SOK District Board Meets

The District Board would like to thank the Potsdam congregation for their warm hospitality in hosting the their meeting on Saturday, March 24. There was a lot of positive energy at the board meeting as they discussed ways we can better communicate with one another. If you are interested in the work of the board, they invite you to visit the district website where the archives of past board meetings are available.

Camp Sugarwood Summer Camps Registration open!!

Camp Sugarwood registration is now open. All registration forms will need to be mailed along with a check to Carrie Drees. You can view the camp schedule and download flyers and brochures including registration forms for each camp on the district website or ask in your church office. Many volunteers are also needed. If you are interested in volunteering as a counselor, in the kitchen, lead a bible study, or with any other camp activity, or if you have any questions, please email, text, or call Carrie Drees, cdrees23@gmail.com, 937-564-7346.

You are invited to a Zoom Evening with the Women of SOKD District

Please join us via zoom on April 28th at 7:00 PM for an evening of study, music, and prayer. We invite you to "show & tell" us of any object that reminds you of one or more fruits of the spirit. Go to the district website to request a link for the zoom event and/or download a flyer with more information.

Volunteers needed for 2023 Annual Conference

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District will serve as the host district to the 2023 Annual Conference. It will be held at the Duke Energy Center in Cincinnati, OH. As you can imagine, many, many volunteers will be needed as we serve our sisters and brothers from around the world. Volunteers are needed in many different areas such as unloading supplies off of the truck; ushering; registration, helping with children and youth activities; and more. If you would like to join in as a volunteer to assist the Annual Conference staff in welcoming our delegates and attendees, please visit the district website and complete the online form to give us your information. You will be contacted by the appropriate coordinator.

Retirement Open House

The Eversole Church of the Brethren would like to invite all to a celebration of the 30 years of the ministry of Pastor Mark Bowman as he is retiring. Please join them at an open house at the church on April 26 from 1-4 PM.

Join East Dayton Fellowship in cleaning up Dayton!!

The East Dayton Fellowship (EDF) is one of many organizations working together on Saturday, April 22 during a massive city-wide clean up in Dayton organized by a ministry called Declare. Volunteers will gather at the East Dayton Fellowship (3520 E. 3rd St, Dayton 45403) at 8:30am for registration, donuts and coffee. Volunteers will be provided gloves, trash bags and trash grabbers. We will work until noon followed by a delicious lunch provided by Food for the Journey Project. We hope to demonstrate Jesus' love for our neighbors by getting our hands dirty in the act of cleaning up. Come join us for an opportunity of fellowship and service. If you have any questions, call Pastor Susan Liller, 937-902-2240.

You are invited to Prom at Oakland CoB

April 15, 2023 at the Oakland Church of the Brethren. All proceeds will benefit Disaster Ministries. For more information or to order tickets, call the church office at 937-448-2287.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

BDM Sites – For two weeks in April and ten weeks in the fall, two rebuild sites will be open. The Dawson Springs, KY tornado recovery site will be open throughout 2023. In April a short-term site will be open in eastern KY for flood recovery. No announcement has been made for the location of the second site in the fall.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Short-Term Project in Eastern Kentucky – April 23-29, openings for four volunteers
- Dawson Springs, KY - May 7-13 and Sept. 10-16 as well as other weeks later in the year

To volunteer call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902

or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – On Saturday, April 22 at 9:00 AM a Sewing Bee/CWS Prep will be held at Greenville COB. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine to make school bags for Church World Service (CWS). Non-sewers will prep items for school/hygiene kits and cleanup buckets. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442.

Golf Scramble – Save the Date! On Sat., August 19 the annual Golf Scramble will be held at Beechwood Golf Course. This fundraiser supports BDM and Camping & Retreat Ministries.

*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.***