

A close-up photograph of holly leaves and red berries. The leaves are dark green, glossy, and have a pointed, serrated edge. The berries are bright red and round, clustered together on small stems. The background is a dense arrangement of these leaves and berries.

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT **EVENTS**

December 2024
(and beyond)



Presented by

Carroll Singers

Directed by

Julia Richard

Accompanied by Don Horneff, Jeff Hiner, & Lew Keyser

Monday, December 2, 2024

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

7:30 p.m. • Westminster High School

Tickets may be purchased at The Carroll Arts Center,
Menchey Music, and from members of Carroll Singers

Adults: \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door

Students: \$7 in advance; \$9 at the door

Children under 6: Free



The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. Anyone needing auxiliary aid service for effective communication should contact The Department of Citizens Services at 410-386-3600 or 1-888-302-8978 or MD. Relay 7-1-1/1-800-735-2258 or email ada@carrollcountymd.gov no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.

Carroll Singers is a component fund of the Community Foundation, and funded in part by a Community Arts Development Grant from the Carroll County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council.



EVERYTHING CHRISTMAS SALE

Friday, Dec. 6 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Welty Church of the Brethren
13465 Greensburg Rd. Smithsburg, Md
301-824-3941**

You will find:

Gift baskets and filled Christmas mugs

Christmas ornaments

Christmas gift wrap & gift bags

Wreaths

Trees

Outdoor decorations

Christmas cookbooks & other Christmas themed books

FOOD SALE INCLUDED

Breakfast sandwiches with free cup of coffee (served to 10 a.m.)

Chicken corn - Ham & bean Soup

Country Ham sandwiches

Baked goods

Homemade potato chips

All soup sold by the quart and all items to go.

All proceeds to benefit the church building fund.

www.weltycob.com

Dream Big Union Bridge Presents...

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Come Celebrate the Joys of the Season

Live Music - Live Nativity - Special Guests

Lite Refreshments - Tree Lighting

December 6, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Rain Date December 7, 2024

BRING A CHAIR



Holiday Food Drive

**Bring 10 Nonperishable food or
toiletry items for a chance
to win \$50 cash.**

**Heidelberg "Lehigh" Park
117 South Main Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791**

Sponsored by Carroll Arts



Breakfast with Santa & Baby Jesus!

A family event for all ages.

Saturday, December 7, 2024

9 am - 11:30 am

Special Presentation "The Birth of Christ" - 10:30 am

Free

Bush Creek Church of the Brethren

4821A Green Valley Road, Monrovia, Md.

301-865-3013

www.bushcreekchurch.org

www.facebook.com/BCCoB1855

Breakfast served all morning

Experience the story of the Nativity

Crafts Cookie Decorating Station

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus

58th Annual Christmas Concerts 2024



Sunday, December 1, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.
Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
339 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD
Free Will Offering

Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.
Lewistown United Methodist Church
1032 Hessong Bridge Road
Thurmont, MD
Free Will Offering

Sunday, December 8, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.
Homewood at Crumland Farms
The Lodges Great Room and Event Center
500 Pearson Circle
Frederick, MD

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.
Catoctin View Seventh Day Adventist Church
15601 Catoctin Mountain Highway
Thurmont, MD

Sunday, December 15, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.
St. John's Church Creagerstown
8619 Blacks Mill Road
Thurmont, MD
Free Will Offering

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ARTS COUNCIL

**The Concerts are supported in part by
the Frederick Arts Council and the
National Endowment for the Arts.**



FREE CONCERT

Suggested Donation of \$13

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7pm

HOLIDAY CONCERT FEATURING FESTIVE SELECTIONS FROM LOCAL MUSICIANS, CHOIRS, AND ARTISTS! COMPLETE WITH AUDIENCE SING-ALONGS AND FAVORITE TUNES THAT WILL GET EVERYONE IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT.



SCAN FOR
MORE INFO



CROSSROADS CHURCH
1040 S. Carroll St. | Hampstead, MD

INCLEMENT WEATHER UPDATES WILL BE POSTED ON
THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF FACEBOOK PAGE

COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AND PERSONAL CARE ESSENTIALS TO BENEFIT THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF AND NORTHEAST SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM (NESAP) SERVING THE HOMELESS AND THOSE IN CRISIS IN CARROLL AND NORTHERN BALTIMORE COUNTIES.



