



Special District Conference

July 27, 2013 10 AM-2 PM

Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren

The purpose of this conference will be to receive the following District Board recommendations regarding Woodland Altars and Outdoor Ministries.

Due to the extreme importance of this decision and the emotion which surrounds it, the Board feels a special conference is warranted to allow sufficient time for prayer and discussion during the discernment process. Each congregation can determine whether you will use your delegates from the 2012 conference or the newly called delegates who would be serving at the 2013 conference. Registration of delegates is available through the district website. No meal will be served; come early for light refreshments.

Southern Ohio District begins Vital Ministry Journey

Congregational health and vitality is a priority for the Southern Ohio District. We want you to be alive in Christ and thriving in your local community. If you share that same vision, we encourage you to send your pastor and a team of three to five lay leaders to Happy Corner Church of the Brethren on August 10, 2013, 10 AM-2 PM. There we will introduce the Vital Ministry Journey (VMJ). VMJ is a process that empowers congregations to recapture a dynamic vision and mission so as to live abundantly and be God's blessing to its community. Your District Missional Renewal Team will walk with you through a 60- day process of prayer, Bible study and small group conversations shaped just for the congregations of our district. For more information including how to register, visit our website, www.sodcob.org

Disaster Ministry Ice Cream Social

Last year 127 volunteers were sent to 6 different worksites to help families rebuild their homes following a natural disaster. Did you know that we were able to send all of these volunteers at no cost to their personal budget? This was made possible thanks to donations from individuals, churches, and to their annual ice cream social (their only fundraising event). One way you can help the Southern Ohio District as they continue their ministry of helping families rebuild their homes after natural disasters is by attending this event. This year's ice cream social will be held August 3, 2013 beginning at 4:00 PM at the Happy Corner Church of the Brethren. They will serve yummy ice cream and desserts, have lots of games and other activities for children, and entertainment for the entire family. And don't forget to bring your Change for Change buckets! If you didn't pick up a bucket and begin saving your spare change, you can always start now. Just choose a container to drop your change into and bring it along when you come to the Ice Cream Social.

Attention all SOD youth! Bowling or Ice Cream? Thankfully you do not have to make tough decisions like this. You can do both! Come support Disaster Ministries at their Annual Ice Cream Social, (August 3 at 4:00 at Happy Corner Church) and then come over to Timber Lanes at 7pm to get your bowl on and connect with other youth from across the district. This event is for current high school youth, advisors, and those entering ninth grade this fall. Hope to see you there!

Brethren Retirement Community hosts Gala in the Garden

September 6, 2013

Romer's Catering in Greenville, OH.

This 7th Annual Charity Auction and Dinner begins at 6 PM with appetizers and a Silent Auction followed by dinner at 7:15. The BRC is asking for our congregations to be involved by assembling a basket to be auctioned. For more information visit our website at www.sodcob.org and click on the Calendar link then click on the forward arrow to view the month of September for more information.

District Women's Retreat

September 13 & 14

Bergamo Center in Dayton, OH

Ladies . . . Mark your calendar and plan to attend this year's retreat. It will be held at the Bergamo Center in Dayton, OH. More information can be found on the District Website.

Ted & Company will visit Southern Ohio District on November 24, 2013. Mark your calendar, check the website and watch this publication for more details.

Gifts Assessment tool available

The Southern Ohio District New Church Development Commission, along with several other districts, recently participated in a web conference with the denominational New Church Development Team about a new assessment process for folks who are interested in the possibility of a church planting ministry.

Although geared toward those discerning if church planting may be a ministry for them, the results can be affirming of other ministry skills as well. It takes about 15 minutes to complete and the results are immediately available. The site does require that you register, if you do so, please choose Church of the Brethren from the drop down menu for your affiliation. A second level of assessment, consisting of several assessment tools, is also available for \$89.00. Visit www.sodcob.org to find a link to this information.

For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, the Southern Ohio District (sodcob@brethren.org) or you can always 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.

