

2025 West Marva District Directory



WEST MARVA DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

2025 DISTRICT CONFERENCE LOCATION

September 20, 2025

Moorefield Church of the Brethren

115 Clay Street

Moorefield WV 26836

Moderator – Rev. Dr. Allie Crowe

THEME: “You Are Not of This World”

John 17:16-19

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LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Transitions are happening all around us, in our churches, in our clergy, in ourselves. The big lesson for the year has been that God can redeem all transitions, and grant peace of mind in the midst of them. My theme verse this year is ***Isaiah 26:3, which I have written on the whiteboard at the office to see every time I'm here working: You will keep the mind that is dependent on you in perfect peace, for it is trusting you (HCSB).*** He can use change as the refining fire that purifies our faith into something worth more than gold. I'm experiencing numerous transitions simultaneously, and I'm certain as I get around the district visiting our pastors and congregations, I am not the only one.

One chief transition this year was Brenda Harvey's retirement. Bless Brenda and Denny as they navigate a new season that is fraught with unexpected challenges. At the district level, Brenda had been working from home, so a big transition has been that I am using the office building again, even though it is only one day a week. You can find me at 384 Dennett Road in Oakland MD every Tuesday, often with my 6-year-old pit-lab Holly, who I can't leave at home alone for that long (it is a two-hour drive for me each way).

Another transition happened my first week on the job: Our Church of the Brethren headquarters in Elgin IL fell victim to a cyber attack, rendering our district email inoperable for weeks. Fortunately, my district executive email had been newly established and was unaffected; but I understand many people who are accustomed to receiving email from the previous address westmarva@brethren.org have not been receiving all correspondence from my new email address westmarvade@gmail.com. ***Please spread the word in your congregations to add the new email to contact lists, as it is the more functional one now.*** Also, check your SPAM folders because many of you may have been receiving district news and it was being filtered into that folder as from an unknown sender.

Several congregations have undergone transition. Harness Run opted to leave the district and become an independent church at the end of 2024. Pastors Sonny Dodd, Wes Bergen, and Foster Williams all retired from their positions at Keyser, Morgantown, and Valley River respectively. Pastor Bill Shimer went to glory in December. We welcomed new ministers DJ Taylor at Walnut Grove, Ken "Cappy" Caplinger at Beaver Run, and Stephen Lowe at Morgantown.

Be patient as the district navigates all these transitions. Communication is key, and I have found communication very difficult here. Getting accurate information for this directory took several months. It is complete enough to be useful, but if you see anything that needs amended, email the suggestion to westmarvade@gmail.com. ***Every congregation has received hard copies of our now bi-monthly MEMO: Please be sure to share these with all the members.*** Submit material to me so that you are actively communicating with the rest of us about what the Lord is doing in your midst.

I have visited exactly HALF of our congregations so far, halfway through the year. If you have not already, *please* get me on your calendar for any special event, evening service, outreach activity, homecoming event. My goal is to have direct in-person connection with all 27 churches by the end of the year. Pray for me, my health, my home, pets, and extended family, my safety as I travel around West Virginia and Maryland to be with you, and for the Mission of Jesus to advance among us. – Leah J

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES

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PO Box 188, New Windsor MD 21776
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BRETHREN REVIVAL FELLOWSHIP

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HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

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DISTRICT FUNDS LIST

WEST MARVA DISTRICT DISASTER AND RELIEF FUND

Denny Skeweris, Director

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WEST MARVA DISTRICT BUDGET SUPPORT

Leah J. Hileman, Financial Secretary

West Marva District Office, 384 Dennett Rd, Oakland MD 21550

(Contributions in support of the district operations and expenses should be sent to the district office, payable to West Marva District)

WEST MARVA SPECIAL DISTRICT FUNDS

(Make all checks payable to West Marva District and add the Name of the Special Fund listed below to the Memo line)

Bible Fund

Children's Assistance Fund

Congregational Vitality

District Disaster Fund

Endowment Fund

Ministerial Scholarship Fund

New Church Development

Short-Term Mission Fund

West Marva Ministry Training Program

Contributions to West Marva District remain in the district. They support staffing our Executive Minister, maintaining our district office, parsonage and grounds, all district communications and newsletters, and fund the work of our wonderful ministry teams so that the district can enjoy opportunities for fellowship and growth at events like District Conference or the annual Pastor/Deacon Appreciation Banquet. Your tax-deductible contribution is appreciated so much; together we work, with Christ as our Head, toward the unity and vitality of all our member churches. Thank you!

