



Will These Bones Live? (Ezekiel's Vision)

An original painting by Ruth Aukerman,
Ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT
EVENTS
May 2024
(and beyond)

**43rd Annual
Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response
Auction**

www.madcob.com/disaster-response-auction



May 4, 2024

**Carroll County Agricultural Center - Shipley Arena
Westminster, Maryland**

Sponsored by the Church of the Brethren Mid-Atlantic District

Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren 2024 Disaster Response Auction

The 43rd Annual Disaster Response Auction will be held on **May 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, Maryland.**



Photo by Jerrn Dorsch-Messler

In 2023, \$85,000 was given to the Emergency Disaster Fund of the Church of the Brethren to help victims recover from many disasters all around our world.

During 2023 the Emergency Disaster Fund supported these efforts:

- BDM – Nigeria Crisis Response
- Turkey/Syria Earthquake Response
- Hurricane Fiona Response – D.R.
- Russia/Ukraine War Response
- Kentucky 2021 Tornado Response
- Tijuana, Mexico (Bittersweet Ministries) Hurricane Hilary Home Rebuilding
- Haiti Earthquake recovery
- South Sudan Violence and Flooding Recovery
- Child Life Disaster Relief (CLDR) Local Team Capacity Building
- Rwanda Church of the Brethren – feeding vulnerable children
- Eglise des Freres au Congo (Church of the Brethren in the Congo) - Relief for Families Displaced due to Violence & Emergency Flood Relief
- PAG Hurricanes Eta and Iota Response in Honduras
- Washington City Church of the Brethren Asylum Seeker Support
- Eastern Ky Rebuilding – 2022 Summer Flooding Response

Thank you for your support of our Disaster Response Program!

On the back of this page are many ways you can help make the Auction a success.



Put May 4th on your calendar!

Come to the auction and invite your friends ...together we can make a difference to many people near or far recovering from disasters.

You can support Disaster Response in various ways:

- Prayer
- Donate as a Patron, Supporter or Sustainer for as little as \$10 and get your name printed with your church in the Auction booklet.
- Purchase church, business, or personal ad space in the Auction booklet Full page (\$160 black/\$200 color), Half Page (\$85 black/\$105 color), Third Page (\$60 black/\$75 color) and Eighth Page (\$25 black/\$35 color). Check with your church office for info.
- Make quilts, comforters and wall hangings or other handcrafts to sell.
- Donate special items such as high quality woodwork, paintings and artwork. Antiques, furniture and collectibles also are a valuable donation.
- Encourage your church group or children's Sunday School class to collect items to make special gift baskets, school bags full of new books, etc. to auction off. Get creative!
- Contribute a gift certificate from your business for the auction.
- Donate quality auction items (value of \$10 or more) such as craft items, food, baked goods, flower and vegetable plants, trees and shrubs for booth sales.
- Groups and individuals can sponsor special events such as plays, dinners, and musical presentations to raise and provide monetary gifts to the auction.
- Volunteer to help at the Auction.

– Decide now how you can help!

If you have special items of high value to donate, email a photo to auctionbooklet@comcast.net by February 9th to have your item published in the booklet.
Then inform your Disaster Coordinator or call Jeff at 443-547-5958.

If you have regular items to donate
inform your church's Disaster Coordinator or call Jeff at 443-547-5958.

To place an ad or to donate as a patron in the booklet
see your pastor, your Disaster Coordinator or call Debbie at 847-714-4482.

These commitments are due February 9, 2024.



CAMP MARDELA

www.campmardela.org

301 Deep Shore Rd, Denton, MD

campmardela@gmail.com

May 11, 2024
8am - 12pm

**YARD
SALE**



Denton's Yard Sale Day!

\$15 per yard sale space

Breakfast for sale

**Find deals.
Sell items.
Support Camp.**



**Bush Creek Church of the Brethren
Pastor Dawn Weller
4821A Green Valley Road, Rt. 75 South
Monrovia, Maryland 21770
301-865-3013**

May 19, 2024

Worship Service begins at 10:30 am with Pastor Rod Fry bringing the morning message. Pastor Fry is the current pastor at the Ijamsville United Methodist Church. He is a biker chaplain with the Bible Biker Institute.

