

April, 2024  
Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Newsletter  
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## Camp Sugarwood Updates

**Registrations are being accepted!**

*Women's Mini Retreat*

*Learning and Sharing in Community*

*Created in God's Image*

**April 13, 2024**

**8:30am-12pm**

**Bible Study Fellowship Worship**

**Salem Church of the Brethren**

6037 Phillipsburg-Union Rd

Englewood, OH 45322

For a registration form and for more information

## **Camp Volunteers are needed!**

Please consider volunteering during camp in June. Help is needed in the kitchen, as counselors, bible study leaders, camp grandparents, dean, assistant dean, and workshop leaders. For questions or to volunteer contact Carrie Drees [cdrees23@gmail.com](mailto:cdrees23@gmail.com) 937-564-7346 or Charlene Foster [charbyclark@aol.com](mailto:charbyclark@aol.com) 937-572-2882.

## **Early Bird Price for Creative Arts Camps!**

Take advantage of the early bird price for Junior Creative Arts and Senior Creative Arts Camps. *Registration and payment need to be received by April 15 for the early bird price.*

**Junior Creative Arts Camp** is for children who have completed 3rd grade to 6th grade. It is held at Cricket Holler from **June 16-22**.

**Senior Creative Arts Camp** is for teens who have completed 7th grade to 12th grade. It is held at Cricket Holler from **June 23-29**.

Regular price of camp is \$310 after April 15; **Early bird price is \$290 per camper before April 15.**

Scholarships are available. Forms and flyers are available at [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org)

## **Adult/Child Camp June 6-9**

This camp is for a child (age 5-8) and a special adult in their life (mom/dad, grandparent, etc) to experience camp together. All the activities and meals are prepared for you. Spend the night in a climate controlled cabin, go swimming at the Vandalia Rec Center, and enjoy time together crafting, studying the bible, eating smores at the campfire, and worshipping. Registration forms are available at [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org)



## **Sewing and Crafting Day Camp June 10-13**

Join others each day in either working on sewing/quilting projects brought by our leaders or bring your own craft or quilt or knitting or painting or other creative hobby to work on in the company of others. Lots of laughter and fun and food. A devotional will be offered each day. This camp is held at Cricket Holler from 9am-4pm each day. Scholarships are available. For a registration form [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org)

## **Junior Discovery Camp June 16-18**

This camp is for those who have completed 2nd grade through 4th grade. Campers will join in with the Junior Creative Arts Camp and experience all the regular camp activities: swimming, bible study, workshops, worship, campfire, and cabin life. This camp is for those who may not be ready for a full week of camp. Scholarships are available. For registration go to the district website or check with your church office.

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

**CDS Volunteers Serve** – In response to the series of tornadoes that hit the Midwest on March 14, Children's Disaster Services (CDS) deployed volunteers from the S. Ohio/KY District to two Multi Agency Recovery Centers (MARC)s. The week of March 17 one volunteer was sent to Russells Point and two were sent to Lakeview, in the Indian Lake area. Children were provided with a safe and secure environment in which to play while families sought assistance to aid in their recovery.

**Volunteer Rebuilding Opportunities** – Our current site in Dawson Springs, KY has been extended to mid-August. We're working on tornado recovery as we partner with Habitat for Humanity. An updated flyer with all the 2024 trip dates can be found on the district website. 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](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com) to join a crew.

**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 or parents/youth to work together rebuilding homes for disaster survivors. Youth who are 14 years old must come with a parent or legal guardian. Youth 15+ may serve with or without a family member joining them. The location is Dawson Springs, KY, and transportation will be provided. BDM also provides housing, food, tools, and leadership. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com) to join the crew or for more information. A full schedule can be found on a flyer at [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org).

**Sewing Bee/CWS Prep** – On Saturday, April 27 there will be a Sewing Bee/CWS Prep at 9:00 AM. Come to Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine to make school bags for Church World Service (CWS). Non-sewers will prep items for school kits, hygiene kits, and cleanup buckets. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. A flyer with the 2024 schedule is available on the district website.

## **Save the Dates**

Ice Cream Social – Sat., August 3, Happy Corner COB

Golf Scramble – Sat., August 17, Beechwood Golf Course



## Come *simply* to be *peaceful together!*

at Lower Miami's **Planting Peace** event on Earth Day weekend.

The whole family is welcome to drop by  
on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> between 2-5pm**  
to celebrate the God of abundant love.

- Feed your soul with gospel and folk songs.
- Sing along to your favorite peace songs with Dan Royer-Miller.
- Listen to storytellers Rick Polhamus and Peggy Reiff Miller.
- Plant some sunflowers in our peace garden and take some home.
- Gather with old friends and new for snacks and fellowship.
- Create some art with friends of all ages.
- Jump into the Bounce House for laughs.

Contact Pastor Tracy with any questions.  
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## 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](mailto: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.

-Joice Bernhard and the Bernhard family on Fred's passing.

-Amy Hager and husband Chris Combs - Amy is a member of the District Board and both are members of the Beavercreek COB, they were visiting family in Pennsylvania when Chris fell from a balcony. He is in ICU with a brain bleed, a broken neck and they've had to remove his spleen. He is currently in stable condition.

-Karen Garrett had intestinal surgery and is home recovering.

-Our prayers and sympathy to Jim and Karen Chronister and family on the sudden passing of their daughter Shannon Collins on Monday, January 22.

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

-For **the people in the Indian Lake area** mourning the loss of loved ones, for all the injured around the area and state, and for those who have lost homes and barns due to the tornadoes last Thursday.

-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**— open position
- ◆ **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.