

Covington Church of the Brethren Monthly Newsline

June 19, 2026



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- 06/21/2026 **Father's Day
Special Worship**
- 06/22-27/2026 **Pastor Mike on Vacation**
- 06/28/2026 **Guest Pastor-Pam Hitchcock**
- 06/28-7/3/2026 **Pastor Mike @ Annual
Conference (7/5-vacation day)**
- 06/30/2025 **Scholarship Deadline**
- 07/05/2026 **Guest Pastor-Pam Hitchcock**
- 07/15/2026 **Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m. @ Buffalo Jacks**
- 07/15/2026 **Church Board Meeting
4:30 p.m. in church library**
- 08/07/2026 **Seniors Alive! Event
Lower Level 11:00 a.m.**
- 09/07/2026 **Labor Day
(the church office w/b closed)**
- 09/29/2026 **Deacons will be making
Communion Bread
10:00 a.m. -Lower Level**
- 11/08/2026 **Congregational Business
Meeting**
- 11/14/2026 **Apple Dumpling/Noodle
Dinner Day**

Every bad situation will have something positive. Even a dead clock shows correct time twice a day. Stay positive in life. God knows what is best for you.



To the Brethren Church Family,

We, the Class of 66, want to say thank you for letting us use the church to celebrate our 60th year class reunion from CHS. Many of us grew up right here in this church, and many of us are still here today. It still warms our hearts to come back home, and be together to celebrate our 60th Year Reunion from CHS.

Thank you, Class of "1966"



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Seniors Alive!

Eighty-six persons attended the June 5th Seniors Alive event to hear David Norman share his story about being on the last helicopter out of VietNam. He related he served two tours in VietNam, the first being in combat; there were twelve men in his group; four came home. His second tour, he served as a Marine guard at the U. S. Embassy in Saigon. David Norman was one of the brave servicemen who evacuated over 7,000 Americans and allies from the United States Embassy in 1975. Many Americans were safely evacuated by helicopter, but those remaining stranded on the roof of the embassy, included David. A U. S. pilot flying over the embassy at low altitude spotted those servicemen stranded and made a rescue flight under fire and all eleven men made it home alive. He retired from the Marine Corp in 2002 and joined the Miami County Sheriff's Office in March 2003. He retired from the Sheriff's Office in August 2024 as a Captain. He was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the Miami County Recorder. In November 2024 he was elected to be the Miami County Recorder, a position he continues to fill.

Following his presentation, he received a standing ovation, tears from a lady in attendance and several hugs. Everyone present appreciated the courage, the heroism, the sacrifices made by David Norman. A donation will be made to the Miami County Veterans Museum in recognition of Dave's service to his country and the many years of service to the residents of Miami County.

There will not be a Seniors Alive in July; however, we will be back on Friday, August 7th with Dr. Brian Olson who will be speaking about Health and Nutrition for Seniors. Have a safe and Happy July 4th!

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*Thank you to all of our Volunteers who
help make this possible!*

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The Church Board agreed the Weekly Newsletter would be published monthly beginning January 2026. One call, text, and e-mail will be used for the prayer chain. Continue to call Cindy @ (937) 448-0100 to ask for prayer requests to be sent. Text or email is also appreciated. Unless it's an emergency, prayer chain messages (e-mail, text and one-call) are sent starting at 9:00 a.m. and not later than 8:00 p.m. each day.

The prayer list will be in the Monthly Newsletter; however, updates are requested within three months of the original request. If an update is not given to Cindy, the name(s) will be moved to the Ongoing Prayer List. We all know the importance of prayer - the peace the comfort, the concern and the love for one another is so important to those in need. It is also important to give an update to all those answering our prayer requests. Remember when you send a prayer request, YOUR concern becomes OUR concern. It is important to give all those answering your request an update. We CARE too.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Robbin Adams (Marilyn Helman's daughter) is healing following surgery for a broken femur in her right leg. She is continuing rehab and is doing well. Robbin & Rex, Marilyn Helman and family are thankful for your prayers and would appreciate continued prayers for healing.

Karen Crowell (Marilyn Helman's sister) is "back-in the saddle" with her horse shows and mentoring with her grand-daughter. Karen and Marilyn and family are thankful for everyone's prayers.

