



*September  
Mid-Atlantic  
District Events*

# Please Be Advised



The District Office has relocated to the Westminster Church of the Brethren.

**NEW MAILING ADDRESS**

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## FIRST EVENT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR (don't forget the incoming freshmen) ...

Plan now to attend the M.A.D. Youth Beach Retreat  
Cape Henlopen State Park in Lewes, Delaware

September 9-11, 2016



**Who?** - Senior high youth, classes 2016 (this year's grads) thru 2020 (incoming freshmen) and their advisors - ratio recommended per church is 1 "mature" advisor/chaperone, age 22 or older, per 6 youth.

**Cost** - \$50 if you register by August 5; \$55 by Aug 20; \$60 by Sept 2. You arrange your own transportation (preferably as a church group). Our money will not be refunded in the event that a hurricane closes down the park (their rules). Our plan, barring a hurricane, is to go ahead with the retreat, rain or shine.

**Accommodations** - barracks style housing, with 15 beds per room. Each person should bring their own linens or sleeping bag, as well as beach "things" (modesty, please). The facility is within walking distance of the beach on the ocean side, and the pier on the Bay side. There are many hiking and biking trails within the park. A kitchen is provided, but no cook, so we will prepare the menu and be our own cooks.

**Arrival** - Friday evening after 8 pm or Saturday morning by 9 am - the price would remain the same. Please tell us in advance if you are not planning on arriving until Saturday morning. Check-out time from the housing area is 11 am on Sunday, but you are free to stay in the park. Parking in the youth camp area is limited and we are allowed 1 parking pass per 4 people. Advisors, please indicate on the top of your registration form how many vehicle passes you will need for your group... carpool as much as possible to ensure we have enough passes.

**Program** - Leadership is still being discussed for this weekend. We'll have a worship service, as well as vespers/devotion times each day. There will be plenty of free time to enjoy the ocean, beach, trails, and other recreation possibilities within the park - *without leaving it* for the duration of the retreat. More details will be on MAD Youth facebook page as they become available. Feel free to ask us questions or make suggestions.

### Directions to Cape Henlopen State Park:

42 Henlopen Drive, Lewes, DE 19958

Rt 50 East, across the Bay Bridge (for those coming from the West), to Rt 404 East toward Denton. Continue on Rt 404 into Delaware towards Bridgeville/Georgetown/Lewes. (Rt. 404 joins Rt 18 East towards Georgetown after Bridgeville.) From Georgetown, stay on Rt. 404/Rt 9 toward Lewes to Cape Henlopen State Park entrance (you'll cross over Rt. 1). Park entrance is just past the Ferry. Follow signs to the Youth camp area (you can get turn-by-turn directions on the [www.madyouth.org](http://www.madyouth.org) webpage.



Alternate directions (smaller road, but much less

Traffic): From Rt. 404, after you get through Denton, turn left onto Rt. 16 East. Follow Rt. 16 all the way to Rt 1 South. Turn right onto Rt. 1 South and follow to Rt. 9 (look for the Cape Henlopen State Park and Lewes-Cape May Ferry signs.

**Senior High Beach Retreat at Henelopen, DE**  
**Fri-Sun., September 9-11, 2016**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation \_\_\_\_\_  
Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade (2016-17) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Needs/Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL RELEASE FORM**

We (I), the undersigned, give our (my) permission for our (my) child, \_\_\_\_\_, to attend and participate in activities for Senior High Youth on September 9-11, 2016, sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren. We (I) authorize an adult in whose care our (my) child has been entrusted, to consent to any necessary medical diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care.

Medical Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(participant signature if over age 18)

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**AFTER LABOR DAY, THE STATE PARK DOES NOT EMPLOY A LIFEGUARD.** Because of the lack of a lifeguard, we need your consent for your daughter or son to swim in the ocean, even if she or he is 18 years of age or older. Please read over the Consent Statement below. If each youth does not have a signed consent form, we **will not** let him or her swim in the ocean. We will consider your son or daughter's safety a high priority and act appropriately. Previously we did restrict the group to just wading for a portion of the time, due to rough waves.

**CONSENT STATEMENT**

I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, to swim in the ocean. I understand that there will be no official lifeguard provided by Cape Henlopen State Park, and that my daughter/son will be swimming at her/his own risk. Likewise, I understand that although the district youth cabinet is taking precautions to provide proper supervision, it is impossible to guarantee absolute safety. I recognize that my son/daughter shares responsibility for his/her safety, and I have instructed her/him to pay attention to and abide by the rules, regulations, and procedures of the facility for the safety of all.