2024 Winter Concert Series

Letters from Santa



December 15, 2024

4:00PM

**Accelerando &
Westminster Ringers**

First Presbyterian Church
65 Washington Rd., 21157

Advanced Tickets: \$12 Adults | \$5 Kids 6-12 | 5 & Under - Free
Scan QR Code, Carroll Arts Center, Call 410-259-5814
At the Door Tickets : \$15 Adults | \$5 Kids 6-12 | 5 & Under - Free



WESTMINSTERRINGERS.ORG



December 7, 2024 | 4:00 pm | Westminster Ringers
St Paul Lutheran Church | 127 York St., Hanover, PA

December 8, 2024 | 3:00 pm | Westminster Ringers
Grace UMC | 119 N Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD

December 9, 2024 | 7:00 pm | Accelerando
Carroll Lutheran Village | 300 St Luke Cr., Westminster, MD

December 12, 2024 | 7:00 pm | Westminster Ringers
Homewood at Plum Creek | 425 Westminster Ave., Hanover, PA

December 14, 2024 | 7:00 pm | Westminster Ringers
Christ Church Parish, Kent Island | 830 Romancoke Rd., Stevensville, MD



Accessibility Policy can be found on our website - www.WestminsterRingers.org

For more information:
WRManagingDirector@gmail.com
410-259-5814



Generous support provided by:



Camp Mardela Sights & Sounds of CHRISTMAS

**FEE:
\$5/CAR**

**Dec. 20-22, 2024
5pm-8pm**

**301 Deep
Shore Rd,
Denton, MD**

Pay at gate or at campmardela.org/christmas

Lights - Hay Ride - Music - Crafts - Food - Silent Auction

**LIVE
MUSIC
GROUPS**

**EVERY
NIGHT
7PM**

Friday



**KINDRED
SPIRITS**

Saturday



Cheers

Sunday



**Rusty Curling
& Phyllis Dodd**

Meet and Greet

District Executive Minister

Doug Veal

Sunday, January 12, 2025

In the afternoon (time TBD)

Westminster Church of the Brethren

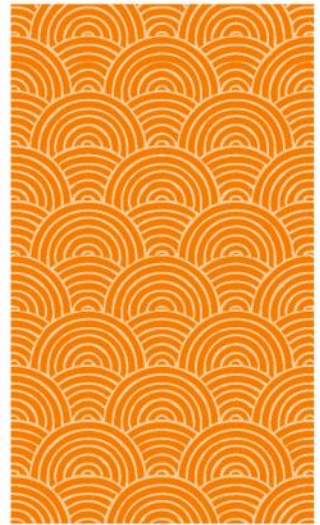
19 Bond St., Westminster, MD 21157

Members of Area 5 churches are invited for light refreshments, fellowship and an opportunity to meet and talk with Doug.

Doug plans to meet with church members in each area of the district throughout 2025. A schedule will be announced as dates are confirmed.

Area 5 Churches-

Bush Creek, Edgewood, Glade Valley,
Meadow Branch, Piney Creek, Sam's Creek,
Union Bridge, Westminster



S U M M E R C A M P



2025

Camp Calendar

Aslan Adventures	July 6 - 11
Classic Camp	July 13-18
Family/Grand Camp	July 20-23
Mini Camp*	July 27-29

*Shorter time introducing new campers to the experience of being away from home and family

Sponsor a Counselor

Churches, businesses or individuals can help us recruit a strong counselor team by contributing to sponsor a counselor. For every \$500 coming from a church, or the church identified by an individual sponsoring a counselor, each camper coming from that church will receive a discount off their registration of \$25 per \$500 counselor sponsorship. Note: There is a maximum of \$100 total discounts per camper.

35th Anniversary
May 16-18 2025
mark your calendar
plan to be here

Discounts Available

Registration opens online on
Thursday, December 1

- Register between 12/1 and 12/31 and receive \$40 off youth camps
- Register between 1/1 and 2/1 and receive \$20 off youth camps
- Siblings Receive Discount of \$25 each entire registration period all camps
- Family/Grand and Mini registrations between 12/1 and 2/1 receive \$30 per camper
- Total Maximum discounts per camper is \$100
- (Multiple week registrations receive additional \$75 discount for total)

Camp Volunteers

Are you available for a week (or half a week) this July to help us make this the best week of each camper's life? If you are... or could be, contact us.

Nurses

Kitchen support

Volunteer weekly director (like the old days) who will work with the Staff Camp Director.

Transportation to activities

Etc.

Tell us what you have to offer that will help to create life long positive memories in the campers entrusted to our care!