The Gospel Ridge Bluegrass Band will bring special music during the worship service.

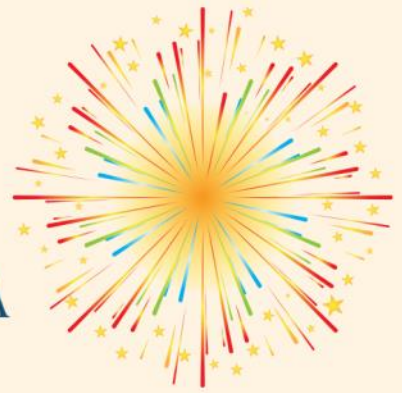


Following worship everyone is invited to the parking lot for a Blessing of the Bikes to be provided by the Not Ashamed Biker Ministry and the Black Sheep Motorcycle Ministry.

Everyone is invited to attend! All who ride, family and friends - and anyone interested – with or without a bike – are invited to join us for this meaningful beginning of the riding season!



CAMP MARDELA



APPRECIATION DAY

www.campmardela.org/appreciation-day

FOOD



GAMES



MUSIC



BRICK DEDICATION



SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND

301 DEEP SHORE ROAD, DENTON, MD 21629



ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

WELCOME+ WORTHY

2024 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

January 2024

To: Pastor, Moderator, or Church Representative

Re: **Registration for the 2024 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan -- July 3 - 7**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Annual Conference provides an opportunity for the body of Christ known as the Church of the Brethren to come together to hear the voice of God as revealed by the Holy Spirit within and among us. Please join us for inspiring worship, informational Bible studies, communal discernment, engaging breakout sessions, energizing exhibits, empowering witness, nurturing fellowship and meaningful connection.

Registration Fees

Registration for both delegates and non-delegates for the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference will open at 12:00 Noon Central Time on **Friday, March 1, 2024**.

- The advance delegate registration fee is \$330 per delegate. Advance registration will close on June 10. The fee for registering delegates onsite in Grand Rapids will be \$405. Don't wait!
- The advance non-delegate registration fee is \$150. Advance registration will close on June 10. The fee for registering non-delegates onsite in Grand Rapids will be \$185.
- Registering as a Virtual Non-Delegate to watch business online, view special events and concerts, and participate in a number of equipping sessions is again an option. The advance virtual non-delegate registration fee is \$195 through June 10. From June 11 until July 7, the registration fee will be \$225. New this year is an option for Groups and Institutions to participate virtually from a common location. For more information go to www.brethren.org/ac2024/registration and select Virtual.

Registering a Delegate

Congregations may register their delegates using online registration beginning Wednesday, March 1, 2024 at 12:00 Central Time. Payment options include paying by credit card or sending a check. Go to www.brethren.org/ac and click on the "Registration" button and then choose "Delegate Registration". Each delegate's complete name, address, email, and phone number are required. If you need assistance, call the Annual Conference Office (800-323-8039, ext 4366) and we will be happy to assist in registering online. Delegate registration fees provide each delegate with a Conference booklet, the business materials packet, a designated delegate name tag, and seating at the delegate tables at Annual Conference. Each congregation who registers a delegate or delegates will also receive a copy of the 2024 Annual Conference minutes.

Delegate Eligibility and Allotment

Delegates must be full members of the Church of the Brethren. The number of delegates for each congregation is based on the membership statistics as reported in the 2023 Church of the Brethren Yearbook:

Up to 200 Members	1 delegate	401-600 Members	3 delegates
201-400 Members	2 delegates	601-800 Members	4 delegates

Non-Delegate Registration

Non-delegate registration opens Wednesday, March 1, 2024 at 12:00 Central Time. When registering anyone other than a delegate, click on the "Non-Delegate Registration" button.

New Registration System

The Church of the Brethren is rolling out a new registration system this year that looks different than what we have used in the past. For more information about how to use the new site go to www.brethren.org/ac2024 then click Registration and go to the Instructions for New Registration Site. These instructions will be available a week before registration opens.