2025 WEST MARVA STAFF, BOARD, LEADERS

District Executive Minister, Administrator, and Financial Secretary – Leah J. Hileman, westmarvade@gmail.com, 540-742-2457

2025 District Moderator – Alicia Crowe, allie.crowe.07@gmail.com, 608-215-8619

2025 District Moderator-Elect – Danny Ludwick, amy.ludwick@yahoo.com, 304-851-7728

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Technology Team - Bill Shomo (Information Technology)

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DISTRICT CONGREGATIONS

BEAN SETTLEMENT (46-020)

Physical – 7425 North River Rd, Baker WV (¼ mile west of Rock Oak, WV)

Sunday School – 10am, Worship – 11am

Pastor – Burl Charlton (Donna) (Use Pastor’s address for church mail)

304-496-7800, becharlton@frontiernet.net

9194 Ford Hill Rd, Rio WV 26755

BEAR CREEK (46-028)

Mailing – PO Box 447, Accident MD 21520

Physical – 1088 Brethren Church Rd, Accident MD 21520

Sunday School – 9:30am, Worship – 10:30am

Pastor – Jennifer Kreighbaum (Jason)

301-501-7245, jkreighbaum335@comcast.net

310 M St, Oakland MD 21550

BEAVER RUN (46-030)

1774 Beaver Run Rd, Burlington WV 26710

304-289-3087, beaverrunchurch1774@gmail.com

Sunday School – 10am, Worship – 11am

Pastor – Kenneth “Cappy” Caplinger (Letha)

304-209-1778, pastorcappy@yahoo.com

BETHESDA (46-045)

13701 Bittinger Rd, Grantsville MD 21536

Sunday School – 9:30am, Worship – 10:30am

Contact – Alex Snyder (Shirley) (Use Contact address for church mail)

301-334-1046

1794 Sunnyside Rd, Oakland MD 21550

CUMBERLAND – LIVING STONE (46-083)

114 N. Cedar St, Cumberland MD 21502 (Corner of Second and Cedar)

301-777-0344, livingstonechurch@atlanticbb.net

Sunday School – 9:15am, Worship – 10:30am

Pastor – Tom Woods, Jr. (Tracie)

863-557-7365, poboyzcrewchief@aol.com

214 Springdale St, Cumberland MD 21502

ELKINS (46-083)

708 West Central St, Elkins WV 26241

304-636-0453

Sunday School – 10:00am, Worship – 11:00am

Interim Pastor – Danny Ludwick (Amy)

304-851-7728, amy.ludwick@yahoo.com

16059 Patterson Creek Rd, Burlington WV 26710

GEORGES CREEK (46-087)

Located 3 miles west of Lonaconing, MD (Avilton-Lonaconing Rd 21539)

Sunday School – 11:00am, Worship-10:00am

Pastor – Robin Smearman (David Sr) (Use Pastor address for church mail)

301-789-3367, rdm_davis@comcast.net

132 Smearman Rd, Friendsville MD 21531

GLADY (46-088)

8625 Bemis Rd, Bowden WV 26254

Sunday School – 10:00am, Worship – 6:00pm

Pastor – David Moore (Nancy) (Use Pastor address for church mail)

304-704-4079, davidmoore1734@gmail.com

1701 Laurel Mountain Rd, Montrose WV 26283

GOSHEN (46-089) Inactive

HANGING ROCK (46-098)

317 Hanging Rock Rd, Augusta WV 26704

Sunday School – 10:00am, Worship – 11:00am

Pastors - Bob and Brenda Combs (Use Pastor address for church mail)

304-359-0652 (Bob) or 304-359-0728 (Brenda), pastorbobnbrendacombs@gmail.com

PO Box 815, Augusta WV 26704

HARPERS CHAPEL (46-112)

661 Lost River State Park Rd, Moorefield WV 26836

Sunday School – 9:30am, Worship – 10:30am

Contact – Dennis Helmick (use Contact address for church mail)

PO Box 624, Moorefield WV 26836

KELLEY CHAPEL (46-117)

440 Furnace Run Rd, Burlington WV 26710

Sunday School – 11:00am, Worship – 10:00am

Pastor - Denzil Davis (Shirley “Cookie”) (Use Pastor address for church mail)

dnsrestfnb@gmail.com, 304-496-8329

PO Box 7, Augusta WV 26704

KEYSER (46-120)

152 South Main St, Keyser WV 26726

Worship – 10:30am

Pastor (Vacancy)

304-788-3169, keysercob@yahoo.com

LAUGHLIN (46-131)

2867 Amish Rd, Grantsville MD 21536

Worship – 4:00pm

Contact – Robyn Bagley, robyn@bagley.org

2499 Amish Rd, Grantsville MD 21536

Pastor – Denny Durst (Ethel)

301-895-8312 (H), 301-268-2310 (C), ethel.durst@gmail.com

PO Box 201, Grantsville MD 21536

LAUREL GLEN (46-132)