SHEPHERD'S

November
2024

Spring

Monthly Update to the Churches



This update is sent monthly to each of the Mid Atlantic District member churches.
To receive a copy personal copy directly contact us at: Info@shepherdsspring.org

Happy Thanksgiving

Gratitude is often a spontaneous feeling but research is increasingly showing that it can be cultivated and learned through practice. Psycholgists acknowledge that practicing gratefulness over time boosts feelings of happiness and tends to enhance both emotional and psychological health. Check out: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Colossians 2:17, 3:15, Ephesians 5:20.

Thank you for your support

Locust Grove	Bush Creek
Myersville	Manassas
Downsville	Fellowship
Welty	Westminster
Woodbridge	Oakton
Broadfording	University Park
Union Bridge	Midland
Collective	Hagerstown
Glade Valley	Dranesville
Beaver Creek	Long Green Valley
Grossnickle	

Volunteer Projects Available

Several projects are available for teams of volunteers or for individuals seeking to join with others to help out:

- Help is needed clearing fallen trees from several of our hiking trails. Heavy duty chainsaws helpful.
- Help is also needed for cutting firewood to be used for campfires and in the lodge
- In December volunteer help is sought to remove aging carpet in the main hallway of the lodge and help install new carpet squares



16869 Taylors Landing Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782
www.shepherdsspring.org
301.223.8193

A close-up photograph of several purple crocus flowers in bloom, with green leaves visible in the foreground and background. The flowers are the central focus, with some in sharp focus and others blurred.

**Growing Our Faith,
Blooming Through Christ**

Matthew 13:31-32

**Bridgewater College:
February 28–March 2, 2025**

ROUNDTABLE

Regional Youth Conference

Roundtable 2025 Speaker:

Rev. Jeff Carter



Jeff Carter is the president of Bethany Theological Seminary and has been in the position since 2013. Jeff grew up in the Mid-Atlantic District, and graduated from Bridgewater College and Bethany Theological Seminary. He served a year in Brethren Volunteer Service, then served as a pastor until moving to Richmond, Indiana, to become the president of Bethany. He and his wife Kim have three daughters, and he enjoys spending his time playing golf, running, and playing soccer.

For more information about Roundtable, follow us through our Instagram, Facebook, or check out our website.



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@Interdistrict Youth
Cabinet



iyroundtable@gmail.com

Wix <https://iyroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc>

Good afternoon!



You may be wondering why you're getting an email about 2025 Camp Mardela staff already! Well - some of you have been on staff before, some of you have volunteered before, and some of you have shown a lot of promise to potentially be a volunteer or staff member for the first time. Already, 2025 is shaping up to be a very exciting - but very busy year, and I want to make sure that we have the leadership to be able to manage these camps. So I wanted to make you aware of the potential program schedule, and our staff and volunteer needs. If you do not know your plans for summer yet, that is fine. But if you DO know your plans, let me know if you think you will be able to help or not, and I can adjust the information I send out accordingly as we get closer to needing these volunteers and staff.

As of right now, here is the planned schedule for 2025 programs, and the needed staff and volunteers:

Winter Retreats:

- Tween Retreat - Feb. 21-23 - Directors: Brent & Melissa Johnson
 - Staff - 2 kitchen staff, 1 maintenance, 1 resource
 - Volunteers - 3 male counselors, 3 female counselors
- Mini Retreat - Feb. 28-Mar 2 - Director: Bev Williams
 - Staff - 2 kitchen staff, 1 maintenance, 1 resource
 - Volunteers - 3 male counselors, 3 female counselors
- Youth Roundtable Trip - Feb. 28-Mar 2 - Director: Jen Summy
 - Staff - 0
 - Volunteers - 1 male counselor (must be over 21 with driver's license)
- Twix (3rd & 4th) Retreat - Mar. 7-9 - Director: Bev Williams
 - Staff - 2 kitchen staff, 1 maintenance, 1 resource
 - Volunteers - 3 male counselors, 3 female counselors

Summer Programs:

- General Staff - Contact period June 1-August 15
 - Kitchen Staff - 1 Food Service Supervisor, 3 Kitchen Staff (full/part time)
 - Resource - 1 Maintenance, 2 Resource, 1 Waterfront Manager, 1 Nurse (full/part time)
- Jr. High (Tween) Camp - June 15-20 - Directors: Karl Layton & Curtis Hartman
 - Male counselors - 4
 - Female counselors - 4
- Creative Arts - June 22-27 - Directors: Ellen Wile & Joy Miller
 - Male counselors - 2
 - Female counselors - 2
- Youth Camp - June 22-27 - Director: Justine Eckert
 - Male counselors - 2 (must be over 21)
 - Female counselors - 2 (must be over 21)
- Mini Camp - July 6-8 - Director: Bev Williams
 - Male counselors - 2

