



**SHE FOUND HER SON, original painting by Ruth Aukerman, Westminster COB**

.... the son who was killed fighting in a war, no matter whose side was drafted to fight for. she is clothing his eyes and sort of receiving him back into her womb, as God would receive him... and us.

**MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT**

**EVENTS** **October 2025**

# LOVE has no BORDERS

Immigration issues, deportation, and today's church



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OCTOBER



10-11:30 a.m. CDT


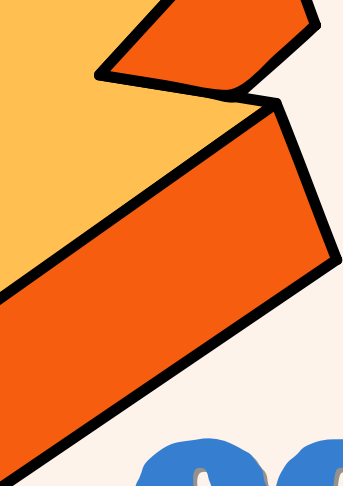
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Zoom link, email  
[iwdde@outlook.com](mailto:iwdde@outlook.com)

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# DISTRICT CONFERENCE JR/SR YOUTH



## GAMES-TRIVIA-BIBLE STUDY-SERVICE PROJECT

UNION BRIDGE COB

OCT 10 7:00PM -OCT 11 3:30

**BUILD A  
PEACEFUL  
PANTRY**

**BRING SLEEPING BAGS, PILLOWS,  
OVERNIGHT SUPPLIES - TOILETRIES,  
CHANGE OF CLOTHES AND A NON-  
PARISHIBLE FOOD DONATION**

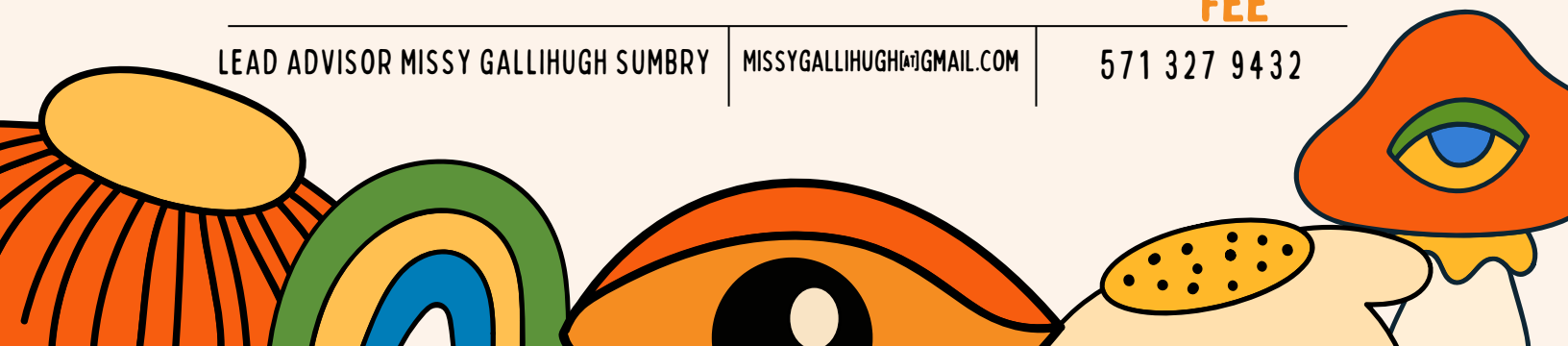
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**REGISTRATION  
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2025 Mid-Atlantic

# 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**
  - On the Other Hand: Seeing Both Sides of Divisive Issues
  - Risk Taking as a Worship Tool
  - FaithX & BVS – Faith in Action as an Older Adult
  - The Ministry of Shepherds Spring ... 35 years and beyond



*"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." Ecc. 3:1*

# Welty Fall Fest

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**2 pm – 4 pm**

**BRING YOUR  
KIDS OUT TO  
THE COUNTRY,  
Y'ALL!**

**Rain Date:  
October 18<sup>th</sup>**

## **Family Fun & FREE!**

Make your own kid-size scarecrow!

Decorate a pumpkin to take home!

Games: Ladder Ball! Sack Races!

Pumpkin Bowling! Toss-a-Ball!

Food: Apple Cider! Slushies!

Ice Cream! Hot Dogs! Chips/Snacks!

Hayrides! Live Music! Kids' Play Area!

See Adorable Miniature Farm Animals!

*All Free and While Supplies Last*



Event location: Welty Church of the Brethren,  
13465 Greensburg Rd., Smithsburg, MD.

During the event, we will be accepting donations for Children In Need, Inc., a non-profit organization serving Washington County children. Please consider donating an item! See the Welty Facebook Event for suggested items.



# Church of the Brethren

## Ministry Office

### INTERIM/Transitional Ministry Round Table Discussion

**Zoom Session: Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 – 8:30 pm EST**

Perhaps you are a pastor interested in interim ministry or a member of a congregation that is facing change.

*Maybe your pastor has resigned, your attendance numbers have changed, or you've made the decision to sell your building.*

While the future of each congregation is unique for every setting, congregations moving through transitions have the opportunity to experience that season as a time of transformation and growth.

