



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

EVENTS

July 2025
(and beyond)

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CAMP MARDELA

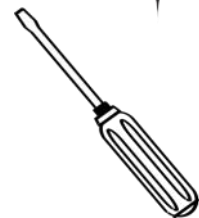
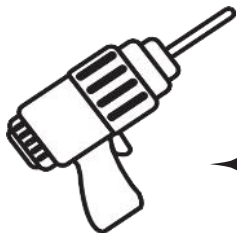
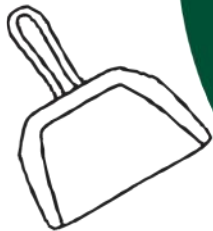
2025 Service Days

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



CAMP MARDELA 2025



**AGE RANGES BY GRADE
COMPLETED JUNE 2025**

SUMMER CAMPS

**STANDARD
CAMP FEE**

**EARLY BIRD
(BY MAY 1)**

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

Register online at 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.



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 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.

2025 Silent Auction Publicity

The Program and Arrangements Committee is once again holding a silent auction at Annual Conference in Greensboro this summer. The idea initially emerged a few years ago during a discussion about how we could intentionally contribute to the vitality of and increase traffic in the exhibit area. However, it also offers us an opportunity to raise some additional funds. Proceeds for this year's auction will support the ministry of Annual Conference, particularly our ongoing efforts to break down barriers to full participation.

You can help!

Contribute an item to the auction. We are requesting donations of items to be included in the auction. Potential items fall in three categories:

Arts and Craft Items – Included in this category are quality and unique hand-made items like woodworking, pottery, fabric art, paintings or drawings, stained glass, and so on.

Gift Baskets – Baskets could be assembled around a theme (perhaps a retreat or family game night), organizational “swag”, books (perhaps a recommended reading list), regional products, food, and so on. Be creative.

Experiences – Included in this category are things like tickets to events, use of vacation homes, trips, classes, a living room concert, and so on.

Items being donated must be registered in advance. NO UNREGISTERED ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONSITE THIS YEAR. To register a donation, go to <https://cobrethren.wufoo.com/forms/ac-2025-silent-auction-donation-form> to submit your contact information and a description of the item you wish to contribute. ONLINE SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 1. Actual items must be onsite at Annual Conference no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 2. Arrangements can be made to ship them to the Annual Conference office in advance if you are not planning to attend Annual Conference.

Volunteer to assist with the auction. We will need volunteers to staff the auction throughout Annual Conference. Volunteers will assist with receiving and staging auction items, registering bidders, and identifying/notifying winners. Anyone interested in volunteering can sign up for a shift here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945AFA722A4FCCF8-annual>.

Visit the auction and bid—over and over again. Once onsite at Annual Conference, attendees are encouraged to visit the silent auction—located in Colony B just off the exhibit area—to bid on your favorite items (and browse through the exhibits while you are there). Make sure to return throughout the week to see if you have the winning bid or if you need to enter a higher bid. Bidding will open at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 2 and end at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 5. Winners will be announced by 4:30 p.m. that day and will have until 6:45 p.m. to return to the auction to pay for and pick up their items.



Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Blood Drive

JULY 3 & 4, 2025

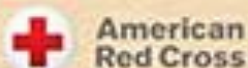
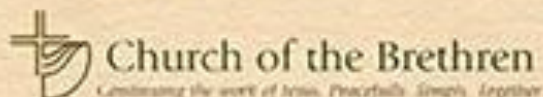
Heritage Room-Koury Sheraton




Appointments are encouraged.
Schedule your blood donation for a time that's
most convenient for you! Scan the QR code or go
to www.brethren.org/ac2025/BloodDrive
to reserve your place today!



Appointments will also be available during the conference.
Look for the Blood Drive table near the registration.



For more information, contact
BDM@brethren.org/800-451-4407



Church of the Brethren 2025 Virtual Blood Drive

You're invited to join the Annual Conference
Blood Drive effort by donating locally.
It's easy to do!

