



**MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT**  
**EVENTS**

**April 2025**  
(and beyond)

Original pastels by William Weaver, member, Westminster Church of the Brethren

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

Presented by the University of Maryland SAFE  
Center for Human Trafficking Survivors

**When:**

April 5th, 2025

9:30am

**Where:**

Brownsville Church of the Brethren

1911 Rohrersville Rd

Knoxville, MD 21758

(301) 432-8354

## In This Training You Will Learn...

- The difference between sex and labor trafficking
- The different types of victimization
- The vulnerabilities that place a person at risk
- The tactics used by traffickers
- The indicators that a person may be trafficked
- And more...



**GPC**

Gestalt Pastoral Care

# *Faith Imagination*

## One-Day Workshop Online

### April 12, 2025

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

“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>







CAMP MARDELA

# Benefit Auction

Live & Silent auction  
Food stand & bake  
sale



Support the  
ministry of Camp  
Mardela!

8:00am - 1:00pm

**April 12, 2025**

**301 Deep Shore Rd  
Denton, MD 21629**

[www.campmardela.org/spring-camp-auction](http://www.campmardela.org/spring-camp-auction)



GLADE VALLEY  
CHURCH  
OF THE  
BRETHREN



**GLOW**  
**FOR JESUS**  
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Friday  
April 18  
6:30-8:30



**GLOW-IN-THE-DARK**  
*Easter* **Egg Hunt**

LIVE DJ , Easter Bunny,  
Egg Hunt & More!

Come on out & Join in the FUN!

Glade Valley Church of The Brethren  
**2 Chapel Place , Walkersville**  
This is a FREE Community Event - ALL are welcome.



CHRIST IS  
**RISEN!**



**JOIN US FOR EASTER "SONRISE"  
SERVICE APRIL 20TH  
7:30 AM-8:30 AM**

**Meet at Krabill Hall - Breakfast after service**

*301 Deep Shore Rd., Denton, MD 21629*

# CAMP MARDELA

"FAITH & DOUBT"

BASED ON JOHN 20:19-29

## 2025 M.A.D YOUTH SPRING RETREAT

What: A Weekend Retreat at Camp Mardela with fun, fellowship, and faith-flourishing with worship, small groups, games, and a service project

When: April 25-27, 2025 – We will begin after dinner Friday night at 7:00 pm, and we will end before lunch Sunday morning at 11:00 am

Cost: \$55 per participant

**\*\*Advance registration required!\*\***

Scholarships are available upon request

Who: All Youth in 6-12 grades

Advisors: All Youth Attending, Need to Bring Their Own Advisors

(Male Youth Need a Male Advisor, Female Youth Need a Female Advisor)

Registration deadline is April 18, 2025. Make checks out to Mid-Atlantic District.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Sleeping bag (bedding) and personal items for the 2 nights, including comfortable clothes and shoes. We will be sleeping in the King Retreat Center

For more information, contact Mandy North, [mandy.north@manassasbrethren.org](mailto:mandy.north@manassasbrethren.org) or 703-395-5793; Jan Walker, [walkerjank@hotmail.com](mailto:walkerjank@hotmail.com); or

Missy Gallihugh Sumbry,  
[missygallihugh@gmail.com](mailto:missygallihugh@gmail.com)

April 25-27,  
2025



Scan the QR  
Code to  
Register





# **New CPR / AED Class!!**

CPR/AED (Adult, Child, Infant with steps to relieve choking)  
Two-year Certification

**Location: Grossnickle Church of the Brethren**

11301 Meeting House Road  
Myersville, MD 21773  
301-893-9516



**Date: Tuesday, April 29**

**Time: 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm**

**Cost: \$65 per person**

Call the church office at **301-293-9516**  
for information and to sign up for class

**Deadline to sign up is Friday, April 19.**



We live in a remote area and help could take  
15 minutes or more to arrive.

This is a great opportunity to possibly help save a life.



**44th Annual  
Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response**

# **Auction**

[www.madcoh.com/disaster-response-auction](http://www.madcoh.com/disaster-response-auction)



**May 3, 2025**

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

Sponsored by the Church of the Brethren Mid-Atlantic District

# Plant sale petal power!



This spring, let's harness the good in God's earth to help families who lose their homes to

wildfires and other disasters. By planting a few extra perennials or annuals, or veggie, herb, berry and other plants, or groundcovers, trees, and shrubs, each of us can **GROW** money for Brethren Disaster Ministries!

Please pot and label each plant. Bring it to the **Plant Sale** at our Mid-Atlantic District COB's Disaster Response fundraiser at Carroll County Ag Center on our set-up day, Friday morning, May 2, or early in the morning on



our Plant Sale day, Saturday, May 3.

And, **stay awhile!** You may find new plants, as well as quilts and crafts to love and take home!!

**Questions? Email Arn Platou at [Arnwrite@myactv.net](mailto:Arnwrite@myactv.net)**





CAMP MARDELA

# YARD SALE

**May 10th, 8am-12pm**  
**301 Deep Shore Rd,**  
**Denton, MD 21629**

**DONATE ITEMS FOR  
CAMP TO SELL!**



**RENT A YARD SALE  
SPACE FOR \$15**

**[WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG/YARD-SALE](http://WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG/YARD-SALE)**

