

**June, 2023**  
**Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Newsletter**  
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## **It's time to register for Summer Camps!**

The Camping and Retreat Committee is busy working on all the fun adventures for each camp. Now all we need are the campers! Send in your registration forms as soon as possible. Remember, scholarships are available if needed.

**Adult/Child Camp–June 8-11 (cancelled due to lack of registration)**  
**Junior Discovery Camp–June 11-13**  
**Sewing and Crafters Day Camp–June 12-15**  
**Family Camp–June 16-18**  
**Creative Arts Camp–June 18-24**  
**Quilting Camp–August 8-11**

Registration forms can be found at [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org) or contact your church office.

## **Everyone is Invited to Salem Church of the Brethren Family Picnic June 25 at 4 PM** ***Honoring Karen Dillon***

The fun starts at 4:00 PM. We will enjoy a meal of woodfired pizza and ice cream made by Dennis Delk at 5:30. The evening will conclude with Vespers at 6:30. Help us to honor Karen Dillon for the leadership she has provided for the Camping and Retreat programs. During our afternoon together we will have a time of sharing stories of how Karen has blessed you and our District.

## **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 [click here](#) to give us your information. This form includes a partial list of volunteers needed. More may be added as the time for conference nears. Please complete the form and you will be contacted by the appropriate coordinator as they look at developing a schedule.

Volunteering allows you to the unique opportunity to experience the worship and observe the business of the church all while serving the body of the Christ. Please consider volunteering.



# Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

**Volunteer Opportunities** – As recovery continues in Dawson Springs, KY, there are openings for July 9-15, Sept. 10-16, Oct. 8-14, and Nov. 5-11. BDM is working with Habitat for Humanity, building new houses to replace ones destroyed by the tornadoes of Dec. 2021. Transportation, housing, meals, and tools are provided. Plan ahead and join a crew! Call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902.

**Sewing Bee/CWS Prep** – On Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 AM a Sewing Bee/Church World Service (CWS) Prep will be held at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine to make school bags for CWS. Non-sewers will prep items for school kits and hygiene kits. Bring a sack lunch and come for a time of service and fellowship. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442.

**Oakland Garage Sale Benefits BDM** - There will be a garage sale at Oakland COB, 8058 Horatio Harris Creek Rd., Bradford. It is on Wednesday, June 28, 5-8PM, Thursday, June 29, 9AM-6PM, and Friday, June 30, 9AM-4PM. This will include a lunch stand and bake sale. All proceeds will go to S. Ohio/KY District Brethren Disaster Ministries. Spread the word and plan to attend!

**Ice Cream Social** – Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 5, 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Happy Corner COB. Come for supper, pie, and ice cream. In the sanctuary there will be musical entertainment. Share-A-Meal tickets will be on sale, and you can turn in and/or get a coin collection jar. All proceeds benefit the work of S. Ohio/KY BDM.

**Golf Scramble** – On Saturday, August 19 the annual Golf Scramble will be held at Beechwood Golf Course. More information can be found on the district website, or check with your church office. This event is sponsored by the S. Ohio/KY District Camping and Retreat Ministries and BDM. Send all registration and sponsorship forms and money to Kevin Dull 554 Westbrook Rd., Brookville, OH 45309. For more information contact Kevin at (937-604-3285), [montpres57@gmail.com](mailto:montpres57@gmail.com).

## *Prayer Needs*

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer. The 2023 Prayer List for Congregations can be found on the District website.

- Susan Liller, co-pastor at East Dayton Fellowship is recovering from surgery.
- For the victims and their families recovering from the never-ending cycle of gun violence.
- The Standing With People of Color Annual Conference study/action committee as they continue their important work.
- Andrew Wright is recovering well from his back surgery. The healing process is a slow one so continued prayers are appreciated.
- For Cleve Bowling who is on the pastoral team at Flat Creek/Mud Lick who has cancer in his throat and voice box and his health is continuing to decline.
- For the people in Ukraine living in fear, for the families who have lost loved ones, and for those who have been displaced because of the invasion.
- May we remember those congregations in pastoral transition - White Cottage continues their agreement with a neighboring congregation to supply pastoral services during a time of transition and discernment. Tara Hornbacker is serving as interim at New Carlisle. John Sgro is serving as interim pastor for the Prince of Peace congregation. Rusty Curling is serving as interim pastor at Trotwood. Tracy Knechel Sturgis is serving as interim pastor at Lower Miami. Sandy Jenkins is serving as interim pastor at Beaver creek. Jim Chronister is serving as interim pastor at Donnels Creek. Fred Bernhard is serving as interim pastor at Pleasant Hill. John Edwards is serving as the interim pastor at Trinity COB. Mark Bowman has retired from Eversole as of April 30.
- Congratulations to Staci Peterson from the Cincinnati COB who has accepted a call to be the Pastor of the Cedar Lake COB in the Northern Indiana district beginning on June 1.
- Andrew Wright has transitioned from Interim Pastor to Coordinating Pastor for the Oakland congregation.
- Brent Driver will begin serving as interim pastor for the Eversole congregation on June 1.
  
- 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.

