

WARREN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
May 2009



MEETING NEWS

The next meeting will be Sunday, May 3rd at 2:00 PM. The address of the meeting place for future Warren County Beekeepers Association is:

Lebanon Presbyterian Church, 123 N. East St., Lebanon, OH 45036

Here are the instructions to find the correct entrance to the church:

There are 3 parking lots we can use in addition to on-street parking.

1. The largest is the farthest, across from the church on N. East St. in the County Parking Lot, 100+ parking spots.
2. The most convenient to the Handicap entrance: along Silver St. at N. East St., 20 parking spots.
3. The most convenient to the entrance we will mostly all use. Enter off E. Warren St. into the back of the church, 20 parking spots.

The entrance we will mostly all use: Walk to the rear of the church, on the alley there are 8 steps up to a double door. At the top of the eight steps, turn right onto the sidewalk and walk 15 feet to a door. Inside that door is a landing with steps both up and down. Go down, make 2 quick lefts and go down the hall to the big room at the end. Room 102

There is an alternative route that avoids all stairs. It is under a covered entrance on N. East St. Unfortunately, the doors are locked at our arrival time. So you have to send someone inside by the directions above to open the door from the inside, and you will have a longish, but level, walk North to the center of the building, and west to the elevator, and down to 102.

Thanks to Joshua Brock who will have the program and Michelle Hansen who will be bringing refreshments.

DUES REMINDER: For those who wish to renew their membership and are unable to come to a meeting, dues can be sent to:

Gary Leever,
1322 W. Foster-Mainville Road
Maineville, OH 45039.

\$5.00 for a single or \$10.00 for family to WCBA.

BEEKEEPERS CALENDAR

MAY AND THE BEES: Bees are in full operation now that it is May. You can stop feeding strong hives now because they are bringing in lots of nectar and pollen. The hive is expanding rapidly. The brood chambers are filling up fast and becoming crowded and congested.

MAY AND THE BEEKEEPER: RED ALERT!! BEES SWARM IN MAY! You will have to implement at <http://basicbeekeeping.blogspot.com/2007/11/lesson-fourteen-swarm-capture.html>. Keep in mind that bees swarm as a way of multiplying. It is not a sign of being a poor beekeeper. However, there are some important steps to implement to try to prevent swarming. Review the link above. Keep in mind that you must provide room for your hive to expand. And, you should put on honey supers in May. Put on as many as you'd like. I think it is good practice to have a minimum of two honey supers on all hives during the nectar season. Three or four supers are even better. Don't wait to add your supers or you may miss particular nectar flows. Get all supers on by May 1st!

Consider having an extra, empty hive on hand so you'll be able to capture a swarm. You will want to capture your own swarms or you will probably receive phone calls once your neighbors learn you are a beekeeper. I receive several calls each week all Spring and Summer.

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