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Southern Ohio District Church of the Brethren February, 2010

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157 Volunteers served in four locations during 2009. Week long assignments were in Chalmette La., Johnson Co., Winamac , and Hammond/Gary Indiana. 72 of the 157 were first time workers. What a blessing !!!

We now have a BDM database that is created from copies of the volunteer registration forms for each trip. This is very valuable for contacting workers, screening for first timers, recruiting volunteers as needed, securing workers for special projects. etc. Starting in November 2009 we have welcomed Gene & Sharon Helser as co coordinators for Southern Ohio BDM. Their involvement will allow us to better serve the wide range of activities that BDM is responding to. We look forward to sharing the blessings and the workload with them. Thank you Gene and Sharon for coming alongside.

300 Church World Service School, Health & Baby Kits were collected from Churches across the district and delivered to the warehouse in New Windsor, Md. on December 7 -8. This was very timely since CWS sent out an urgent plea for kits in that month. More are needed.

Craftsman, a remodeling company in Dayton, Oh., cleared their warehouse of 1 of a kind, miss ordered, over stocked & display items & offered them to BDM. The items are new and many are still in their original cartons. These will be distributed to St. Bernard Project in Chalmette,La. to be incorporated into their repair and rebuild projects. These will be a real savings to homeowners.

The BDM Ice Cream Social in Aug. netted \$7,496.72. In Sept. the SOD BDM Team voted to challenge the district churches and/or individuals to match up to \$4,000 of the Ice Cream Social monies to build houses in Haiti for the survivors of 4 hurricanes which struck that already impoverished country in 2008. Response has been **overwhelming!** To date \$15,387.22 has been received. This amount will build 3 houses complete & nearly complete a fourth one. It is hard to comprehend that folks in Haiti are still living under trees or in tent settlements as a result of these 4 vicious storms. Roy Winter, BDM Director, indicates that their team will return from the Jan. 23 trip to Haiti & will bring pictures of progress on the project and updates on the families being served . We will forward the info as soon as it is received. What a blessed way to start the new year!

Our **Southern Ohio Annual Ice Cream Social** will be held at **Happy Corner COB on August 14, 2010**. Funds raised at the Ice Cream Social along with the generous support of individuals and churches continue to make it possible to reach out as we seek to serve where Jesus directs. Galatians 6:2 "Carry each others' burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." . Thank you Jesus for allowing us to do your work.



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Notes from the District:



Saturday Sing - January 23rd

7:00pm at Covington COB:

The Sing is **free and open to the public**, with free will offerings accepted to help offset the expenses of David Radcliff's trip for the 3 day event April 16-18. Come have fun at a musical celebration provided by **Joseph Helfrich, Grateful Four, Community of Song, and Friends...With Strings Attached.** (Bad weather date is January 30th, same place, same time).

Three Day Event: April 16-18, Oakland, Covington, and Pleasant Hill Churches bring David Radcliff of **The New Community Project** to Covington COB. Theme: "**With Malice Toward None, Charity For All**" (Abraham Lincoln). Please visit www.newcommunityproject.org for more information.

Donnels Creek COB:

Donnels Creek would like to announce a **Prophecy Conference** coming up in *April 2010*. It will be led by Mike Wingfield. Mike is an international Bible conference speaker, current events expert and director of Prophecy Today Ministries. He also hosts tours to the Middle East. Dates and times of services will be:

Sunday, April 11 - 9am, 10:10am, and 7pm

Monday, April 12 - 7pm

Tuesday, April 13 - 7pm

Lecture titles will be announced.

Eaton COB: Items for sale to be used in traditional pew setting. These are Aisle candelabras which our Pathfinders' Sunday School class originally purchased to use at the Barron Street facility sanctuary.

They were used at Christmas eve services and also rented for wedding ceremonies. There are 16 pew candelabras with 19 globes (3 extra globes) and some candles. We would consider reasonable offers. The candelabras are white enamel finish and in excellent condition. We also have 100 candles and cup holders for use by individuals (never used). In addition, we have 360 cup holders that have been used. Reasonable offers considered. Contact Ed King-937-456-5612, email: eking26@woh.rr.com.

Oakland COB Dinner Theater Announced:

Oakland COB is presenting **Foxfire** as their 2010 Dinner Theater production. John Dillon and Betty Nichols are the co-directors of this amusing and touching play. Vonnie Jones is dinner coordinator.

The dates for the dinner theater are **March 5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th at 6pm. Cost is \$20.** The play with dessert only is **March 7th at 3pm. Cost is \$9.** Call Brenda Coblenz at **937-548-1895** between 3-8pm for ticket reservations.

Prince of Peace COB:

Dayton Heart & Vascular of Good Samaritan will be sponsoring a preventive health event for local residents. The event is being offered by Life Line Screening and will take place at *Prince of Peace COB, 800 E. David Rd., Kettering, Ohio 45429, on February 22, 2010.*

Life Line screening is the nation's leading provider of preventive screenings and scans for potential health problems related to blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation (irregular

heart beat), which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

All five affordable, non-invasive, painless vascular screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register for a Stroke, Vascular and Heart Rhythm package for \$139 (includes 4 screenings) and add on a bone density screening for \$10. You must pre-register for the screening. Appointments are limited, so sign up now by calling 1-800-407-4557 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com (your PRIORITY code is H S C 3 0 3 4).

Personal Sponsors:

Many people would like to be summer camp counselors but for a multitude of reasons are unable to get away for a week. Now you can fill the role of a counselor by providing the salary of a full-time camp counselor for that week.



For a contribution of \$300 you help Outdoor Ministries hire a Christian counselor for a week, allowing qualified leadership for campers to have an excellent experience at Summer Camp.

