

MEMO ANNOUNCEMENT

Welcome to our bi-monthly newsletter, Issue 5.

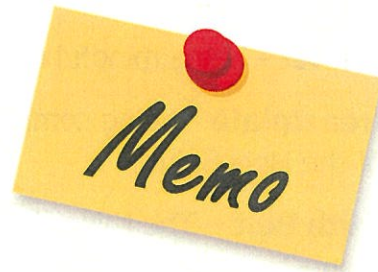
For **2026**, please send all MEMO submissions to me directly by or before the following dates:

Issue 6: October 27 deadline (for November 1 release)

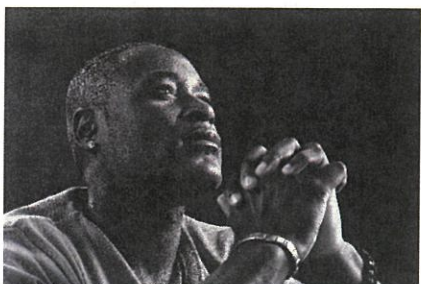
Send electronic submissions to westmarvade@gmail.com, call or text 540-742-2457, or send mail correspondence to the District Office at 384 Dennett Rd, Oakland MD 21550

Include anything you'd like the district churches to know about, learn about, pray about, support, copy, or otherwise enjoy!

- ✓ **service times, special occasions/events, fundraisers,**
- ✓ **prayers/poems/devotionals/liturgies/responsive readings,**
- ✓ **book/study recommendations,**
- ✓ **church or pastor anniversaries/homecomings/milestones,**
- ✓ **favorite potluck recipes,**
- ✓ **updated website, social media, or contact information**
- ✓ **obituary links or other remembrances of recently departed friends, and**
- ✓ **anything else that would be wonderful to share with your district brothers and sisters.**



LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE



Persistent Prayers

Never cease praying. Pray without ceasing. Pray continually. Constantly pray. *"With every prayer and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit, and to this end be alert, with all perseverance and requests for all the saints."* (1 Thessalonians 5:17, various translations, and Ephesians 6:18).

I don't do this.

I don't maintain a posture, spirit, attitude, direction of prayer in a constant way. I do return to prayer enough to be able to testify that I have a prayer life and that I have experienced God answering my prayers. Unwaveringly, persistently, though, I can't claim that, as much as I hold the aspiration for it.

Why would God command what seems like such an impossible feat? Is He setting us up to fail? Is it to humiliate us in our irreverence and unholiness? No, I do not believe God is motivated by those petty thoughts.

The verse from Ephesians comes immediately on the heels of our instruction to be always wearing the Full Armor of God:

The Helmet - being mindful of how salvation is obtained (through Christ and no one else);

The Breastplate - being committed to living a righteous and holy life that reflects the presence and work of the Holy Spirit;

The Truth Belt – The thing that keeps us from getting proverbially caught with our pants down – being honest, integrous Christ-followers;

The Good News Shoes – That Jesus has come to reconcile us and all things to God in a way that makes for lasting peace, and is available to all who would receive Him, who would call on His name to be saved;

The Faith Shield – Our unwavering confidence in what God has done on our behalf is our only defense against the accusations and hindrances of the Enemy;

The Word Sword – Being filled with and knowledgeable of God's revealed word in creation, God's written word in scripture, and God's living word, Jesus Christ; a word that can be rightly divided and used to fight lies with truth, fiction with fact, temporal with eternal, flesh with spirit, demonic with holy.

The call to persist in the act of prayer is a call to remain vigilant and discerning, to practice a spiritual sort of *zanshin*, a term used in various martial arts to describe the body's posture immediately after a technique has been performed, or a relaxed state of mental alertness and physical readiness.

Think of a soldier standing at ease, but immediately snapping to attention with a word. *Zanshin* is the moment of preparation to defend oneself from a sudden attack. It can also indicate a healthy mental state where one is completely aware of his environment, including potential threats, but is able to remain perfectly calm and disciplined, not panicking or overreacting.

I know for a peace church you probably don't want to hear too much about battle gear and martial arts, but the scripture is there for a reason: There are real assaults on our faith, assaults on our morals, assaults on our unity as the disciples of Jesus Christ, and all disciples must be prepared to stand our ground in a spiritual way.

Our churches have experienced the assault of worldliness – club sports, dual incomes, overtime hours, work on Sundays, short attention spans, consumer culture, hyper-individualism, cliques and tribes.

Our denomination has experienced the assault of competing worldviews, discord over biblical interpretation, disunity over social issues, distraction from our true mission to preach the gospel to every nation, baptizing them, and teaching them to obey Jesus' commands.