Linda Dearth (Lea Ann Stevens' sister) is recovering from cataract surgery. Prayers for healing would be appreciated.

Dan & Jayne Hobbs - Dan has finished occupational and physical therapy and is currently in speech therapy. Your prayers are very much appreciated. God bless, Dan and Jayne

Charlene & Ed Ingle and family. Charlene is recovering slowly and dealing with the expected challenges and discomfort following her surgery to repair a broken nose. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Jaxson (Sylvia Warner's great-grandson and grandson of Yvonne & Herb Lear). Five-year-old Jaxson underwent doctor-developed SPML surgery in Texas on 6/12. The doctors were able to help with more than they had planned and are confident it went well. (*The initial surgery was to help him improve chronic pain and enable more movement in his legs.*)

Cindy Miller - Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, calls and texts supporting me due to issues with vision from an internal bleed in my right eye. I am very thankful that it is slowly improving. God bless

Larry & Lori Minnich and family - Larry (Terry Minnich's brother) recently fell and broke his back in two places. He is home but still needs prayers for healing. Carol & Terry are thankful for your prayers.

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Kathy Perrine and her family (friend of Carolyn Wolfe and many others in the church). Kathy is continuing to recuperate and is still living with her daughter and son-in-law, Melissa & Tim. She really appreciates information she receives from home by mail, text, and e-mail and appreciates your continued prayers. To send a card please use the following address: Kathy Perrine

% Melissa McLeod
1314 Oak Hill Lane,
Murphy, TX 75094

Phyllis & Duane Rapp -Phyllis is recovering at home from kidney stone surgery that was successful June 1st. Prayers for continued healing would be appreciated.

Irene Reynolds recently fell and skinned her leg. She has home health nurses for the wound and she is recovering nicely. Prayer for continued healing would be appreciated. -Nancy & Jim Thompson

Pam Swob, niece of Pat McMaken. Pam was Care-flighted to Miami Valley Hospital (6/14) and is in a coma. She has 3 brain tumors. Thank you

Carolyn Wolfe has been released from the hospital, is healing at home, and is getting stronger each day. Carolyn and her family thank you for all the caring you have shown them, including the many prayers, cards and calls over the last six months through all of our ups and downs. God bless you

Cheyenne (Jordan Wolfe's fiance) has been cancer free for a year. She started reconstructive surgery May 6th with several more to follow. Continued prayers would be appreciated. "Even though I haven't met personally with you, God bless you all." Cheyenne.

Ongoing Prayer List

Bernice Davis

Jay Davis (*Bernice Davis's son*)

Sherry Dye (*Esther Field's daughter*)

Michael Hinnegan (*father of Kierra & Chace*)

Dollie Hurley (*Sylvia Warner's sister*)

Elaine Kraus

Todd McAbee (*Esther Field's nephew*)

Carol & Terry Minnich

Fred Mutzner (*son of the late
Ralph & Suzann Mutzner*)

Martha & Dean Nevin

Pastor Dan Poole

Robin Reck

Angie (Shroyer) Smith (*Patsy Weyant's daughter*)

Theresa Swob (*Esther Field's daughter*)

Jay Wackler

Norman & Virginia Wolfe

Alex Yantis (*nephew of Carol & Terry Minnich*)

Richard & Leslie (Porter) Young

Sheron Zimmer (*Peggy Zimmer's sister-in-law*)

