

March, 2024
Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Newsletter
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Camp Sugarwood Updates

Camping and Retreat Ministries Presents District Game Day

March 16, 2024 10am-5pm

You are welcome to come and go as you please.

West Charleston CoB

4817 S. St. Rt. 202

Tipp City, OH 45371

This day of fun and fellowship will give you the opportunity to play board games, card games, and table games with others in the SOKD. Please bring games you wish to play, a snack to share and a monetary donation for lunch. We will be ordering pizza.

No registration is required, but we ask that you text or email Carrie Drees to let her know which games you are bringing or hoping to play, or if you have questions.

cdrees@gmail.com 937-564-7346

Women's Mini Retreat

April 13, 2024 8:30AM-Noon

Salem Church of the Brethren

6037 Phillipsburg-Union Rd

Englewood, OH 45322

Theme: Created in God's Image

Affirming Ourselves and Welcoming Others

In a world that often encourages conformity and discourages unique expressions of self, this retreat celebrates each one of us as a beloved child of God. Instead of turning away from our differences, participants are encouraged to develop a "holy curiosity" about themselves and others. Taking time to listen to one another's stories can help participants recognize existing differences and similarities while appreciating each person's distinctive natures. On this retreat, participants learn about their God-given identity and how their unique story adds to God's creation. More information including how to register is available on the district website.

Camp Sugarwood Registration is OPEN

Camp Sugarwood camp opportunities are open for registration. We have a variety of camps for all ages throughout the year. June camps are held at Cricket Holler 6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414. New this year is Early Bird pricing for our week long Junior and Senior Creative Arts Camps. Both the Junior week and Senior week discount is available if registration forms are re-



ceived by April 15. Scholarships are available for all camps. Flyers with more information including how to register for all camps is available on the district website, or check with your church office.

Registration is OPEN for Pieceful Quilting Camp

Camp Sugarwood is holding Pieceful Quilting Camp at Bergamo Retreat Center in Beavercreek on August 6-9. At Pieceful Quilting camp you can expect Fellowship, snacks, Bible study, learning new quilting skills, games, and relaxation. For [more information](#) and to [register by mail](#)

Scholarships are available. Those who need a scholarship must register by mail.

For more information or questions, contact Carrie Drees, cdrees23@gmail.com or 937-564-7346

Camp Sugarwood Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in various areas. Here are the main areas volunteers help and what they do.

Kitchen Helpers help prepare breakfast, lunch, and supper for campers. Breakfast prep starts at 7am, lunch prep at 10am, and supper prep at 4:00 (times may be adjusted depending on the menu). Kitchen helpers also wash dishes after each meal.

Counselors get to hang out with the campers all day and all night. Each counselor is assigned a group of campers for which they are responsible for. Counselors also help lead activities, devotions, morning watch, vespers, and meal time prayer.

Dean: the dean is responsible for the schedule of the camp, assigning counselors vespers/morning watch/prayer times. The dean also leads vespers, morning watch and a bible study session. Camper medications are distributed by the dean. Campers' workshop choices are assigned by the dean.

Camp-set up is also another time to volunteer. Camp set up at Cricket Holler involves several activities. Volunteers may help bring camp items from the storage unit to Cricket Holler. Volunteers also help clean the lodge by wiping out cupboards, cleaning the fridge and oven, sweeping all the floors, and putting camp supplies away. Cabins are also cleaned and checked as well as stocked with toilet paper, soap, and paper towels.

Bible Study leaders lead an hour long Bible study Monday through Thursday of camp.

Workshop leaders lead the campers in 45 minute workshops teaching them various crafts and activities. Some that we have had recently were: woodworking/making stilts, card making, origami, learning to crochet, making and launching bottle rockets, seashell creations. Anything that is fun, interesting, or a life skill can be a workshop. In previous years, communion bread has been made and check writing has been taught. The sky's the limit for creative workshops.

Other areas you could participate in are leading songs or telling stories at a campfire. Perhaps lead a drumming circle or teach the campers a special way to pray. Do you participate in a special ministry of the church? You can come share that ministry with the campers. We have recently had Bethany Seminary present their opportunities to older campers. Or perhaps there is a service project you know of that the campers could participate in. **If you have an idea to share, I'd love to hear it!**

If you can't volunteer at camp, you can **pray** for camping ministries, campers, counselors, deans, Bible study leaders, workshop leaders, kitchen helpers, and camp set-up volunteers.