251 Laurel Glen Ln, Terra Alta WV (101 Co Rte 28/1), 304-789-2601

Sunday School – 10:00am, Worship – 11:00am

Contact – Leslie Ann Bolyard (Use Contact for church mail)

301-387-4347, lesliebolyard1018@gmail.com

6847 Cranesville Rd, Friendsville MD 21531

MOOREFIELD (46-144)

115 Clay St, Moorefield WV 26836

Sunday School – 9:30am, Worship – 10:30am

304-538-7311, mcobpastors@hardynet.com

Pastor – Russell Webster (Lucy)

301-387-4347 (H), 304-897-6213 (C)

5077 Needmore Rd, Baker WV 26801

MORGANTOWN (46-150)

Church of the Brethren West Marva District and Allegheny Mennonite Conference

464 Virginia Ave, Morgantown WV 26505, 304-292-5616

Worship – 10:30am

Pastor – Stephen Lowe

540-746-7594, Stephen.Lowe@morgantowncob.org

501 Center St, Morgantown WV 26505

OAK GROVE (46-165)

Mailing - PO Box 599, McHenry MD 21561

Physical - 6557 Sang Run Rd

301-387-7502, oakgrovechurchofthebrethren@gmail.com

Sunday School – 10:00am, Worship – 11:00am

Pastor – Scott Rush (Becky)

301-616-0303, pastorsscottrush@icloud.com

739 Old Crellin Rd, Oakland MD 21550

OAK PARK (46-175)

110 Church Lane, Mountain Lake Park MD 21550, 301-334-2243

Sunday School – 9:30am, Worship – 10:30am

Pastor – Carl Fike (Suzie)

301-334-4840, crfike56@gmail.com

PO Box 126, Oakland MD 21550

ONEGO (46-185)

3153 Allegheny Dr, Seneca Rocks WV 26884

Sunday School – 10:00am, Worship – 11:00am

Pastor -Charles “Dusty” Twigg (Helena) (Use Pastor address for church mail)

304-257-4719, Helena.twigg5@gmail.com

PO Box 215, Petersburg WV 26847

PLEASANT VALLEY (46-196) Inactive**ROMNEY (46-203)**

Mailing - PO Box 491, Romney WV 26757;

Physical - 140 Parsons Ave, Romney WV 26757

304-822-8272, rcob@atlanticbb.net

Worship & Children’s Ministry – 10:30am

Pastor – Brian Moreland (Karen)

301-268-2144 (H), kmoreland@atlanticbb.net

PO Box 593, Fort Ashby WV 26719

SALEM (46-208)

367 Salem Five Forks Rd, Bruceton Mills WV 26525

Sunday School – 10:30am, Worship – 9:30am

304-379-4644

Pastor – Donnie Savage (Hazel) (Use Pastor address for church mail)

301-387-9662

97 W. Cranesville Rd, Oakland MD 21550

SOUTH MILL CREEK (46-240)

4514 South Mill Creek Rd, Upper Tract WV 26866

Sunday School – 10:00am, Worship – 11:00am

Pastor – William “Bill” Johnson (Kathy)

301-289-3970, bill.smc.cob@gmail.com

1695 Ebert Rd, Burlington WV 26710

SUGARLAND (46-245)

218 Holly Meadows Rd, St. George WV 26287 (Parsons WV area)

Sunday School – 10:30am

Contact - John M. Smith

304-478-2955 (H), 04-940-1597 (C), jarhead1978@gmail.com

TERRA ALTA - WHITEDALE (46-270)

Mailing - PO Box 104, Terra Alta WV 26764

Physical - 61 White Dale Church Rd (White Church Rd on some maps, off of Rt 7), Terra Alta WV 26764

304-789-6264

Sunday School – 10:00am, Worship – 11:00am

Pastor – Stanley Waybright

304-693-7894 (H), 301-616-7894 (C), hillbilly70@live.com

P. O. Box 63, Mt. Storm WV 26739

VALLEY RIVER (46-276)

506 Water Camp Rd, Belington WV 26250

Sunday School – 10:00am, Worship – 11:00am

Contact: Liz Williams, 304-629-7831 or Dot Corborn, 304-591-2246 or Judy Pritt, 304-642-5496

Pastor (Vacancy)

WALNUT GROVE (46-280)

Mailing – PO Box 733, Moorefield WV 26836

Physical – 3597 State Rt 55, Moorefield WV 26836

304-434-2465

Sunday School – 10:00am, Worship – 11:00am

Pastor – Daniel “DJ” Taylor (Brittany)

304-257-7930 (C), danieljtaylor420@gmail.com

WESTERNPORT (46-288)

198 Oak View Dr, Westernport MD 21562

Church - 301-359-3762, Church Office - 301-359-9333, westernportcob@gmail.com

Sunday School - 9:30am, Worship - 10:40am

Pastor - Alicia Crowe (Albert)

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