People of Israel & Palestine

People of Ukraine

**Southern Ohio/Kentucky
District Office encourages
us to pray for:**

June 21st - COB Annual

Conference

June 28th - Donnell's Creek COB

July 5th - Circleville COB

July 12th - Olivet COB

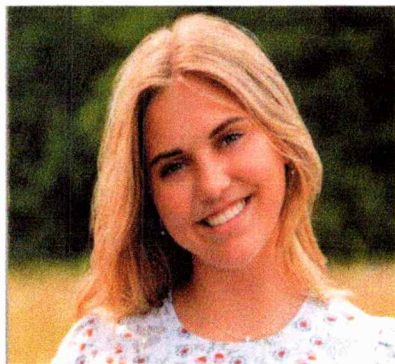
July 19th - Charleston COB

*Prayer updates are very much
appreciated. ♥*

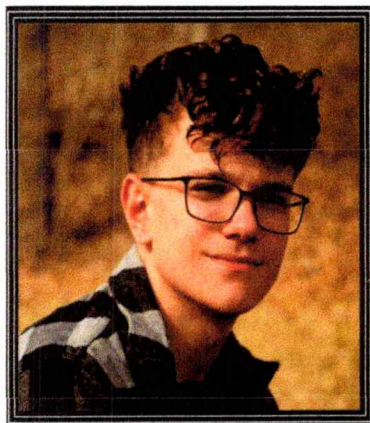
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2026 Graduate Recognition



Emma Rochelle Anderson, daughter of Eric/Shantel Anderson Granddaughter of Dave/Marie Anderson and Sherry Lavy (and the late Roderick Lavy). Emma participated in all 4 years of High School Plays with lead roles in Junior Year in "Guys and Dolls." In Senior Year as Sandy in "Grease." She also participated in Choir and Honor Choir, and the Track and Swim Team. She will be attending Miami University, where she will pursue a degree in performing arts (music and theatre).



Reiley Heck graduated from Upper Valley Career Center May 21, 2026 and Piqua High School May 22, 2026. He is the son of Julie Mullen and grandson of Tom & Becky Mullen.

Reilly graduated with EPA Certification in HVAC from Upper Valley Career Center along with multiple other certificates that are earned with the HVAC Program. He will be entering the work force.



Lauren Overla is a 2026 graduate of Graham High School. During her time at Graham she enjoyed cheering for football and basketball as well as participating in yearbook and National Honor Society activities. Laurens plans to volunteer at the library this summer and in the fall she hopes to take a class at Edison Community College as well as work on her independent living. Lauren is the daughter of Bill and Lisa Overla and granddaughter of Dan & Jayne Hobbs.



Kristen Skinner is 2026 graduate from Bradford High School. She is the great-granddaughter of Norman & Virginia Wolfe and granddaughter of Brenda Baker

Kristen is going on to study respiratory therapy at Sinclair Community College.

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From the Board.....

At the May Church Board meeting, the Board got the first glimpse of the new Remembrance Tree made by Duane Rapp. We sincerely thank Duane for sharing his gift of woodworking and carpentry with us.

The annual Congregational Business meeting will be Sunday, Nov 8th.

The annual Chicken/Noodle and Apple Dumpling Day will be Saturday, Nov 14th.

On Thursday, May 21st, Pastor Mike distributed little snack bags of applesauce and Teddy Grahams to the children on their last day of school at our Church. Aaron and his staff were given a box of candy along with a copy of a letter to Miami ESC thanking them for nearly ten years of a good working relationship, the joy of seeing the children's work on our bulletin boards, the children waving and greeting Pastor Mike with a smile and wave as they arrived and departed each day and the respect and kindness of the Miami ESC with the Church staff. They will be missed.

Vacation Bible School starts on Monday, June 15th through the 19th. Saint Teresa is in charge of the week but held here at the Church of the Brethren.

Next Board meeting is June 17th at 4:30 followed by an Executive Board meeting.



6/21 – Special Father's Day Worship

Led by Kay McKinney with gifts by Sherry Lavy.

6/28 – Guest Preacher: Pastor Pam Hitchcock

Pastor Mike will be at Annual Conference.

7/05 - Guest Preacher: Pastor Pam Hitchcock

Pastor Mike will be on vacation.