I hereby accept the risk and danger of my son/daughter swimming on an officially unguarded ocean beach, and waive any claim that may arise against Cape Henlopen State Park, or the Mid-Atlantic District of the Church of the Brethren and/or its representatives as a result.

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Register deadlines:**

**If registration postmarked by Aug 5, send \$50; by Aug 20, \$55.00; or by Sept 2, \$60.00**  
**Send completed form and payment (payable to MAD Youth) to:**  
**Jan Walker, 14746 Peddicord Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771**

**46th Annual Dunker Church Service**  
**Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg Maryland**  
**Sunday, September 18, 2016**  
**3:00 pm**



This annual worship service will be held in the restored Dunker Church at the Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, Md. on Sunday, September 18, 3:00 pm. This service will take place on the 154th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam and commemorates the peace witness of the Brethren during the Civil War. Belita Mitchell, pastor at Harrisburg (PA) First Church of the Brethren, will be the preacher. This service is sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren and is open to the public. For more information, please call Eddie Edmonds, 304-267-4135; Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey, 301-733-3565 or Ed Poling, 301-766-9005.



# Revival Services

Harmony Church of the Brethren

3924 Brethren Church Road

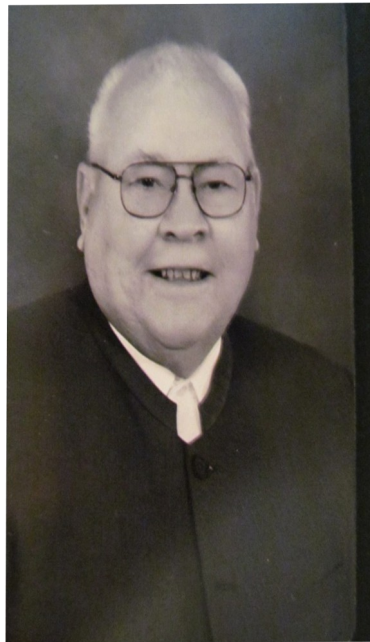
Myersville, MD, 21773

**Friday, September 30, 7:00pm**

**Saturday, October 1, 7:00pm**

**Sunday, October 2, 9:30am**

## Guest Speaker

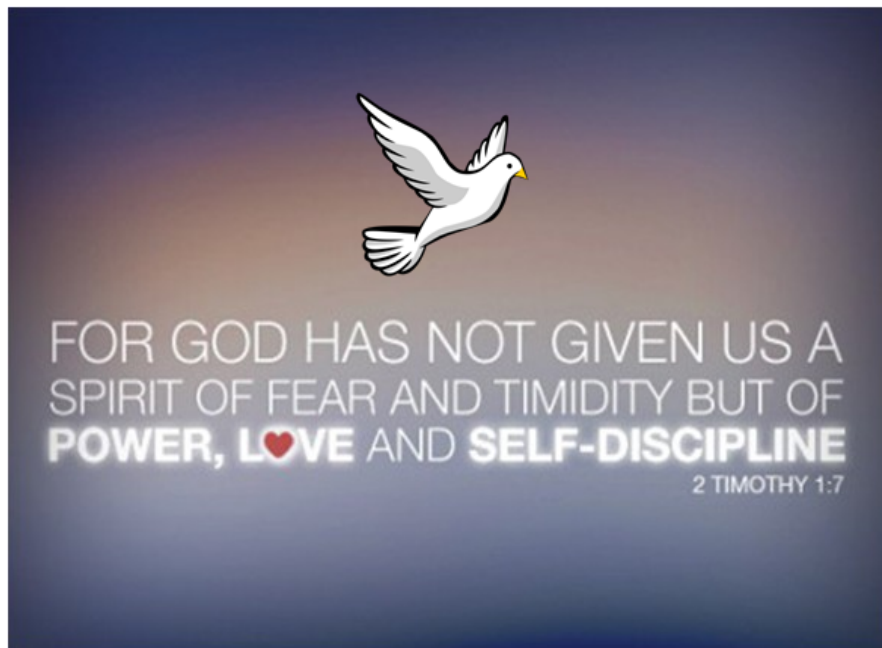


**Jim Myer, Minister**

White Oak Church of the Brethren

Manheim, PA

Former Moderator of Annual Conference and recognized revival speaker



*Coming of, the Moving of, and the Work of, and the  
Comfort of the Holy Spirit, based on  
2 Timothy 1: 7*

