



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT
EVENTS

March 2025
(and beyond)



Lenten Worship Service

**Bush Creek Church of the Brethren
4821A Green Valley Road
Monrovia, Maryland 21770
301-865-3013**

Wednesday, March 5 - 7 pm

We invite you to join us for a combined worship service of the Bush Creek and Locust Grove Churches of the Brethren

A meditative opportunity to worship and pray together as we enter into the season of Lent.

Let us be open to the cleansing, healing, replenishing power of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture readings, prayer, hymns, special music including Jack Green and Jane Musselman and the Locust Grove Praise Group.

Pastor Dawn Weller (Bush Creek COB) will lead the worship service with Pastor Greg Quintrell (Locust Grove COB) bringing the evening message.

Come As You Are.....Let us Worship Together.

Invite friends and family.

The Elizabethtown College Concert Choir



will be presenting their

Spring Concert

at the

Easton Church of the Brethren

March 8 7:00 pm

All are welcome!



Installation Service

Mid-Atlantic District
Executive Minister

Rev. Douglas Veal

**Saturday, March 15
2 PM**

**Union Bridge
Church of the Brethren**

124 S. Main Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791

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
301-865-3013
www.bushcreekchurch.org

Saturday, March 22, 2025
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. (in-house menu)



Adults - \$30 *

Children 6 – 12 - \$8 Under 6 – Free

Carry-Out - \$1.00 extra

***Price subject to change depending upon market price of oysters.**



CAMP MARDELA

2025

Service Days

Feb. 1

Aug. 2

Mar. 22

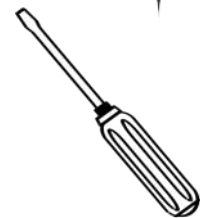
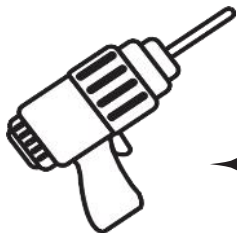
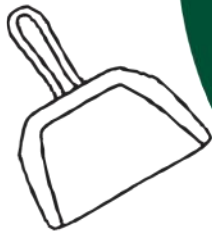
Nov. 15

May 31

Help us clean, organize, & maintain camp! Check our website & Facebook page for the projects we will be working on each day.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO
JOIN!**

Service Hours for Students!
campmardela.org/service-days
301 Deep Shore Rd, Denton, MD





Meet and Greet

District Executive Minister

Doug Veal

Sunday, March 23, 2025

2 PM

Easton Church of the Brethren

412 S. Harrison St.

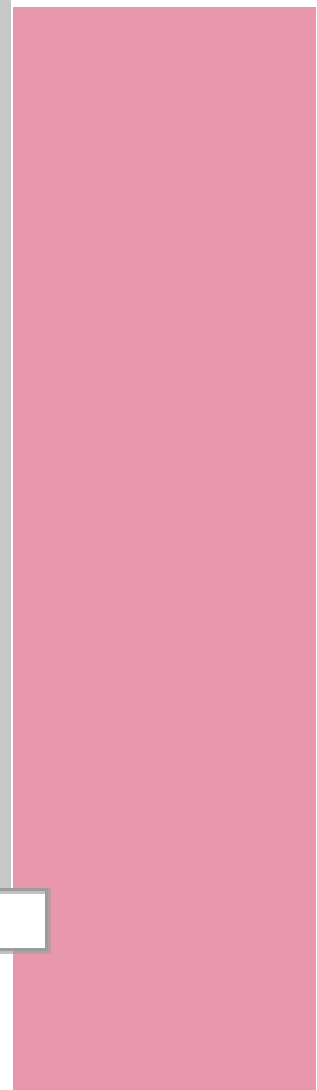
Easton, MD 21601

Members of Area 1 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 1 Churches-

Bethany, Community of Joy, Denton, Easton, Fairview, Greenhill, Ridgely





Faith Imagination

One-Day Workshop Online

April 12, 2025

“Faith Imagination is a way of praying in which we specifically invite God to enter into our experience in a way that we can perceive God’s work in us. We do this in the faith that God wants to meet us at our growing edge, or where we are most vulnerable, hurting or scared.”

(Consenting to Grace, Tilda Norberg)



Facilitator: Darlene Meyers
Gestalt Pastoral Care Minister/Trainer
With Training Associates

Fee: \$100.00

To register for a GPC Workshop, go to
<https://tinyurl.com/2025GPCworkshops>

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!

- Fellowship
- Worship
- Friends
- Fun
- Relax
- Renew
- Explore
- Remember
- Great Food

Join us for part of a day or
for the entire weekend.

Special rates in the lodge
And special pricing on
whole cabin rentals

MAY 16-18 2025

SAVE THE DATES

35TH ANNIVERSARY
REUNION & CELEBRATION
WEEKEND

RETURN REMEMBER
RECONNECT

Come alone, or bring a friend,
your family and your whole church.