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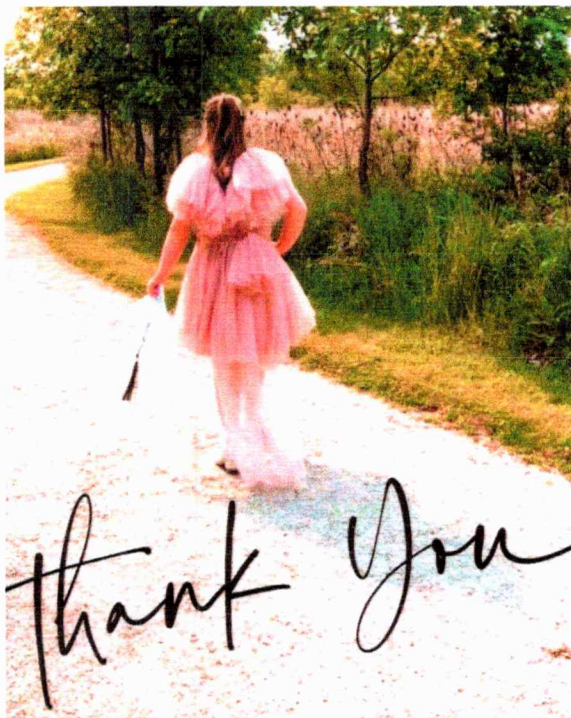
LEMONADE DAY!

HOMEMADE LEMONADE MADE BY SYDNEY GOODGAME



Sydney Goodgame

A Message from Sydney to our church family: *I just want to thank those in my church community that donated, contributed or came to my Lemonade Day. I'm donating \$185 to Our Farm Sanctuary (the animal shelter). And I am forever grateful for all of the church's help, and especially for my grandma's help to make it possible.*



Lauren Overla



♡ Thank you

so much for your continued support and encouragement. You are my favorite people in the world...

My family, friends, teachers and coaches - You have made me who I am and I am forever grateful!

♡ Lauren

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New Sign Board Update

We are part way through being able to purchase our new sign board with having donations so far in the amount of \$8,495.00 as of June 14, 2026. The Church Board and Trustees thank you and appreciate your support. Please continue to donate to the church New Sign Board project.

Request Form:

Dear Church Family & Visitors:

If you would like us to send out a Prayer Chain Message, a Pet-Friendly Prayer Chain Message, Speak to our Pastor, Need a Pastoral Visit, or would like to receive the Weekly News, "Request Forms" are available at each entrance to the church. Please fill one out and put it in one of the offering boxes at each entrance to the Sanctuary. You can also e-mail: covingtoncob@gmail.com or call/text Cindy @ (937) 448-0100. Thank you!

"Checking-In" w/ Pastor Mike

Please join us every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. for our 12-15 minute You Tube video sent via e-mail. Pastor Mike briefly reflects on the many ways scripture shines the light of Christ on our day-to-day living. To be added to our church e-mail list, please send a message to covingtoncob@gmail.com.

The "Checking-in" videos can also be viewed from the church's website at covingtoncob.org or our Facebook page at "Covington Church of the Brethren" Thank you!

Church Trustee Notice:

If you have any Repair & Maintenance concerns for the church, please contact Carolyn Wolfe
Cell# (937) 418-3034

Bethany Center "Food of the Month" "Canned Soup"

The food of the month donations are appreciated to cover some of their most needed food items for families who have less. *(Donation boxes are available at our church entrances.)*

The Weekly News is available online:

<https://www.covingtoncob.org/newsline>



"Pet Friendly Prayer Chain"

Please call:

Office# (937) 473-2415

Cindy's Cell# (937) 448-0100

E-mail covingtoncob@gmail.com



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Pastor Mike shared a letter of appreciation to the staff of the Preschool



Miami County Preschool Banner

This a touching banner created (posted between our church offices) by the Miami County Preschool on their last days at Covington Church of the Brethren. The children and teachers will be truly missed from their smiles, waves and the uplifting sounds of the children in our church.



The preschool children leaving on their last day



Pastor Mike sharing snack gifts for the children on their last day



Happy Birthday!

Birthdays

06/20 Julie Mullen	07/16 Marcus Thelen
06/27 Virginia Wolfe	07/22 Daniel Dunton
06/28 Jayne Hobbs	07/24 Melodie Huffman
06/28 Dean Nevin	07/26 Alyssa Goodgame
07/02 Linda Berrett	07/27 Mauriena Cain
07/03 Reiley Heck	07/27 Vicki Longendelpher
07/05 Nancy Thompson	07/28 Andy Hittle
07/13 Matt Kraus	07/29 Sandy Bowman
07/15 Shirley Reasor	
07/16 Dave Berrett	

Sometimes you have to let things go, so there is room for better things to come into your life.