*50th Annual  
Church of the Brethren  
Mid-Atlantic  
District Conference*

*October 8, 2016  
St. Mark's United Methodist Church*

*100 Peachblossom Road  
Easton, Maryland 21601*

## Clergy Sacred Listening Circle (Group Spiritual Direction) 2016-2017

**Growing spiritually** is something we sometimes take for granted in the church. Many assume that Christian ministers will come closer to God by the work they do in the church (learning by osmosis). But this is only part the story. Developing a deep relationship with “the Ground of our Being” takes daily prayer practices and a willingness to share in a safe and confidential way with others traveling the same road. Listening carefully for the divine whisper and speaking what is on our hearts can open us to new insights when done in a prayerful way.

**Shepherd’s Spring Outdoor Ministry Center** is offering a small group experience in spiritual companionship, specifically for those in set-apart Christian ministry. Sacred Listening Circles is a monthly gathering for prayer, faith-sharing, and listening to the Spirit. The group starts in early October and concludes in early May, meeting in the Oasis Room in the Lodge. Shepherd’s Spring is located at 16869 Taylors Landing Road, Sharpsburg, MD. This is an ecumenical experience, open to all denominations and faith backgrounds.

**Leadership.** The group leader is Rev. Ed Poling. Ed is a minister in the Church of the Brethren, having served congregations in Hagerstown, Carlisle (PA), Waynesboro (PA) and Myersville. He has been trained as a spiritual director and retreat leader by the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation (Washington, DC), and Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Formation (Camp Hill, PA). Ed has been leading Sacred Listening Circles every year over the last two decades and been providing individual spiritual direction as well.

**What is Needed to Participate.** Three conditions are essential to the life of the group. All participants must be willing to—

- commit themselves to an honest relationship with God;
- attend the meetings regularly; and
- enter into the group process through prayerful listening and response, opening their journeys for reflection with others.

**Costs. \$125.00** Participants will also need to purchase a copy of the reading book.

**Readings.** Each participant is asked to read a book on the spiritual life. This year’s book is *Immortal Diamond: The Search for our True Selves* by Richard Rohr. A chapter will be assigned for each meeting.

**Introductory/Orientation Meeting.** A special meeting will be held at Shepherd’s Spring on Monday, September 12 at 10:00 am to meet with Ed and learn more about sacred listening circles.

**Meeting Dates.** All meetings will be held on Tuesdays at the Shepherd’s Spring lodge.

- October 3, 2016            9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Retreat format with lunch included)
- October 17, 2016        9:00 am—12:00 noon
- November 7, 2016       9:00 am—12:00 noon
- December 5, 2016       9:00 am—12:00 noon
- January 9, 2017           9:00 am—12:00 noon
- February 6, 2017        9:00 am—12:00 noon
- March 6, 2017            9:00 am—12:00 noon
- April 3, 2017             9:00 am—12:00 noon
- May 1, 2017               9:00 am—3:00 pm (Retreat format with lunch included)

**Signing-Up.** If you have questions or want to sign-up for this adventure in the spiritual life, contact Shepherd’s Spring at 301-223-8193 or [www.shepherdsspring.org](http://www.shepherdsspring.org) A registration form is available on request.

# CALLED TO BUILD PEACE

PEACE DAY 2016

**HOW ARE YOU  
CALLED TO BUILD PEACE?**

[HTTP://PEACEDAYPRAY.TUMBLR.COM](http://PEACEDAYPRAY.TUMBLR.COM)  
[@PEACEDAYPRAY](#) [#PEACEDAYPRAY](#)



## **PEACE DAY 2016—How Are You Called to Build Peace?**

On Earth Peace invites churches, peacebuilders, and seekers of justice to participate in Peace Day 2016. Plan a prayer service or community action event and reflect on how you and your community are called to build peace during the week surrounding September 21, 2016.

We are all called to build peace in unique and transformative ways. Some are called to resist and undo racism, some to pray without ceasing, others to heal God's creation, and others to stop war.

Some are called to build peace in their neighborhood, in their church congregation, in their local community, or somewhere across the world.

This Peace Day we invite you to follow God's call to wherever you and your church community can build peace together to God's glory and your neighbor's good.