Our pastors and their families have experienced the assault of image maintenance, tasks that do not align with the call to preach and teach, savior complexes, secret sins like theft, affairs, and

pornography addictions, priority sins like putting the ministry title before the real daily ministry to spouses and children, spending more time looking holy than being holy.

Our congregants have experienced the assault of apathy over concern, comfort over growth, worry over faith, status quo over kingdom mindset, living the Christian life as a passive spectator rather than an active disciple-making disciple, withholding contribution and tithes to the church instead of operating in the strength of spiritual gifts and bringing the whole offering generously into God's storehouse.

We have split over these things. Burned out. Sat back and watched with popcorn, being amused and entertained. Some have left and caused pain with their absence. Some have stayed for the specific purpose of causing division and strife. Many are ignorant of scripture. Many do not think of God at all between Sundays, and rarely pray, especially prayers with genuine faith and fervor.

And it shows.

Membership declines. Money diminishes. Pastors are quitting faster than new ones are being trained. Buildings are crumbling. Bapistries remain bone dry. Fellowship reduces, the choir dissolves, the midweek service vanishes, the revival meetings end, the volunteer pool shrinks, the attendance flags, and churches close.

Where did it all go wrong?

We lacked persistence. We did not persist in praying for the saints. We did not wear our armor, maintain our zeal, and fix our eyes on Jesus. We got distracted, busy, careless. Our desires and demands usurped the authority of God's commands and precepts. *That's bad news.*

Remember, though, we are Gospel people. There is *always* good news for us.

The good news is that "today is the day of our salvation." Our members' salvation, our pastors' salvation, our congregations' salvation, our district's salvation, our denomination's salvation.

I am calling on West Marva member churches to share this message with all the believers, to initiate scheduled prayer together, to prioritize daily prayer, to practice praying, to read books and study devotions and scriptures on prayer, to recalibrate the spiritual life in the church with a rededication to prayer.

Call prayer meetings. Increase prayer time in worship. Send reminders to the members to pray. Set a time, call a fast, create a calendar or schedule – give people the tools to help build the spiritual muscle of prayer. Build time into worship to hear testimonies about the prayers people are praying, how they are at peace, how God is answering them, how God is turning their waiting room into a classroom while they trust and hope in God to respond to their prayers.

Be open to the times your faith is wavering and you need the support of the saints to pray with you and for you. Pray for the lost and hurting. Pray for the saints to endure to the end. Pray for baby believers to grow to maturity; pray for them to resist the devil so that he will flee from them.

Teach prayer. Model prayer. Put out visual cues and reminders to pray. Create special places for prayer in your home or office. Establish a habit. Pray for your spouse. Pray *with* your spouse. Pray with your spouse in front of your kids. Pray with your kids. Let your kids practice praying.

**I'M TELLING YOU, CHURCH, PRAYER IS THE KEY
TO RESTORING THE VITALITY OF OUR FAITH
AND TO BRINGING REVIVAL TO OUR CHURCH!!!**

I cannot overstate the power and significance of prayer in the life of someone who says they're a Christian. Pray. Pray continually. Pray without ceasing. Return to prayer frequently when you lose track of it.

Pray big, God-sized prayers, none of those mamby-pamby wishy-washy lukewarm whiny prayers. Get bold in prayer. Get loud in prayer. Get confident in God during prayer. Grow your prayers. Spread your prayers. Share your prayers.

Pray for yourself, your family, your pastor, your church, your colleagues, your neighbors, your friends, your enemies, your teachers, your leaders, your elected officials, your denominational and district representatives, staff, and volunteers, your efficacy, your hope, your future.

"With every prayer and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit, and to this end be alert, with all perseverance and requests for all the saints."

Pray. Now. Right now.

And then keep praying.

Grace, Mercy, and Peace, Leah J. Hileman, West Marva District Executive Minister.

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Two newsletters ago I pointed to the need to be regularly, normally filled with the Holy Spirit as God through Paul commands in Ephesians 5:18. How are you doing? Is this your average daily or even hourly experience as the old hymn says:

I Need Thee Every Hour, Most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford. Chorus; I need Thee, O I need Thee, Every hour I need Thee! O bless me now my Savior- I come to Thee. Second verse; I need Thee every hour, Stay Thou near by; Temptations lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh. Chorus, third verse; I need Thee every hour, In joy or pain; Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain. Chorus, Fourth verse; I need Thee every hour, Most holy One; O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son! Then chorus again.