Miami County CELEBRATES AMERICA-250

PUBLIC READING OF THE Declaration of Independence

featuring the Sons and Daughters of the American
Revolution in Revolutionary War uniforms

JULY 8TH | 5PM Courthouse Plaza

MUSIC • COURTHOUSE TOURS • FOOD TRUCKS

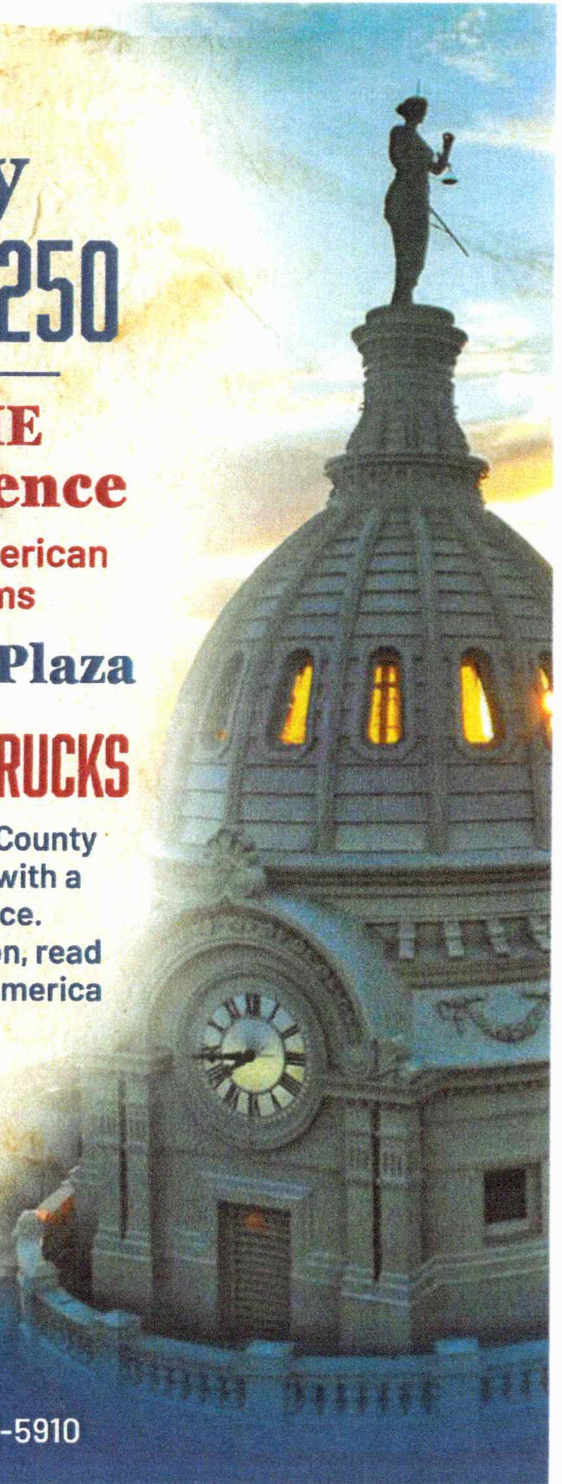
Join the community for a special evening as Miami County
commemorates the founding of the United States with a
public reading of the Declaration of Independence.
Experience the historic words that shaped the nation, read
aloud in the heart of downtown Troy as part of the America
250 – Ohio Celebration.



Scan for Courthouse
Tour Information



Commissioners@MiamiCountyOhio.gov | 937-440-5910



2026 District Conference: Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren
September 25 & 26, 2026

Theme: *The Least of These*

Registration is now open!

This year's District Conference invites us to reflect on Jesus' call to care for "the least of these" from Matthew 25. Friday's sessions will help us better understand the needs of our neighbors through a guided Poverty Experience, followed by presentations from district ministries serving the homeless, immigrants and refugees, foster families, and others in vulnerable situations. The afternoon will also include practical guidance on finding and writing grants to support local outreach. All are encouraged to attend and engage in this meaningful day of learning and service.

District Clerk needed!