-  **Pledge** to give blood at www.brethren.org.virtualblooddrive2025 or call/email Brethren Disaster Ministries.
-  **Make an appointment** at a local blood drive.
-  **Give blood.** Let us know so we have a count of donors.
-  **Take a photo**, if possible, and send it to us. Post it on social media to encourage others.



Put your faith into action!

For more information: Contact Brethren Disaster Ministries
at bdm@brethren.org or 800-451-4407.



Use this QR code
to pledge online

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!***

Meet and Greet

District Executive Minister

Doug Veal

Sunday, August 17, 2025

2 PM

Moler Avenue Church of the Brethren

136 E. Moler Ave.

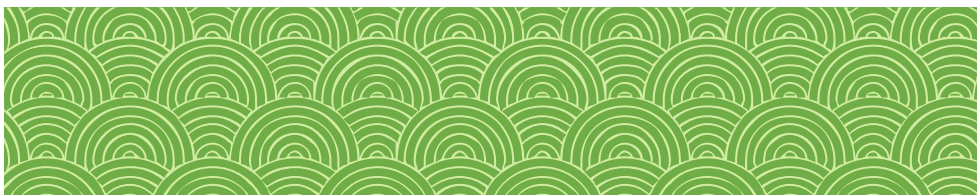
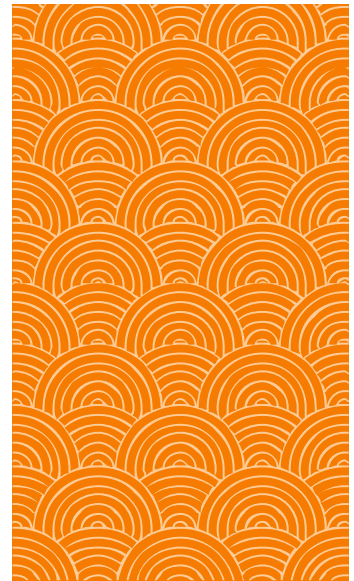
Martinsburg, WV 25404-4719

Members of Area 8 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 8 Churches-

Allensville, Fellowship, Johnstown, Moler Avenue,
Mountain View



Concert

by

**THE
CRESTMEN**

Saturday

September 27, 2025

6:00 pm



**Public
Is Invited
to attend**

Southern Gospel Recording Artist

Downsville Church of the Brethren

8228 Dam # 4 Road

Williamsport, MD 21795

The Crestmen have appeared on **National TV** and thru out the Eastern United States.
Like us on Facebook

For Bookings contact: Jim Hall, 434-579-1139
email: The.Crestmen@gmail.com www.thecrestmen.com



National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)

September 1-5, 2025

Lake Junaluska, NC

NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults 50 and older who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world.

Theme Statement

As the Apostle Paul came to the end of his letter to the Christians living in Rome, he shared his hopes for them. He knew they were strong, if imperfect, followers of Jesus Christ. He knew the church communities had their ups and downs. He knew life was hard for Christians. He also knew that they didn't have to handle life alone. His hope for them was in the power of God which would bring joy and peace. The fuel of their faith was the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.

We too are called to be "Alive in the Spirit!" We too are called to claim the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit which empowers everything we do. When we are alive in the Spirit we live with hope, with gratitude, with power, and with joy. Our world needs to experience the transforming love of God. Let's welcome the wind and the fire of the Holy Spirit into our lives and into our Church so that we may truly be alive in the Spirit.

ANE is hosting a bus trip to NOAC again this year and would like to invite our District to participate. All details and registration information are available here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/qwj5tsq/lp/fcedb9d5-d544-4506-b27e-d3843c160d86>

2025 Mid-Atlantic

District Conference



**CENTERED
ON CHRIST**

Colossians 1:16-19

October 10 & 11
Union Bridge Church of the Brethren

124 S. Main St., Union Bridge, MD 21791

FRIDAY EVENING

- **Pastor & Spouse Dinner**
- ***Brethren History Trivia Game***
 - Prizes:
 - Holy laughter
 - Interacting across generations
 - The satisfaction of knowing your Brethren history!
- **Ice Cream** *provided by Eder Financial*

SATURDAY

- **Love Feast and Feet Washing**
- **Workshops**

Updates will be added
as they're available

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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