35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SHEPHERD'S SPRING OUTDOOR MINISTRY CENTER

Saturday, May 17, 2025

(weather permitting; otherwise, rescheduled; refer to SS website for information)

...remembering and celebrating the thousands of children/youths, schools, campers, families, retreaters, and individuals positively impacted at SS over the next 35 years and visioning the ministry of SS over the next 35 years. **Food, Fun, and Fellowship!**

A fellowship of congregations encouraging a spirit of unity. Short programs, fun activities/games for all, a grand picnic feast, music, hikes, bonfires, smores, sharing memories, group photos of past campers, races, wagon rides, treasure hunts, hot-air balloon "lift", and more, will highlight the day!

INVITATION EXTENDED TO ALL! ...congregations, former campers, counselors, donors, and friends. Please extend invitations to children, grandchildren, volunteers, and others who have been part of SS over the years. Refer to information on the SS website and Facebook

- **Saturday programs/activities begin at 9 am., lunch is served from 11a until 2p,** featuring barbeque chicken/hot dogs, beans, coleslaw, bread and ice cream/cookies, tea/lemonade.
- **Reunion and Celebration Program held from 2p. – 3p.**
- **Music (bluegrass/gospel)** provided by different congregations
- **Reservations are requested now until May 9 for an approximate count.** Tickets - \$15 per adult or \$8 for kids aged 10 and under) paid on arrival. Reunion T-shirts available for \$15 each on-site.
- **Setup (Friday, May 16 am/pm) & Cleanup (Saturday, May 17, 5 pm) (bonfire, veggies, smores, sign-along)** Volunteers reserve lodge rooms or cabins overnight – reduced rate – **call to reserve 301-223-8193.**

Volunteers for Teams Needed

- **Site Prep** (weeding/mowing select areas)
- **Erect Tents/Tables/Chairs/Serving Areas**
- **Staging/Sound** (acquire/set up)
- **Music** (recruit congregations for gospel/bluegrass)
- **Food/Cooking Team** (build/set up the fire pit)
- **Kid/Adult Games** (plan/coordinate)
- **Kid/ Adult Races** (recruit team to assist)
- **Hot-air Balloon "lifts"** (recruit team to assist)
- **Field games** (youth; recruit team to assist)
- **Direction/Signage** (team design/place)
- **Treasure Hunts** (chart paths, design/place clues, prizes)
- **Registration** (purchase tickets)
- **SS T-Shirt Sales** (recruit a team to sell)
- **SS Coffee Sales** (recruit a team to sell)
- **Parking** (direct traffic/manage parking)
- **First Aide** (recruit nurses, designated area)
- **Wagon Rides** (recruit farm wagons/tractors)
- **Global Village tour** (volunteers to assist staff)
- **Photography** (recruit volunteers)

Sponsors Needed/Recognized
Help us defray the cost/expenses

Call/Email David Rogers (703-623-2887 or derogers47@gmail.com) for more information and to volunteer on teams

Refer to SS Website and Facebook
info@shepherdsspring.org

SS located
16869 Taylor's Landing Road
Sharpsburg, MD 21782

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 SPRING GLOBAL VILLAGE

Prepare Your Students For Life

Your Team For Their Next Mission Trip

It has now become common that each year several of our graduates will identify their time in the Global Village as the most meaningful learning experience of their entire educational journey to date.

Dana Harrison, Newtown Friends School

Experiential Learning Focused On:
 Environmental Sustainability
 Ecological Responsibility
 Understanding Poverty
 Cultural Awareness
 Global Hunger and
 Critical Thinking



Partnering with



Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Mark 16:15



Come to the Village: One, two and three day options or we can come to you.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



RETREATS & RENEWAL

Retreats
 Conferences
 Seminars
 Workshops
 Reunions
 Weddings
 Event Dinners

Cabins
 Labyrinth
 24 Lodge Rooms
 Multiple Hiking Trails
 Yurt - meeting space
 220 Acres adjoining the
 Historic C&O Canal



www.shepherdsspring.org

Antietam Battlefield 3 miles
 Harpers Ferry 20 miles
 Appalachian Trail 12 miles
 Washington Monument 72 miles
 Baltimore Inner Harbor 85 miles

In 2024 Guests have come directly from: Israel, Columbia, Canada, Ukraine, Japan, Myanmar, Venezuela, Ecuador, Guatemala, Vietnam, England, Niger Camaroon, Australia, Bermuda, Chad, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Kenya...
 MD VA WV PA DC OH TX CO IN KY IL WA VT NC MI IA MA NY CA DE GA NJ FL

Airports: HAG 18 miles
 BWI 79 miles
 Regan (DCA) 83 miles
 Dulles (IAD) 57 miles



February 2025

To: Pastor, Moderator, or Church Representative
Re: **2025 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference,
Greensboro, North Carolina -- July 2 - 6**



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 **Wednesday, March 5, 2025**.