Men's Retreat:

Men's Retreat will be February 19-21. Leader, Pastor Jim Chronister, will focus on REST, RESTORE, REORDER LIFE GOD'S WAY using Exodus 20:8-11 as his scripture text. Men's Retreat is an opportunity for men to grow spiritually, and engage in Christian fun and fellowship. Any man 16 and up is invited to attend this weekend. Brochures are available on-line at outdoorministries.org if you have not already received one.

Tony Campolo - March 19 - 20, 2010: Worship and Workshop for Laity and Clergy, New Carlisle COB
Friday, March 19th, 7pm, Worship & Teaching.
Saturday, March 20th, 10am – 2:30pm Workshop.

The purpose of this event is to explore current leadership issues in the small church in the Midwest. What do we need to come to grips with and need to hear for our present and future ministry? Dr. Campolo's books will be available for sale on Saturday only. SERRV Shop will also be set up during the event.

Conference Cost: Friday Night Worship \$10, Saturday Workshop \$25, (Saturday registration includes lunch). Friday & Saturday both \$35. (Payment must accompany registration. Refunds are not available).

Registration forms were given to your District Conference Delegate at District Conference.

For more information contact: New Carlisle COB: 937-845-1428

Website: www.ncbrethren.org (click on news), Registration forms are available to download

Email: Vicki Ullery, Associate Pastor, vicki@ncbrethren.org

This event is sponsored by New Carlisle Church of the Brethren, Rosenberger Ministry Fund, Whotkee R. WeYin? Publishing and the Southern Ohio District.

Mill Ridge Village Activities:



A Salute to Rosemary Clooney - Sandra Butcher performs Rosemary Clooney's songs and talks about her life. **Thursday Feb. 4, 1:30pm.** FREE program, must RSVP to 832-6302. Refreshments available.

Pancake Papas Pancake Breakfast- 7:45-10am for special recipe Pancakes, Landes Sausage, Orange Juice & Coffee \$4 donation. **Saturday Feb. 6th.**

Lincoln Legend- Presenter, Jim Crabtree. His program of education, entertainment, humor, and motivation offers a unique experience for any age group. **Tuesday Feb. 23rd, 10:30am** FREE, must RSVP to 832-6302. Refreshments available.

Remembering Rockwell- An affectionate retrospective of America's greatest illustrator-Norman Rockwell. His light-hearted wit, passion for detail and nostalgic portrayals of everyday life are captured in this program featuring many of Rockwell's works of art. FREE, Refreshments available. Must RSVP to 832-6302. Ceci Wiseloge is the presenter. **Thursday Feb. 18th, 1:30pm.** Feel free to bring your Rockwell items to share.

Experience the Magic of RT. 66- Follow the "Mother Road," Route 66, from Chicago to LA via a slide presentation of its celebrated history from being commissioned in 1926 to its demise in the mid 1980's, when Rt. 66 was retired as a US highway. Nancy Roach, speaker, has photographed along the 2,400 miles of concrete and asphalt pavement known as the "Main Street of America."! **Thursday Feb. 25, 1:30pm.** FREE, must RSVP to 832-6302

Tuesday Feb. 9th Bob Ross Style Oil Paint Class, 10am-3pm. - \$45 includes all supplies. Bring sack lunch and wet ones/paper towels, wear old clothing.. No experience necessary. You will leave with a finished picture. Must Register, call 832-6302. Raeanne Davis, Certified Bob Ross Instructor.

National Youth Conference July 17-22, 2010:

Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado. The theme, "More than meets the Eye" is based on II Corinthians 4:6-10; 16-18. Early registration cost for NYC is \$425. A deposit of \$200 must be paid at the time of registration. Money is non-refundable. The balance is due by April 5. After February 15, registration will be \$450. Registration closes on April 5. Questions? Please e-mail 2010nyc@brethren.org.

Attention Youth and Youth Leaders:

There will be no Bus Transportation to National Youth Conference provided by the district this year.

A Weekend with Donald B. Kraybill - co-author of *Amish Grace - How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*, April 30th -May 2nd

April 30, 2010: Brethren Heritage Center - 7pm "A Coat of Many Colors: The Anabaptist Churches in North America.

May 1, 2010:

Salem COB - 9am-12pm (Workshop for Church Leaders)

"Understanding Apology and Forgiveness: Biblical and Soci-Psychological Perspectives.

Salem COB - 7pm "Amish Grace: Forgiveness in the Face of Tragedy".

May 2, 2010: Salem COB - 10am Sermon: "Why Forgiveness Matters"

Continuing Education Units available through the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, a ministry training partnership of the Church of the Brethren and Bethany Theological Seminary.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR
February 2010 and Beyond:

February 19-21: Men's Retreat,
 Woodland Altars.

March 6: District Board
 Meeting, Brethren Heritage
 Center, Brookville.

May 22: District Board Meeting,
 Union City COB.

August 7: District Board
 Meeting, Cornerstone COB,
 Lewisburg.

October 15-16: Southern Ohio
 District Conference, Oakland
 COB

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Placement Updates:

1. Covington - Barbara Menke
 is serving as Interim Pastor.
2. Good Shepherd - Tom Bowser
 serving as Interim Pastor.
3. Lower Miami - Nan Erbaugh
 serving as Interim Pastor.
4. West Alexandria - Mark
 Gardner serving as Interim
 Pastor.

NOTE: *There will be no
 March memo. Next issue
 will be April memo.
 Deadline for articles is
 3-10-10.*



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**Disaster Relief Ministries
 Auction:**

The Brethren Disaster Ministries Auction at **Harrisonburg Va.** is scheduled for **May 14-15, 2010**. This auction is a major supporter of the BDM outreach. Make a note on your calendar regarding this fantastic event. We will have details available in March.