- Female counselors - 2
- Twix (3rd & 4th) Camp - July 13-17 - Director: Bev Williams
 - Male counselors - 6
 - Female counselors - 6
- Me & You Camp - July 18-19 - Director: Robin Lahnemann
 - Male counselors - 1
 - Female counselors - 1
 - These counselors serve primarily as resource, as adults supervise their own children in their sleeping quarters
- The Wild - July 20-25 - Directors: Jim & Felecia Summy
 - Male counselors - 4
 - Female counselors - 4
- Brethren United Mountain Adventure Camp (Youth Trip) - July 20-25 - Director: Jen Summy
 - Male counselors - 1
 - Female counselors - 1
 - At least 1 other counselor must be over 21 with a valid driver's license
- Day Camp - July 28-Aug 1 - Director: Suzanne Bowdle
 - Male counselors - 2
 - Female counselors - 2
- Family Camp - Aug 29-31 - Directors: Family Camp Committee
 - Staff - 2 kitchen staff, 1 maintenance, 1 resource

The compensation scale for volunteers has been slightly adjusted to as follows:

- Weekend/Half-Week counselor or resource - 10% off camp voucher
- Full Week counselor or resource - 20% off camp voucher
- Camp Director (any length) - 40% off camp voucher

Summer staff salaries will still be a minimum of \$400 per week, and part-time staff minimum will be \$12/week.

If you think you may be able to help out in any capacity with these programs, please let me know. Also let me know if you know for sure that you can't, so I can recruit staff and volunteers accordingly.

If you are interested in working on staff, you can find more information and fill out an application at <https://www.campmardela.org/jobs>. You can also find more information about this year's programs at www.campmardela.org/camp-programs.

Let me know if you have any other questions, and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Jennifer Summy
 Camp Mardela Administrator
 410-479-2861 (call or text)
campmardela@gmail.com
www.campmardela.org

Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren
2025 Disaster Response Auction Booklet



Dear Pastors, Disaster Coordinators, Witness Chairs and Donors.

We deeply appreciate and thank you for your past support of the Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction Booklet.

If you have not advertised in the booklet previously we invite you to consider doing so this year.

The 44th Annual Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction will be held Saturday, May 3, 2025, starting at 9:00 am at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, Maryland. Your support will enable us to provide even more assistance to more disaster victims this year.

***In 2024, \$72,000 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 2024 the Emergency Disaster Fund supported these efforts and more:

- 2021 Tornado recovery in Dawson Springs, KY
- 2022 Summer Flooding Response in Letcher County, KY
- Hurricane Helene Response in the Southeastern District
- Humanitarian Response to Multiple Crises in Haiti
- Child Life Disaster Relief Training Models and Resource Dev.
- LSESD Response to Israel-Hezbollah Conflict in Lebanon
- 2023 Maui, Hawaii Wildfire Recovery Program for Children
- Nigeria Crisis Response
- Aid for Haitian Refugees in the Dominican Republic
- Emergency Flood Relief in the Congo
- Solar Power System in Zambia
- Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis
- Gaza and West Bank Aid Relief
- York County, PA, Long-Term Recovery 2021

...and much more!

Your local church is an important part of this effort!

- You can help by placing an ad in the booklet. We are once again offering the ad sizes below in black and white or color. The ad can include a photograph or artwork. Ad sizes and prices are as follows:
 - Full page...\$160 black/\$200 color
 - Half page...\$85 black/\$105 color
 - Third Page...\$60 black/\$75 color
 - Eighth Page...\$25 black/\$35 color
 - Patron Listing...\$10, \$25, \$35, or more
 - Donations of any amount
- Encourage your members to place business, personal or patron ads and print announcements about the auction in your newsletter and bulletin.
- Please print the enclosed bulletin insert and put it in your bulletin by Sunday, January 5, 2025.
- You can also help by posting the flyer included that is requesting special sale items.

Here are more ways you can help make the auction a success.

- Create craft items
- Donate baked goods
- Donate plants, shrubs and trees
- Assemble gift baskets
- Hold a fundraiser to support the auction
- Donate high quality items to publish in the booklet
- Volunteer to help
- Publicize and attend the Auction!

Please return your advertising space reservation form by Friday, February 7, 2025!

Please call booklet designer Debbie Noffsinger at 847-714-4482 or email auctionbooklet@comcast.net if you have questions.

Thank you for your continued support of our Disaster Response Auction!