*Discerning the best steps forward during a season of change is an intentional process, grounded in God's leading.*

Come to learn more about the possibilities of interim ministries, to ask questions about ways to navigate transitional times, and discuss your current challenges with others who share the same journey.

**JOIN US for support and Information using this link:** <https://tiny.cc/COB-Interim>

**This discussion will be presented by members of the Interim Ministry Working Group and sponsored by the Church of the Brethren Ministry Office.**

**You'll be in conversation with:**

**Tara Hornbacker** – Current Interim Minister, retired Bethany Theological Seminary faculty. Taught Brethren Academy's Interim ministry class. Currently interim in SOH/KY district.

**Christy Dowdy** – Interim Ministry leadership with 2 different congregations and retired pastor; Completed BTS Interim Ministry class.

**Enten Eller** – Currently serving as the transitional interim pastor at the Ridgeway Community Church of the Brethren (Harrisburg, PA). He has been certified for interim ministry through the Interim Ministry Network.

Contact the Ministry Office for more information

Nancy Sollenberger Heishman, Director

[officeofministry@brethren.org](mailto:officeofministry@brethren.org)

*Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.*

# **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**



**Saturday, October 25, 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 - \$35 \***

**Children 6 – 12 - \$12      Under 6 – Free**

**Carry-Out - \$31**

**Ticket sales begin @ 11 am.**

**\*Subject to change depending upon market price of oysters**





# Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 1

8:30 am—2:00 pm

**Sam's Creek Church**

2736 Marston Road,  
New Windsor, Maryland  
[www.samscreekcob.org](http://www.samscreekcob.org)

Gifts

Knit and Crochet Items

Ornaments \* Wall Hangings

Household Gifts

Bake Table

Breakfast Sandwiches

Soup \* Chili \* Sandwiches,

Donuts \* Beverages

For information call 443-398-7334



**We hope you will join  
us as we worship our Lord  
and Savior Jesus Christ and  
celebrate all He has done  
and continues to do!**

## **200TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**

### **Holy Grounds Coffee House**

Join us on **Friday, 11/7 at 7:00pm** for food,  
coffee, fellowship and music by our very  
own "Joyful Noise" praise band.

### **Worship Celebration**

Join us on **Saturday, 11/8 at 6:00pm** as  
we celebrate all that God has done and is  
doing at Meadow Branch.

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Paul Munday**  
Refreshments to follow.

### **Worship & Dinner**

Join us on **Sunday, 11/9 at 10:45am**  
for a special worship service.

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Bob Krause**  
We will share a meal and time of  
fellowship following the service.

To RSVP go to [meadowbranch.org](http://meadowbranch.org) and  
select "200th Anniversary Events"  
under the Events tab, call 410-848-7478  
or email [office@meadowbranch.org](mailto:office@meadowbranch.org)  
by 11/1 if possible.

## **MEADOW BRANCH 1825 ~ 2025**



**1825 - Met in Homes  
1847 - 1st Building**



**1876 - Building Enlarged  
1914 - Rebuilt as Brick  
Building (below)**



**1954 - Addition Built (below)**



**2025 - Current Building (below)**





*Holiday Craft Bazaar*  
*Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>,*  
*2025*

*8:00 am - 2:00 pm*



Bush Creek Church of the Brethren  
4821A Green Valley Road, Monrovia, Md. 21770

Sponsored by the Women's Fellowship      Church phone: 301-865-3013

*As always, lots of beautiful handmade items this year!*



Holiday table décor, ornaments, Annette Miller's beautiful beaded jewelry, crocheted scarves and hats, gift bags, hand-painted items by Phyllis Clarke, and the popular "Kids' Corner" with take-home holiday craft kits that you and your children can enjoy working on together during the lead-up to Christmas.



*...AND you just never know what great finds you'll discover just waiting for you on our huge "White Elephant" table!*

**DON'T FORGET THE FOOD!**

Our bake table will have homemade cakes, pies, brownies, candy, etc. In addition to our usual array of cookies, we'll have un-iced Christmas cut-out cookies baked and ready for you to take home and decorate with the kids! (Or freeze them, then decorate them closer to Christmas.) Our Bush Creek Kitchen will be serving a variety of delicious sandwiches, homemade soups and slices of pie during your time at the bazaar!!

**ALL ITEMS PAYABLE WITH  
CASH OR CHECKS! Sorry, no  
credit cards.**





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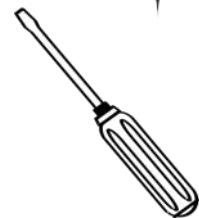
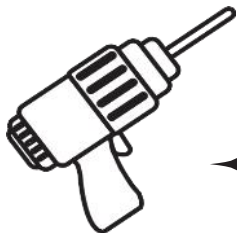
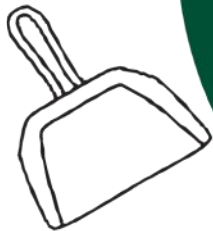
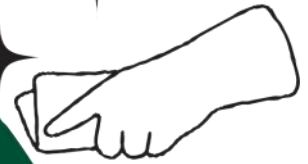
# 2025 Service Days

**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



# 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)



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