- The advance delegate registration fee is \$350 per delegate. Advance registration will close on June 10. The fee for registering delegates onsite in Greensboro will be \$425. Don't wait!
- The advance non-delegate registration fee is \$175. Advance registration will close on June 10. The fee for registering non-delegates onsite in Greensboro will be \$210.
- Registering as a Virtual Non-Delegate to watch business online, participate in a number of Equipping Sessions and see the Rockingham Male Chorus concert Saturday night is again an option. The advance virtual non-delegate registration fee is \$195 through June 27. There is also an option for Groups and Institutions to participate virtually from a common location for \$500. For more information go to www.brethren.org/ac2025/registration and select Virtual.

Registering a Delegate

Congregations may register their delegates using online registration beginning Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 12:00 Noon 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 (847-429-4366) and we will be happy to answer your questions. 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 2025 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 2024 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 5, 2025 at 12:00 Noon Central Time. When registering anyone other than a delegate, click on the "Non-Delegate Registration" button.

NEW & RENEW CONFERENCE 2025



God is Doing a New Thing

Isaiah 43:19

MAY 14-16, 2025 | ELGIN, IL

Church of the Brethren General Offices and virtual

New & Renew is a vibrant hybrid gathering focused on church planting and church renewal. This event is rooted in worship and prayer that equips, nurtures, and stimulates practical, creative ministry.

Registration opens Monday, February 10
www.brethren.org/newandrenew

CEU's will include both live sessions and recordings

A continuation of the Church Planting Conference, **New & Renew** is a Renaissance project of Discipleship & Leadership Formation to grow vital congregations and empower every person to make a positive difference in their world through demonstrating the extraordinary God.



Sponsored by the Church of the Brethren through the Office of Discipleship & Leadership Formation and the New & Renew Advisory Team



Keynote Speaker:
Jonathan Brooks

Jonathan Brooks serves as Lead Pastor at Lawndale Christian Community Church. As well as the Chief Inspiration Officer for Lawndale Christian Ministries which includes Lawndale Christian Health Center, Lawndale Christian Development Corporation and Lawndale Christian Legal Center.

Pastah J, as he is affectionately called, is a sought-after speaker, writer, artist, organizer and community developer. He has contributed to numerous blogs, articles and books and is the author of the book *Church Forsaken: Practicing Presence in Neglected Neighborhoods*.

Jonathan has a Bachelor of Architecture from Tuskegee University, Master of Arts in Teaching from National Louis University, as well as a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Northern Seminary with an emphasis in Christian Community Development. He resides in the North Lawndale neighborhood on the West Side of Chicago.



Church of the Brethren

Blue Ridge Song & Story Fest: Singin' the Blues, Searchin' the Stars!

July 6-12, 2025

Camp Brethren Woods, Keezletown, VA

**A Family Camp featuring Brethren musicians and storytellers in the
Shenandoah Valley of Virginia!**

Are you Feeling Blue lately?

War got you down?

Election results making you wonder about the sanity of our citizens?

Worried about what our government and leaders might do? Not do?

You aren't alone!

Even the Wise Men, the Magi, were not alone when they searched the stars for the places where new life from God might emerge. They traveled and sought for signs of the kingdom of God, together. I bet they even sang as they navigated the deserts of fear and longing.

So, come and sing with us! Hear the stories of hope and new life! Recommit yourself to the journey toward justice for all, mercy for the poor and the refugee, telling the story of Jesus' love for the oppressed and heavy laden.

Yes, it's time to sing the blues, but also to renew the struggle that never ends! Together we'll find some vistas of hope and understanding to rest upon and regroup!

Join us as we sing the blues and search the stars!

Storytellers and Workshop Leaders:

Susan Boyer

Anna Lisa Gross

Matt Guynn

Kathy Guisewite

Jonathan Hunter

Jim Lehman

Campfire, Workshop, and Concert Musicians:

Rhonda & Greg Baker

Louise Brodie

Hannah Button-Harrison

Erin & Cody Flory Robertson

Katie Loomis-Adams

Chris Good

Michael Overman

Sadie Gustafson-Zook

Peg Lehman

Mike Stern

***Come sing the blues and search the stars with us at
Camp Brethren Woods!***

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

UPCOMING EVENTS/ PROGRAMS



Aug.
1

YOUNG ADULT STEERING COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS DUE

The Young Adult Steering Committee, open to those age 18 - 35, plans and hosts Young Adult Conference annually. The YASC also produces one edition of Bridge, the young adult newsletter. Apply at <https://forms.gle/2KrREaz9uvyvMKch6>



Sept.
30

NATIONAL YOUTH CABINET NOMINATIONS DUE

Adults are welcome to nominate outstanding youth to serve on the next National Youth Cabinet! This cabinet will provide significant leadership for National Youth Conference 2026. Nomination form at <https://forms.gle/tNSosJ7NmBEjBX6R7>



Nov.
3

NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY

Encourage your junior high youth to take the lead in worship! Resources will be posted this fall at www.brethren.org/yya/jr-high-resources/



April
5 - 9

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR

CCS gives high school students a chance to explore the relationship between their faith and a particular social justice issue, culminating in legislative visits on Capitol Hill. Find out more at www.brethren.org/yya/ccs



www.brethren.org/yya

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