



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

EVENTS

December 2025



“Christmas in the Country”

Saturday, November 29th, 6pm - 8pm

**A FREE Community Event to Share the
HOPE, LOVE, JOY & PEACE of JESUS!**

- ❖ Outdoor Live Nativity with adorable farm animals and narration of the Christmas story from the Bible!
- ❖ Inside, you'll find sights, sounds & smells of the Christmas season! There will be free kid's activities, refreshments, music, and more! Each family will also receive a goody bag with free gifts until they're gone!
- ❖ Hand-crafted items for sale at the cutest little “Country Store” you've ever seen!

**Welty Church of the Brethren
13465 Greensburg Road
Smithsburg, MD 301-824-3941**

Look for our Facebook event!

INTERIM/Transitional Ministry Round Table Discussion: Round 2

Zoom Session: Monday, December 1, 7:30 – 9 pm EST

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

This second round table discussion will focus upon the congregational questions surrounding transitional or interim ministry.

- IF you're part of a congregation facing a transition, what might be the reasons you would call an interim or transitional pastor?
- What priorities might you name for the time of change and transition?
- What questions are helpful for you to consider for potential interim leadership?
- What are reasonable or anticipated guidelines for the transition timeline?

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, and discuss your current challenges with others who share a similar journey.

This discussion will again be coordinated 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

ZOOM CONNECTION: <https://tiny.cc/COB-Interim>

Baking
sprits
Bright



HOMEMADE COOKIES SOLD BY THE DOZEN
MIX AND MATCH
BREAKFAST SANDWICHES
CHICKEN CORN SOUP, HAM & BEAN SOUP
STEAMERS, FRESH CUT FRIES
HOMEMADE JELLY
EAT IN OR CARRY OUT

THEME BASKETS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
8 A.M. - 2 P.M.

WELTY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
13465 Greensburg Rd.
Smithsburg, MD 301 824-3941

Church Holiday Event

Union Bridge Church of the Brethren

124 S. Main Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791

December 7th, 2025, 11:30 am

**Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall
for our Annual Holiday Event!**

**Come enjoy fun, food, fellowship and festive
crafts as we celebrate the season together.**

Everyone is welcome—all ages!

**Bring your kids, grandkids, friends, and
neighbors—there's something for everyone!**

We will provide the supplies, just bring your

Christmas spirit!



CHRISTMAS AT CAMP MARDELA

Dec. 12 & 13

6pm-8pm

301 Deep Shore Rd, Denton, MD



ADMISSION - BY DONATION

*Live music - Cookie Decorating - Christmas
Train Display - Decorations - Food - Camp Fire*

WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG/CHRISTMAS-AT-CAMP



PLEASE JOIN OUR

Christmas Luncheon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

1-3 PM

**16869 TAYLORS LANDING RD
SHARPSBURG, MD 21782**

HOSTED BY:

Shepherd's Spring

**LUNCH: SOUP, WRAPS, DESSERTS.
HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES
ORNAMENT MAKING
CHILDREN'S CRAFTS
LIVE MUSIC**

**\$10. SUGGESTED DONATION FOR LUNCH
WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AT THE
EVENT. CHILDREN 5YRS AND UNDER ARE
FREE.**

**PLEASE RSVP TO
HSMITH@SHEPHERDSSPRING.ORG**

CAMP SCHEDULE 2026

AGE RANGES - WINTER:
CURRENT GRADE

WINTER RETREATS

STANDARD
CAMP
FEE

EARLY BIRD
(BEFORE
JAN. 1)*

FEB. 6-8	Jr. High Retreat - 6th-8th Grade	\$110	\$95
FEB. 21	Mini Day Retreat - 2nd-3rd Grade	\$35	\$30
MAR. 6-8	Twix Retreat - 4th-5th Grade	\$110	\$95

AGE RANGES - SUMMER:
GRADE COMPLETED JUNE 2026

SUMMER CAMPS

STANDARD
CAMP
FEE

EARLY BIRD
(BEFORE
MAY 1)*

JUN. 28-JUL. 3	Jr. High Camp - 7th-9th Grade	\$400	\$340
JUL. 5-7	Mini Camp - 1st-2nd Grade Overnight Day Only	\$250 \$125	\$215 \$107.50
JUL. 10-11	Me & You Camp - K-1st + 1 Adult	\$200	\$170
JUL. 12-16	Twix Camp - 3rd-4th Grade	\$350	\$300
JUL. 19-24	The Wild - 5th-7th Grade	\$400	\$340
JUL. 26-31	Creative Arts - 4th-6th Grade	\$400	\$340
	Youth Trip Camp - 8th-12th Grade	\$500	\$425
JUL. 27-31	Day Camp - 2nd-4th Grade	\$250	\$215

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: DAY CAMPS/RETREATS - 8 CAMPERS | OVERNIGHT CAMPS - 10 CAMPERS
CAMP REGISTRATION CLOSES 14 DAYS BEFORE START OF CAMP.

Register online at www.campmardela.org/camp-programs

Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren

2026 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 45th Annual Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction will be held **Saturday, May 2, 2026**, beginning 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 survivors this year.