- 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**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Site Prep</b> (weeding/mowing select areas)</li><li>• <b>Erect Tents/Tables/Chairs/Serving Areas</b></li><li>• <b>Staging/Sound</b> (acquire/set up)</li><li>• <b>Music</b> (recruit congregations for gospel/bluegrass)</li><li>• <b>Food/Cooking Team</b> (build/set up the fire pit)</li><li>• <b>Kid/Adult Games</b> (plan/coordinate)</li><li>• <b>Kid/ Adult Races</b> (recruit team to assist)</li><li>• <b>Hot-air Balloon "lifts"</b> (recruit team to assist)</li><li>• <b>Field games</b> (youth; recruit team to assist)</li><li>• <b>Direction/Signage</b> (team design/place)</li><li>• <b>Treasure Hunts</b> (chart paths, design/place clues, prizes)</li><li>• <b>Registration</b> (purchase tickets)</li><li>• <b>SS T-Shirt Sales</b> (recruit a team to sell)</li><li>• <b>SS Coffee Sales</b> (recruit a team to sell)</li><li>• <b>Parking</b> (direct traffic/manage parking)</li><li>• <b>First Aide</b> (recruit nurses, designated area)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Wagon Rides</b> (recruit farm wagons/tractors)</li><li>• <b>Global Village tour</b> (volunteers to assist staff)</li><li>• <b>Photography</b> (recruit volunteers)</li></ul> |
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**Sponsors Needed/Recognized**  
Help us defray the cost/expenses

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

Refer to SS Website and Facebook  
[info@shepherdsspring.org](mailto:info@shepherdsspring.org)

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



CAMP MARDELA

2025

# Service Days

**Feb. 1**

**Aug. 2**

**Mar. 22**

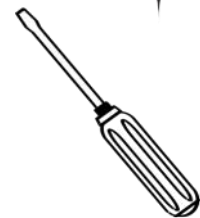
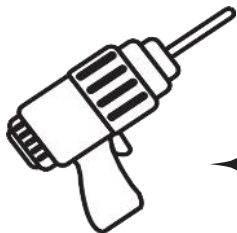
**Nov. 15**

**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](http://campmardela.org/service-days)  
301 Deep Shore Rd, Denton, MD







*Elvin*  
**SCHROCK**  
*and Sons*  
PLUMBING

A portrait of Josh Wilson, a man with short brown hair, a beard, and glasses, wearing a dark blue bomber jacket over a floral patterned shirt and grey pants. He is sitting on the floor, leaning forward with his hands resting on his knees.

**JOSH WILSON**  
*is Coming to Camp Mardela*  
**JUNE 7TH, 2025 AT 7PM**

\$20 GENERAL ADMISSION | \$10 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER  
VISIT [CAMPMARDELA.ORG](http://CAMPMARDELA.ORG) FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION



# WE'RE HIRING!



CAMP MARDELA

## 2025 SUMMER STAFF

### OPEN POSITIONS :

- CAMP NURSE
- FOOD SERVICE MANAGER
- KITCHEN STAFF

### BENEFITS

- ROOM & BOARD PROVIDED
- CONTRACTED PERIOD: 5-6 WEEKS DURING SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMMING
- BASE WEEKLY SALARY \$400

### REQUIREMENTS:

- MINIMUM AGE: 16 FOR ALL POSITIONS
- NURSE - VALID FIRST AID, CPR, AND CMT CERTIFICATION
- KITCHEN - FOOD HANDLING CERTIFICATION (CAN BE DONE AT CAMP)
- MANAGERS - SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE



## APPLY TODAY!

Applications due May 1st

[WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG/JOBS](http://WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG/JOBS)

301 DEEP SHORE ROAD  
DENTON, MD 21629  
CAMPMARDELA@GMAIL.COM



# CAMP MARDELA 2025



AGE RANGES BY GRADE  
COMPLETED JUNE 2025

## SUMMER CAMPS

STANDARD  
CAMP FEE

EARLY BIRD  
(BY MAY 1)

<b>JUNE 22-27</b>	Creative Arts - 4th-6th Grade Youth Camp - 8th-12th Grade	\$400 \$450	\$340 \$385
<b>JUN 29 -JUL 4</b>	Jr. High Camp - 7th-9th Grade	\$400	\$340
<b>JULY 6-8</b>	Mini Camp - 1st-2nd Grade	\$250	\$215
<b>JULY 13-17</b>	Twix Camp - 3rd-4th Grade	\$350	\$300
<b>JULY 18-19</b>	Me & You Camp - K-1st + 1 Adult	\$200	\$170
<b>JULY 20-25</b>	The Wild - 5th-7th Grade Youth Trip Camp - 8th-12th Grade	\$400 \$500	\$340 \$425
<b>JUL 28-AUG 1</b>	Day Camp - 1st-4th Grade	\$250	\$215

Register online at [www.campmardela.org/programs](http://www.campmardela.org/programs)

# CAMP MARDELA



## WISH LIST

THERE IS A LOT THAT GOES INTO MAKING CAMP POSSIBLE. IF YOU WANT TO HELP, CONSIDER DONATING SOME OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW:

- Moisture absorbers
- Garden edging
- Outdoor landscaping rocks
- Top soil
- Sink organizers
- Twin comforters or blankets
- Bedding storage container
- Curtains - any size
- Rugs - any size
- Dish rags
- Metal/plastic storage shelving
- Volleyball net
- Outdoor ceiling fans
- Spotlights (plug-in or solar)
- Wall-mounting heat & AC units
- Fire resistant & locking file cabinet
- Full-size refrigerator (for pavilion)
- Commercial ice machine
- Golf cart
- Camp van

YOU CAN ALSO FIND THIS LIST AND A LINK TO OUR AMAZON WISH LIST AT

[WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG/DONATE](http://WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG/DONATE).





# 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!



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](http://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](http://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](http://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.  
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### 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/](http://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](http://www.brethren.org/yya/ccs)



[www.brethren.org/yya](http://www.brethren.org/yya)

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