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Empowering Disciples



November, 2023

2023 District Conference Wrap-up

With the district conference now in the past, we would like to thank the West Charleston Church for their generous hospitality, to the Program and Arrangements Committee for planning and implementing, to Jonathan Shively and Nate Polzin who shared gifts of leadership, to the staff and District Board who shared many exciting things that are happening in the district, to our Moderator, Ty Pyles and finally to all of the delegates and non-delegates who spoke respectively from their hearts, voted according to how the Spirit led them, and engaged in Christian fellowship with each other. Highlights include: recognizing the East Dayton Fellowship as a congregation; saying goodbye to the West Alexandria CoB as they have chosen to leave the denomination and to the Prices Creek CoB as they are closing; passing a budget for 2024; a tied vote on a query to set aside the 1983 Paper on Human Sexuality that came from Living Peace CoB resulting in the query not being sent to Standing Committee. A more complete wrap-up can be found on the district website.

Standing With People of Color Organizational Events

The Church of the Brethren Annual Conference has called for a three-year denominational process to move toward more vibrant and effective solidarity with communities of color. You are invited to join the efforts of the Standing With People of Color Study/Action process by attending an online meeting **either** November 6th (Monday) **or** 18th (Saturday) to get connected and find your role in our efforts. We need many kinds of assistance - networkers, facilitators, interviewers, writers, etc. and people to pray. More information can be found on the district website, including how to register and receive a zoom link to attend one of these meetings.

Eversole Church of the Brethren Chicken and Noodle Dinner

The Eversole Church of the Brethren (11414 Old Dayton Rd New Lebanon, OH 45345) would like to invite all to their Chicken and Noodle Fundraising Dinner. It will be held Saturday, November 11, 2023 drive through only from 4-6 Pm or until sold out. They are asking for a \$10 cash donation per dinner. Included are: Chicken and noodles, green beans, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, and pumpkin pie.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Cookie Camp is coming!

Cookie Camp is a fundraiser to help keep the cost of Winter Blast down. Orders for cookies are due November 19 and can be made through each church's camp ambassador or by calling Carrie Drees at 937-564-7346. Order forms and cookie descriptions are available on the district website. Cookie Camp will be held at Salem Church of the Brethren December 1, first shift 12-5pm, second shift 6-9pm. December 2, third shift 9-1pm with cookie order pick-

up from 2-4pm. Lots of volunteers are needed to make cookies on Friday and Saturday. Anyone can come, even just for a short time. The only thing needed are mixers for the cookie dough. There will be milk, coffee, and tea to go with all the sampling of cookies. Any questions please contact Carrie by text or call at 937-564-7346 or email cdrees23@gmail.com.

Winter Blast is on the Way

Two weekends of Winter Blast at Cricket Holler will be held in January. Winter Blast for children in grades K-5 and their adult will be January 12 and 13. Winter Blast for youth in grades 6-12 will be January 19 and 20. Winter Blast includes swimming, a movie, devotions, bible study, games and more. The cost is \$25 for each attendee. Registration opens December 1 and are due by December 31. Forms are available on the district website or from your camp ambassador or church office.

Disaster Ministry Updates

BDM Meeting – There will not be a monthly BDM meeting in November or December. The next meeting which will be on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at Mill Ridge Village Community Center. Fellowship Time is at 6:30 PM and the meeting is at 7:00 PM.

BDM Appreciation Dinner – You're invited! Come to the annual BDM Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 6:00 PM at the Brookville Church of the Brethren, 220 Western Avenue. We will thank our volunteers, recognize new volunteers, and share information about the work of S. Ohio/KY BDM. There will be music shared by Brookville's musical group, "Joyful Noise". Please RSVP by Nov. 1 to Burt and Helen Wolf at SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com or call/text 937-287-5902.

Rebuilding Opportunity - The November 5-11 crew will go to eastern Kentucky. There are openings for two more volunteers. Transportation, lodging, food, and tools are provided. Contact Burt Wolf (937-287-5902) for more information or to volunteer.

2024 Rebuilding Trips – S. Ohio/KY BDM has a rebuilding trip scheduled for most months of 2024. January through June will be to Dawson Springs, KY. No location has been determined for the last half of 2024. A flyer with trip dates is available on the district website or check with your church office. Now is the time to join a crew! Call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Donations to support the work of S. Ohio/KY BDM are greatly appreciated. Checks to S. Ohio/KY District COB need to be footnoted BDM and sent to 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**.*