Volunteers are also needed as Camp Grandparents! Do you enjoy hanging out with and being a loving presence for children or teens? Then maybe you would enjoy being a Camp Grandpar-
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ent. Camp Grandparents are needed for Junior Creative Arts Camp and Senior Creative Arts Camp. Camp Grandparents get to hang out with the kids. Camp Grandparents do not have a specific task all day long but follow a group of kids with higher needs or simply be of 'presence'. They are around when they can/wish to encourage and be of positive influence. The timing is flexible and can be for as short as an hour to all day long. If you are interested in being a Camp Grandparent please contact Carrie Drees at 937-564-7346 or cdrees23@gmail.com.

Camp set-up at Cricket Holler

6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414

for all of our June camps is on June 5 beginning at 9:00am until completed.

Volunteers in all the above positions are needed during Junior Discovery Camp (June 16-18), Junior Creative Arts Camp (June 16-22), and Senior Creative Arts Camp (June 23-29).

To volunteer for any or all of these needs please contact Carrie Drees at 937-564-7346 cdrees23@gmail.com or Charlene Foster at Home phone: 937-833-3336
Cell phone: 937-572-2882 charbyclark@aol.com

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Intergenerational BDM Trip – New this year! July 21-27 is a BDM trip for adults and youth. It's also an opportunity for grandparents/youth (15 yrs. +), parents/youth (14 yrs.+) to work together rebuilding homes for disaster survivors. The location hasn't been determined yet by BDM, but transportation will be provided. BDM also provides housing, food, tools, and leadership. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join the crew or for more information. A flyer with information about all upcoming trips can be found on the district website, or ask in you church office.

Volunteer Opportunities - Serve with BDM in 2024. We're working on tornado recovery in Dawson Springs, KY through June. An updated flyer with all the 2024 trip dates is available on the district website, or ask in your church office. Note that the October date is 13-19, a week later than originally announced. Call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join a crew.

Cemetery Cleanup Workday – We've been invited to join workers from the South/Central Indiana District to work on Lybrook Cemetery, which has fallen into disrepair. It's the first COB cemetery in Indiana and is located south of Richmond. The workday is Sat., March 9 starting at 8:00 AM. Workers will gather at Four Mile COB, 5022 Kitchel Rd., Liberty, IN and shuttle to the sight. Needed are pickup trucks, chain saws, weed eaters, clippers, workers to carry wood & debris, and kitchen help. Lunch will be provided at Four Mile Church. **RSVP to Anitra Kraus by March 1**(440-444-7017, akraushouse@gmail.com). Additional workdays will be scheduled.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – The first sewing bee of 2024 will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 AM at Eaton Community Church. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine to make school bags for Church World Service (CWS). Non-sewers will prep items for school kits and cleanup buckets. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. A flyer with the 2024 schedule can be found on the district website, or inquire in your church office.

Trotwood CoB Offers Scholarships for College Students

The Trotwood Church of the Brethren has five scholarships for college students. You can learn more details and ask for an application form by emailing the church at office@trotwoodcob.com or calling 937-837-6604 to leave a message. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the number of applications, the resources available and the guidelines of each contributor. Applications will need to be turned in by April 12, 2024.

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.

-**Gary and Karen Crim**-- passing of Karen's father, Dr. Phillip Orpurt

-**Jim and Karen Chronister and family**-- sudden death of their daughter, Shannon Collins.

-**Burt and Helen Wolf** - Burt is feeling better and slowly getting his strength back.

-For the **violence and war in the Middle East**. May the God of peace prevail and lead those on both sides to ending the conflict.

-**The Standing With People of Color Annual Conference study/action committee** as they continue their important work.

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.
- ◆ **New Carlisle**--Tara Hornbacker, Interim.
- ◆ **Prince of Peace**--John Sgro, Interim.
- ◆ **Trotwood**-- Rusty Curling, Interim
- ◆ **Donnels Creek**-- Jim Chronister, Interim
- ◆ **Pleasant Hill**--Fred Bernhard, Interim
- ◆ **Trinity**-- John Edwards, Interim
- ◆ **Eversole**-- Mark Bowman retired, April 30, 2023
- ◆ **Circleville**--Roger Crusier retired Dec. 31, 2023

- 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.