In 2025, a record high of \$96,000 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 2025 the Emergency Disaster Fund supported these efforts and more:

- California Wildfires
 - Israel-Hamas War response in Gaza and West Bank
 - Tennessee - Hurricane Helene Response – Rebuilding
 - Hurricane Melissa Response in Cuba
 - Summer 2022 Flooding Response in Kentucky
 - Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda Churches
 - Venezuela Flooding Response
 - Deportation Defense Response
 - South Sudan Church of the Brethren Mission
 - Ecuador Humanitarian Relief
 - Nigeria Crisis Response
 - Child Life Disaster Relief
 - Ukraine Response
- ...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	Eighth Page...\$25 black/\$35 color
Half page...\$85 black/\$105 color	Patron Listing...\$10, \$25, \$35, or more
Third Page...\$60 black/\$75 color	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 4, 2026.
- 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 6, 2026!

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PROVIDE MEALS

The Mid-Atlantic District will be partnering with some of the SO PA District congregations who are willing to prepare a meal for approximately 30 people for lunch with a light snack.

Please contact your district office if your congregation is willing to provide a meal or funds.

The Meat Canning Committee is very grateful to the congregations that provide the meals and funds.

Disclaimer: All info is as of the date of publication; times, needs, restrictions, etc. may change between now and April. Please volunteer and know that we will contact you with updates if necessary. Thanks!

HOTELS IN CAM AREA

Econolodge

2031 N Reading Rd,
Denver 717-336-7000

Comfort Inn

1 Denver Rd, Denver
717-336-7541

Hampton Inn & Suites

380 E Main St., Ephrata
717-733-0661

2026 Meat Canning Committee

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Directions to Christian Aid Ministries

2412 Division Highway, Ephrata, PA

717-354-2434

From Lancaster: Go north on Rt. 222 to Rt. 322. Go approximately 4 miles east on Rt. 322 to Christian Aid Ministries. Facility is on the left.



From York: Take Rt. 30 east to Rt. 222 North, then follow the above directions.

Meat Canning Project



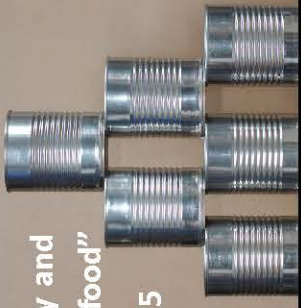
4 Days

April 6 - 9

Processed at:
Christian Aid Ministries

Sponsored by:
Southern PA &
Mid-Atlantic Districts COB

**"I was hungry and
you gave Me food"
Matthew 25:35**



This quote from Jesus' story about the last judgment is a reminder that we render service to God even as we respond to human need. The spirit of generous sharing, and the hunger that exists in many parts of the world comes together in our Meat Canning project.

For the 48th year, the Mid-Atlantic and SO PA Districts are co-sponsoring a Meat Canning project which previously has enjoyed a generous response and enthusiastic support. The project is scheduled for April 6 - 9, 2026 at the Christian Aid Ministries facility.



Starting funds are good, but we need to raise money if we intend to meet our goal; excess money is held for next year's event. Expenses include the cost of the chicken, use of CAM's facility, labels, boxes, miscellaneous supplies, as well as shipping costs, when applicable. Congregations are encouraged to take offerings during January, February, March and April for this ministry of sharing and to forward these funds to their respective District Office.

The Meat Canning Project is a great way for us to minister to those in need during these difficult economic and disaster-ridden times.

As in the past, a portion of the meat from this project will be provided to both Districts to be shared with local food banks and meal programs. The Meat Canning Committee has decided to wait until Spring 2026 to determine how a donation of meat or funds will be made to denominational ministries.

In order for the committee to provide adequate help for each shift, it is important that you inform your District Office ASAP when you will be available to volunteer.

- Mid-Atlantic District 443-960-3052
- Southern PA District 570-295-9879
717-778-2254

Shift assignments will be made by the District Offices on a first-come-basis. Once you have pledged volunteers,

**YOU ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR
FINDING
REPLACEMENTS**

if you are unable to fulfill your commitment.

No shows create schedule problems and an increase in inspector fees.



Daily Work Schedule & Responsibilities

Shift #1 - 7:15 a.m. to NOON

Assist in starting the day's process, participate in the cutting, canning and labeling. (15 volunteers needed)

Shift #2 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Participate in the total process of the program. (10 volunteers needed)

CAM Requirements

First and foremost, it is the desire of CAM to honor and glorify God. We appreciate all the people that are volunteering their time and effort at the Ephrata warehouse. We kindly request that the following guidelines be respected.

- Parents should share with CAM the responsibility for the safety of their youth.
- Proper use and respect for equipment and reasonable care for the building.

• Girls/women must wear a dress or skirt at the knee. No low-cut tops. Skirts are provided if you wear pants, it can be worn over your pants.

• Men/boys must wear long pants and shirts with sleeves. No shorts or Tank Tops!

Note: Room temperature is 55 degrees, dress accordingly.

- NO SMOKING or TOBACCO use.
- NO CHEWING GUM.
- NO use of foul language.

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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