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Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Newsletter  
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## Camp Sugarwood Winter Blasts Right Around the Corner

You still have time to register for Camp Sugarwood's upcoming Winter Blasts!

Elementary (K - 5th) Winter Blast is the weekend of January 13-14, with a paying adult. [Click here](#) to download brochure with registration form.

Middle School, Junior High, and High School (6th - 12th) is the weekend of January 20, - 21. [Click here](#) to download Jr Hi-Sr Hi registration form, or contact your church's ambassador or church office.

The cabins and Schweitz Center are all waiting for us to come back to Cricket Holler for a lot of fun and fellowship. All the arrangements for swimming have been made for a great pool time. Movies, games, activities, devotions, crafts, and much more are planned for everyone's enjoyment during this special time together!

Send in your reservation for this winter getaway to Karen Dillon at 756 Old Springfield Rd, Vandalia, OH 45377 as soon as possible.

## Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

**Appreciation Dinner** – The annual BDM Appreciation Dinner was held on October 29 at Oakland Church of the Brethren. Seven first-time rebuild volunteers were recognized and presented a hammer engraved with their name. The Sledgehammer Award for the outstanding rebuild volunteer was awarded to Wayne and Nancy Kopp, who have been on many trips, served as trip leaders, and are Disaster Project Leaders. Service awards were presented to Barb Brower and Rudie Easterling for their work with Church World Service (CWS). Barb coordinates sewing bees and the making of bags for school kits. Rudie is the chief buyer of supplies for CWS buckets/kits. They have spent countless hours in dedicated service. Thank you to all who have served and supported the ministry of S. Ohio/KY BDM!

**CWS Presented Award** – At the Appreciation Dinner Church World Service honored S. Ohio/KY BDM for the dedicated support that has been given throughout the years. Consistently school kits, hygiene kits, and cleanup buckets have been assembled and sent to CWS for distribution to those in need. Burt and Helen Wolf accepted a framed CWS picture on behalf of S. Ohio/KY BDM.

**2023 Rebuilding Trips** – Demonstrate Christ's love by putting faith into action! Reserve your slot on a BDM rebuilding crew in 2023. The location for the BDM site will likely be tornado recovery in western Kentucky. Transportation, housing, food, tools, and leadership are provided. A flyer with the 2023 trip dates is available on the district website, or contact your church office. Call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com) to join a crew.



## *Prayer Needs*

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer. The 2021 Prayer List for Congregations can be found on the District website.

-For the people in Ukraine living in fear, for the families who have lost loved ones, and for those who have been displaced because of the invasion.

- For those digging out from the snowstorm in New York.

-For Cleve Bowling who is on the pastoral team at Flat Creek/Mud Lick who has cancer in his throat and voice box.

-For those in Puerto Rico and Florida recovering from the recent hurricanes.

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- May we remember those congregations in pastoral transition:

- **Greenville**— Pastor Ron Sherck resignation as of June 19
- **West Alexandria**—Pastor Brody Rike resignation as of May 15
- **Oakland**--Andrew Wright, interim
- **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
- **Lower Miami**--Tracy Knechel Sturgis, interim
- **Beavercreek** -- Sandy Jenkins, interim pastor
- **Donnels Creek** -- Jim Chronister providing pulpit fill
- **Pleasant Hill** -- Fred Bernhard, interim
- **Trinity** — Arnold Collett resigned effective Dec. 3
- **Olivet**—Daniel Fullen resigned

- 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.