### **Learn more about Peace Day and get involved:**

- Tell us what you're planning and how we can help!
  - E-mail us: [peaceday@onearthpeace.org](mailto:peaceday@onearthpeace.org)
- Visit our website at <http://peacedaypray.tumblr.com>
- Follow us on Twitter [@peacedaypray](#)
- Join the [Peace Day Facebook Group Conversation](#)



## Annual Bush Creek Fall Festival Saturday, October 1

+ Auction(s)

+ Food (including homemade apple dumplings,  
homemade sandwiches, soups, and a bake table)

+ Auctions, Entertainment and Food all inside fellowship hall.



Entertainment starts @ 11 am until 4 pm

10:00 am – Auction  
(household, baked items and Silent Auction)

Please check the attic, garage, basement, etc.  
for useful items to donate to the auction.  
**Baked items** and **theme baskets** are also welcome.

Please bring in donations starting **September 11**  
and place in the fellowship hall.

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11:00 am – 12:30 pm – Rohrsersville Band

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm - Damascus Road Trio  
(Southern Gospel)



2:30 – 4:00 pm  
First Fruits Bluegrass Gospel Band -

Sponsored by the Missions and Service Commission  
All proceeds will benefit Brethren Disaster Ministries



**SHEPHERD'S SPRING OUTDOOR MINISTRY AND RETREAT CENTER**

## ***QUIET DAY***

### **LETTING GO AND LETTING IN**

**OCTOBER 10, 2016**

**9:30AM - 3:00PM**

Autumn is a time for Letting Go and releasing things that have been a burden and Letting In the Love and Grace of God.

You are invited to spend time in silence, praying, walking, reading, reflection, and listening in a sacred space away from the noisy demands of daily life.

This is a time for opening to the movement of the Spirit and nourishing the soul

Fee: \$25    Lunch Provided

<https://shepherdsspring.org>



***Mid-Atlantic Church of the Brethren***

***Area Congregations***

***(Edgewood, Bush Creek, Meadow Branch, Locust Grove, Piney Creek,  
Pipe Creek, Sam's Creek, Union Bridge and Westminster)***

***1st Annual Fall Picnic***

**Held at**

**Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren**

**26 N. Pipe Creek Rd., Union Bridge, MD 21791**

***Sunday, October 16, 2:00 pm***

**(Weather permitting will be held outside in the grove; please bring your chairs)**

**Carry-in Meal – Please Bring a Dish to Share  
(Drinks and Paper Products Provided)**

**Music and worship lead by  
Jessica Snyder, Nancy Wiles-Nicely & more**

**For more information contact Pipe Creek COB at 410-775-7343; please leave a msg.**



# **Turkey, FRIED Oyster & COUNTRY Ham Dinner**

Bush Creek Church of the Brethren  
4821A Green Valley Road  
Monrovia, Maryland 21770  
Rt. 75 Between Rt. 80 and Monrovia  
301-663-3025  
[www.bushcreekchurch.org](http://www.bushcreekchurch.org)

**Saturday, October 22, 2016**

**12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Menu includes mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, dressing, cole slaw, rolls, butter, ice tea, hot tea and coffee.



**Adults - \$18**

**Children 6 – 12 - \$8**

**Under 6 – Free**

**Carry-Out - \$1.00 extra**

**Children's Welcome Center  
(activity/coloring pages & trinkets)**

**Tell your friends and neighbors –  
Come on out...**

***Spring Dinner Date – March 25, 2017***



## CRAFT BAZAAR

Bush Creek Church of the Brethren  
Sponsored by the Women's Fellowship  
Saturday, November 12, 2016  
8:00 am - 2:30 pm



Handmade crafts, needlecrafts,  
ornaments, toys, aprons, cards, jewelry, houseplants,  
garden produce, and much, much more!



Bake sale: homemade pies, cakes, cookies, bread,  
candy, rolls, muffins and brownies. Breakfast and  
lunch will be served. Homemade soups, sandwiches,  
pies, ice cream, and more.

Women's Fellowship will be setting up for the  
Bazaar on Wednesday, November 9 from 9 am - 2 pm and  
Friday, November 11 from 6 pm - 8 pm.

Please bring items to donate during these two designated times. It is helpful  
to have your items priced. Please have candy in  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. bags. The  
Bazaar will also be set up after worship on Sunday, November 13.  
Please remember items will only be for sale after worship.



Door Prize

*See you there and tell your friends please.*

Handicapped Accessible.