Conference Hotels

There are two hotels in the conference block: the **Amway Grand Plaza** and **Courtyard Grand Rapids Downtown**. Our Annual Conference Room Rate at both hotels will be \$119 plus tax (15%), totaling \$136.90 per night. Go to www.brethren.org/ac2024/hotels for more information. **The link for hotel reservations will be on the last page of the registration site immediately after you register as well as in the confirmation email sent.** Everyone can reserve a room upon completing their registration. *Do not call the hotel to make a reservation! Annual Conference discounted room rates are only available for online registrations made through our provided link.*

Worship Services

All five worship services will be available free of charge to all registered and non-registered persons.

New Attendee Orientation

We encourage delegates or non-delegates who have never attended or have not recently attended Annual Conference to attend the New Attendee Orientation session in Grand Rapids at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon July 3. The location will be listed in the conference booklet.

Public Health Measures

Attending any group event may increase your risk of illness and injury. Should circumstances dictate, we will implement appropriate and responsive health and safety measures. However, we encourage all attendees to take the precautions they deem necessary and ask that all attendees respect the decisions made by others.

Online Information

Please check our webpage at www.brethren.org/ac2024 for more information about Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, including leadership, themes, schedules, meal and food options, meetings and events, and much more. New information is added regularly, so check back often!

Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions.

Rhonda and Debbie

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Celebrate 2024

ANNUAL CONFERENCE QUILTING BEE

*Your finished 8 ½ x 8 ½ inch block must begin at the bottom of this sheet,
meeting this line and matching the width of this paper.*



ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

WELCOME+ WORTHY

2024 CHURCH OF THE BROTHERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Your congregation is invited to create a block
for the 2024 Conference quilts.**

Please follow instructions on the next page.

**All Quilt Blocks should be postmarked
by May 15, 2024**

**Mail your quilt block and a dollar (or more)
donation
to offset the cost of quilting materials to:
(checks payable to AACB)**



**Margaret Weybright
1801 Greencroft Blvd. Apt. #125
Goshen, IN 46526**



Quilt tops are assembled before conference.

No blocks can be accepted at conference for this year's quilts.

All blocks delivered at conference will be considered
for next year's quilts and wall hangings.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR QUILT BLOCK

TYPE OF FABRIC

- Pre-shrunk cotton or cotton blend.
- If you use stabilizer,
Please use only water soluble,
very soft or easily removed backing.

Do not use: double knit,
counted cross-stitch on canvas,
liquid embroidery, padded blocks,
or heat-applied designs or photos.

PLEASE: NO GLUE

PATTERN

- Use your own creativity to make your design.
- **Important:** Identify your block with your congregation's name, state, and/or district.
This makes the quilts more valuable!
(Second blocks from your congregation need not be identified.)



SIZE OF BLOCK

- **Outside border:** Not less than 8½ square
AFTER it is worked.
- **Inside design:** Not more than 8" square with
nothing in the seam allowance.

**Cut the block to size AFTER it has been pieced,
embroidered, or appliquéd.**

Accuracy is important.
Blocks less than 8½ inches will not fit;
larger designs will be obscured.

**See you all in Grand Rapids
July 3rd – 7th, 2024**



SONG & STORY FEST 2024

JULY 7 - 13

CAMP BRETHERN HEIGHTS

RODNEY, MICHIGAN

FEATURING MUSICIANS:

GREG & RHONDA BAKER BRIAN KRUSCHWITZ ERIN & CODY FLORY ROBERTSON
HANNAH BUTTON-HARRISON TIM & BYRON JOSEPH & MARLENE WOOD LOUISE BRODIE
JENNY & JEFFREY FAUS FAMILY CHRIS GOOD PEG LEHMAN MIKE STERN

FEATURING STORYTELLERS:

SUSAN BOYER DEBBIE EISENBISE ANNA LISA GROSS
KATHY GUISEWITE JIM LEHMAN JONATHAN HUNTER

