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Empowering Disciples*



January, 2022

### **You are invited!! Retirement Celebration For Dave Shetler**

The District Board of Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Church of the Brethren would like to invite all to a retirement celebration in honor of Dave Shetler on January 23, 2022 at the Salem Church of the Brethren from 2-5 PM. Donations in Dave's honor can be made to the district Brethren Disaster Ministries, Camping and Retreat Ministries or to the Brethren Retirement Community.

Please join us as we honor Dave's 11 years of ministry to our district as District Executive. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Todd Reish, District Board Chair at 937-621-4172.

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

***BDM Rebuilding Opportunities in 2022*** – BDM is working in Bayboro, NC through April 2022 with recovery from Hurricane Florence (Sept. 2018). Volunteers are needed for March 13-19 and April 10-16. Transportation, housing, food, tools, and leadership are provided. To volunteer, call or text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902. A flyer with all the 2022 trip dates is available on the district website, or ask in your church office.

***KY Tornadoes/ Response*** – Some of the recent tornadoes were within the boundaries of our S. Ohio/ KY District, but not near our Church of the Brethren congregations. With the impacted area being about six hours from Dayton and having no local contacts, we aren't able to lead a response like we did when tornadoes hit Dayton in May 2019. BDM's early response to a disaster is typically through Children's Disaster Services (CDS), and workers helped one day in Missouri. CDS is staying in close contact with Red Cross and will respond as needed. National BDM states, "Given the initial damage assessments, recovery will likely take years, and BDM is prepared to support rebuilding homes and lives. Please pray for the people who were impacted by the Dec. 10-11 tornadoes." Support the Winter Tornado response at **[www.brethren.org/give-winter-tornados](http://www.brethren.org/give-winter-tornados)**.

S. Ohio/KY BDM is in communication with our partners in the Dayton area. Below is information shared by Declare, a group

that we worked with in the Dayton recovery. There are certainly more organizations serving, but this is one that we know about.

#### Volunteer Response

We have been able to connect with the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief team (<https://www.churchesofchristdrt.org/>, based out of the Greater Dayton / Tipp City area and do this regularly) that is providing volunteer coordination in Mayfield, Kentucky. They have established a response station out of two of their partner churches in Mayfield, are already prepared to house volunteers and process them using this form (<https://www.churchesofchristdrt.org/volunteersignup>).

**2021 Data** – S. Ohio/KY BDM had 15 rebuilding trips with 101 volunteers. These trips were to Bayboro, North Carolina and Dayton, Ohio at a cost of \$4,032. Twenty individuals also supported the Dayton site, working partial weeks that totaled 139 days. For Church World Service (CWS), 528 Cleanup Buckets and 2,227 School Kits were assembled for \$29,600. At nine Sewing Bees, 91 participants sewed bags for school kits or prepped items for CWS buckets/kits. This year we had two volunteers care for children through Children's Disaster Services (CDS). Support to S. Ohio/KY BDM was given in many forms: as a rebuilding volunteer, CDS volunteer, sewing school bags, assembling CWS kits, helping with fundraisers, financial contributions, and prayer. All are greatly appreciated as together we bring hope and share God's love with disaster survivors.

**Sewing Bees/Prep CWS Items** –Sewing Bees will be on the fourth Saturdays of the month, February through October. The location will alternate between Greenville COB and Eaton Community Church. The next Sewing Bee will be at Eaton Community Church on Sat., Feb. 26 at 9:00 AM. A flyer with the 2022 schedule is on the district website, or ask in your church office.

*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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org)) or visit our website: **[www.sodcob.org](http://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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org) **before the 15th of the month**.*