



Beavercreek Church of the Brethren

Listening to God, we celebrate, include and serve all...

Pastor's Desk for August 2026



Greetings in Christ,

The August 1st devotion from the *Upper Room* asks a question. *What signs remind you of God's healing?* Here's a bit from this devotion. "No suture or bandage can heal our broken hearts. Only Jesus can bind and heal wounds of our deepest hurts and restore us to a life filled with love, joy, peace, and hope."

We are all scarred by life in some way. Some scars are visible, others are not. In both cases, we remember the events that brought those scars upon us. May Christ heal the hurts and scars in your life. May you use these terrible scars for God's glory and witness to the healing power of our creator. "*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*" *Psalm 147:3 (NIV)*. May the blessings of Christ be with you this month. Amen.

Blessings,
Pastor Sandy

Scriptures and messages

August 2 **It'll Take a Miracle / Genesis 32:22-31 / Matthew 14:13-21**

August 9 **Take Heart; "I AM" / Psalm 105:1-6 / Matthew 14:22-33**

August 16 **Bound by God's Love / Psalm 133 / Matthew 15:21-28**

August 23 **A Village Filled with Gifts / Psalm 124 / Romans 12:3-8**

August 30 **Living with Spirit-Filled Faith / Exodus 3:1-6 / Romans 12:9-21**



Mini Calendar

Sundays

10:15 am Worship

Tuesday August 4th

7 pm Deacons Meeting

Saturday August 8th

10am Pauline Petry
Celebration of Life

Sunday August 16th

Mug Dump

Tuesday August 18th

7 pm Board Meeting

Tuesday August 25th

Newsletter Deadline

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B I R T H D A Y !

Jewel Young
David Swoap

08/03
08/12



August Anniversaries

Sharon Crossen and Lowell Hartman 08/12

Mary-Anna and Gary Welch 08/24

A Celebration of Life for Pauline Petry
will be Saturday, August 8th.

Visitation 10:00 a.m. Service 11:00 a.m.

There will be a luncheon
at Brethren Hall
after the service.



FREEZER PICKLES

(This recipe is from Sylvia Hess. She noted that Grace Miller gave her the recipe long ago.)



DIRECTIONS:

- 2 Qt. thinly sliced cucumbers
- 1 medium onion
- 2 Tbsp. Salt
- Cover with water and refrigerate for two hours.

NEXT:

- Drain
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 2/3 cup vinegar
- Pour over drained cucumbers and let stand 24 hours in refrigerator.
- Freeze

(Good with chopped tomatoes when served fresh.)

WITNESS

Witness will continue to accept monetary offerings for **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** to take advantage of a matching donation challenge. The challenge ends August 18.

Please use the memo line on your check/offering to designate a portion of your offering for Heifer International. Alternately, place cash in an envelope with **YOUR NAME & HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** written on the envelope. Leave donations in the offering box as inspired or able. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Many Thanks — Thank you to everyone who supported Camp Sugarwood this summer through gifts, time, and prayer. Your generosity makes this ministry possible, and those at camp see firsthand the impact it has on children, youth, and families. Many blessings and thanks for your continued support.

Save the Dates

- **Women's Retreat** — Oct. 2–3 at Bergamo Retreat Center, with Paula Bowser
- **Fall Quilting & Crafting Day Camp** — Oct. 19–21 at Oakland CoB
- **Fall Family Gathering** — Nov. 6–8 at Cricket Holler
- **Junior Winter Blast (K–5)** — Jan. 8–9 at Cricket Holler
- **Senior Winter Blast (Grades 6–12)** — Jan. 15–16 at Cricket Holler

More details coming soon.

Support CRM with RaiseRight - Turn everyday purchases into support for Camping & Retreat Ministries. Buy gift cards or eGift cards through RaiseRight and brands give up to 20% back to CRM programs.

Enroll at raiserright.com with code MGV2V7Y2G92N. Questions? Contact Carrie — cdrees23@gmail.com

Amazon Wish List

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

Disaster Ministries Updates

Ice Cream Social — Join us at Happy Corner COB on Sat., Aug. 1, 4–7 PM for the annual Ice Cream Social! Supper includes chicken & noodles, sloppy joes, mac & cheese, cowboy beans, coney dogs, pies, and five ice cream flavors. Enjoy music, purchase Share-A-Meal tickets, and return coin jars. All proceeds support S. Ohio/KY BDM.

Golf Scramble — The annual Golf Scramble will be held Sat., Aug. 15 at Beechwood Golf Course, sponsored by BDM and CRM. Registration and hole sponsorship forms are due Aug. 7. Contact Kevin Dull at pres57@gmail.com for details.

Hurricane Helene Recovery—BDM concludes work in Yancey County in mid-August. Recovery efforts continue in western NC this fall in Buncombe and Ashe Counties, with two sites open through October. Buncombe County work will continue through May 2027.

Volunteer Opportunities — Volunteers are needed for fall trips to western NC: Sept. 6–12, Oct. 11–17, Nov. 8–14. Skilled and unskilled workers welcome. Transportation, housing, and food are provided. Contact Helen Wolf at 937□902□3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Sewing Bee — Join the Sewing Bee on Sat., Aug. 22 at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB. Volunteers will sew school bags for CWS kids kits. Bring a sewing machine and extension cord; prep work available for non-sewers. Bring a sack lunch.

Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren celebrates 150th Anniversary

Good Shepherd CoB celebrates its 150th Anniversary this year! Join them for a special worship service on **August 16 at 2:00 PM**, followed by fellowship and light refreshments. Come enjoy music, memories, and thanksgiving for all God has done.

*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**.*

Beavercreek Church of Brethren, Cub Scout Pack 68, Evergreen, Troop 68 Tecumseh

Sat Aug 1, 2026

All day AOL Den 14 Camp Out

Fri Jul 31, 2026 - Sat Aug 1, 2026

Where: Scout House

Calendar: <https://pack-68.trooptrack.com/troops/C0PppMC04eEIJmLPzSS7kw/calendar>

Sun Aug 2, 2026

10:15am - 11:15am Worship Service

Mon Aug 3, 2026

6:30pm - 9pm Weekly Troop Meeting

Where: Scout House, 2659 Dayton Xenia Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45434

Calendar: troop68.tecumseh@gmail.com

Tue Aug 4, 2026

11am - 3pm CHURCH OFFICE OPEN AM/PM

7pm - 8pm Deacons meeting via zoom

Wed Aug 5, 2026

6pm - 7pm Pack 68 Committee Meeting

Where: Southern Ohio Brewing, 818 Factory Rd, Dayton, OH 45434, USA

Calendar: <https://pack-68.trooptrack.com/troops/C0PppMC04eEIJmLPzSS7kw/calendar>

Fri Aug 7, 2026

11am - 3pm CHURCH OFFICE OPEN AM/PM

Sat Aug 8, 2026

10am - 12pm Pauline Petry's Celebration of Life

Where: Visitation 10:00 am Service 11:00 am Luncheon following service at Brethren Hall

Sun Aug 9, 2026

10:15am - 11:15am Worship Service

Mon Aug 10, 2026

6:30pm - 9pm Weekly Troop Meeting

Where: Scout House, 2659 Dayton Xenia Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45434

Calendar: troop68.tecumseh@gmail.com

Tue Aug 11, 2026

11am - 3pm CHURCH OFFICE OPEN AM/PM

Thu Aug 13, 2026

6pm - 7pm Den 14 Meeting

Where: Beavercreek Church of The Brethren, 2659 Dayton Xenia Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45434, USA

Calendar: <https://pack-68.trooptrack.com/troops/C0PppMC04eEIJmLPzSS7kw/calendar>

Beavercreek Church of Brethren, Cub Scout Pack 68, Evergreen, Troop 68 Tecumseh

Fri Aug 14, 2026

11am - 3pm CHURCH OFFICE OPEN AM/PM

Sat Aug 15, 2026

1pm - 3pm Pack 68 Popcorn Kickoff

Calendar: <https://pack-68.trooptrack.com/troops/C0PppMC04eEIJmLPzSS7kw/calendar>

Sun Aug 16, 2026

10:15am - 11:15am Worship Service

10:30am - 11:30am Mug Dump

Mon Aug 17, 2026

6:30pm - 9pm Weekly Troop Meeting

Where: Scout House, 2859 Dayton Xenia Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45434

Calendar: troop68.tecumseh@gmail.com

Tue Aug 18, 2026

11am - 3pm CHURCH OFFICE OPEN AM/PM

7pm - 8pm Board Meeting via Zoom

7pm - 9pm Patrol Leader Council Meeting

Where: Scout House, 2859 Dayton Xenia Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45434

Calendar: troop68.tecumseh@gmail.com

Fri Aug 21, 2026

11am - 3pm CHURCH OFFICE OPEN AM/PM

5pm - 6:30pm Troop Campout Departure

Where: Parking Lot / Brethren Hall

Calendar: troop68.tecumseh@gmail.com

Sun Aug 23, 2026

10:15am - 11:15am Worship Service

10:30am - 12pm Troop Campout Return

Where: Parking Lot / Brethren Hall

Calendar: troop68.tecumseh@gmail.com

Mon Aug 24, 2026

6:30pm - 9pm Weekly Troop Meeting

Where: Scout House, 2859 Dayton Xenia Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45434

Calendar: troop68.tecumseh@gmail.com

Tue Aug 25, 2026

All day Newsletter Deadline

Tue Aug 25, 2026

Beavercreek Church of Brethren, Cub Scout Pack 68, Evergreen, Troop 68 Tecumseh

11am - 3pm CHURCH OFFICE OPEN AM/PM

Wed Aug 26, 2026

6pm - 8pm Pack 68 Recruitment Night

Where: Scout House

Calendar: <https://pack-68.trooptrack.com/troops/C0PppMC04eEIJmLPzSS7kw/calendar>

Thu Aug 27, 2026

6pm - 7:30pm Den 14 Meeting

Calendar: <https://pack-68.trooptrack.com/troops/C0PppMC04eEIJmLPzSS7kw/calendar>

Fri Aug 28, 2026

11am - 3pm CHURCH OFFICE OPEN AM/PM

Sun Aug 30, 2026

 10:15am - 11:15am Worship Service

Mon Aug 31, 2026

6:30pm - 9pm Weekly Troop Meeting

Where: Scout House, 2659 Dayton Xenia Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45434

Calendar: troop68.tecumseh@gmail.com