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District is seeking a new District Clerk. The position, previously held by a volunteer, has now been designated as a paid role, and the Board is in the process of updating and clarifying the responsibilities to better support the work of the district. This position may be filled by either a man or a woman. If you—or someone you know—would be willing to serve in this vital leadership role, please contact Interim DE Nick Beam (nbeam@brethren.org) or Trent Smith, District Board Chair (pastortrent@happycornerchurch.org) for more information.

Experience Annual Conference

Our Annual Conference this year will be held in Ft. Wayne, IN June 28-July 2. We would like to encourage you to attend in person, if possible. If you can't attend in person, here is a way to attend virtually:

Registration for Non-Delegate Virtual Attendance. Thanks to generous contributions from the Living Stream Church of the Brethren and the Pacific Northwest District we are able to offer the virtual option at no charge for 2026. **All virtual participants must still register between March 4 and June 23.** Virtual attendees are encouraged to make a donation to Annual Conference as an expression of appreciation. Go to www.brethren.org/ac2026/registration and select Virtual Non-Delegate Registration.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Questions? Contact cdrees23@gmail.com or 937-564-7346

District Picnic – June 7; 4-7 PM—wood-fired pizza, homemade ice cream, fellowship, and vespers at Cricket Holler, 6444 Frederick Pike, Dayton.

Adult VBS – June 22–23 9AM–3PM — There's still time to register

Pieceful Quilt Camp – Register by June 14

Pieceful Quilt Camp will be held August 4–7 at Maria Stein Retreat Center.

Register before June 14.

Support CRM Through RaiseRight

Turn everyday purchases into support for Camping & Retreat Ministries. Buy gift

cards through RaiseRight and up to 20% goes back to CRM programs. Use eGift cards, reloadable cards, or the mobile app. Enroll at raiserright.com with code MGV2V7Y2G92N.

Camp Sugarwood Amazon Wish List

New items have been added to the Camp Sugarwood Amazon Wish List. View the list here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17UUZ989BSJ4D?ref=wl_sh

Camp Sugarwood Scholarships

Help send children and teens to camp! Each year, 10–12 campers need financial assistance to attend Camp Sugarwood and Winter Blast. Your gift provides life-changing experiences of faith and growth. Donate at sodcob.org or mail to: SOKD CoB Camping & Retreat Ministries, PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331. Thank you for your generosity.

National Youth Conference (NYC) is coming in 2026!

Registration closes June 26! This life-changing event will be held July 18–23 in Estes Park, Colorado. NYC takes place every four years and brings together high school youth, first-year college students (or age equivalent), and their advisors for a week of worship, fellowship, workshops, service projects, recreation, and spiritual growth. To support participation, the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District is offering a \$1,000 grant for each youth and each advisor attending NYC to help offset expenses. Grant request forms can be found on the district website

Disaster Ministries Updates

Hurricane Helene Recovery through June 6, – Volunteers Needed
Brethren Disaster Ministries is continuing Hurricane Helene recovery work in western North Carolina. Work at this site is scheduled through mid-August.

Sept. 6–12 Volunteer Trip Volunteers are needed for the **September 6–12** trip to western NC. All expenses are covered; transportation and housing are provided. To join the crew, contact **Helen Wolf** at 937□902□3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com. A flyer with all 2026 trip dates is available online.

Annual Conference Breakfast BDM will host a **Volunteer & Supporter Breakfast** at Annual Conference on **Monday, June 29 at 7:00 AM** in Fort Wayne, IN. This free event celebrates all who support Brethren Disaster Ministries and Children's Disaster Services. Pre-register by **June 1** at <https://forms.gle/DKCNPh9SAcLNhaje7> or call **800□451□4407**.

Mark Your Calendar

- **Oakland Garage Sale** benefiting BDM: June 24–26
- **Ice Cream Social:** August 1
- **Golf Scramble:** August 15

*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) or 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**.*

Summer Crossword

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FLIP FLOPS
 SUNBLOCK
 LIFEGUARD
 SANDCASTLE
 SURFBOARD
 UMBRELLA
 SUNBURN
 OCEAN
 FAMILY
 SHOVEL
 JELLYFISH
 SWIMSUIT
 SHELLS
 SHORE
 SNACKS
 WAVES
 CRAB
 SNORKEL
 PAIL
 TOWEL
 PICNIC
 PETS

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