Look at the verses again. Am I at peace with others (at least done what I can), with myself, with God? In Temptation? Always. Our chief temptation is our pride. We are not in severe situations most of the time so we revert to our human default position of living self-driven, independent lives. "In joy or pain", "Every hour I need Thee!" it reminds us or "life is vain".

Life is vain, unless we are fulfilling our purpose of glorifying God and enjoying Him forever. Ask the Holy Spirit to remind you to be filled with Him. I did about 52 years ago and He's been reminding me ever since. And that is the purpose of this message.

In Christ, Dan Ludwick

NEWS AROUND THE OFFICE

D. E. LEAH J. HILEMAN HAS A NEW HOME ADDRESS: I have relocated to within the district footprint to 5127 Emoryville Rd, Elk Garden WV 26717. The Open House has been rescheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2pm to 5pm.

DIRECTORY UPDATES: In preparation of our 2027 Directory, be sure to look at the 2026 copy that was mailed earlier this year and send needed updates to the District Office. Verify physical and mailing address, service times, correct congregational contact information.

SHARE YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY: We'd love to have a copy at the district office! Email a digital version to westmarvade@gmail.com or send a paper copy to West Marva District, 384 Dennett Rd, Oakland MD 21550.

NEWS AROUND OUR CHURCHES

BEAR CREEK Revival Meetings will be held Sunday and Monday, September 20-21 with guest preacher DJ Taylor from Walnut Grove, and September 27-28 with guest preacher Allie Crowe from Westernport. Services are 7pm, with special music each night.

BEAR CREEK – BRETHREN FAITH IN ACTION FUND GRANT \$3,650 to supports its outreach ministry with "[Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#)" to provide beds for people in need in the community. Through the Church of the Brethren's [West Marva District](#), the congregation works with a non-profit called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" to build twin size beds. The congregation and district participated in a bed build in 2025, helping to construct 35 beds. The congregation and the district plan to participate in the event again this year on Sept. 26 with the goal of constructing 50 beds. The congregation also invited other congregations in West Marva to participate and help collect unused twin size bedding to gift along with the beds. (reported in Brethren Newsline by BFIA)

BEAVER RUN Fall Festival and Chili Supper, Saturday October 10, 2pm – 6pm. See Flyer for details.

MORGANTOWN Is offering a Peace Education series every other Tuesday between now and the week of Christmas. For more information, visit their website at <https://www.morgantowncob.org/>.

SOUTH MILL CREEK will have their pie booth at Treasure Mountain Festival September 18, 19, and 20 in Franklin, WV.

OAK GROVE had challenged their VBS last month to raise \$1500 and get a pajama party. Guess what! They raised \$2313! Praise God for the generosity of those children and family to help fund our 2nd annual Bed Building event with Sleep In Heavenly Peace (flyer attached with more information).

WESTERNPORT Save the Dates: October 24 Harvest Party, 11am – 1pm and December 5 Santa Secret Shop, 10am – 2pm.

NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

DISTRICT CONFERENCE is Saturday, September 19 at Moorefield COB, 115 Clay Street in Moorefield WV. All activities except the meal will happen in the main sanctuary at the lower end of the property, including registration, which opens at 8:30am. Even if you have not registered, plan to attend. While meal registration is closed, there are many local meal options available nearby. Congregations may send up to 4 delegates (5 if membership exceeds 200), and an unlimited number of non-delegates. Forms are included at the end of this MEMO.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD Saturday, September 26 (one week after District Conference). Use this QR code or link to sign up now. If your church has collected NEW TWIN-size bedding to contribute, please plan to bring it to District Conference for the blessing during the offering time; if you cannot attend conference, bring it with you to the Bed Build in Oakland.
LINK: <https://x.gldn.io/e/caSSkxvMS2b>

ALL-DISTRICT BIBLE STUDY: Mark calendars now for Tuesday, October 13, 6:30pm. All members and friends of our district congregations are invited to join Robin Smearman and Leah Hileman for a 6-week in-person and online hybrid Bible Study weekly. Flyer attached with details and ZOOM link.

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING DATES: September 19 at Moorefield following District Conference for reorganization, October 17 at Living Stone-Cumberland (noon, a later start-time prior to a district worship event being planned the same day at the church).

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 17 at Living Stone in Cumberland, **the Mission and Evangelism Team** is hosting a praise and worship gathering featuring several musical guests. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks. Mark your calendars now and plan to bring a carload of church friends and neighbors. This would be a wonderful outreach to your unchurched family and friends.

PASTOR-DEACON APPRECIATION LUNCHEON will be Saturday, October 24, open to all clergy and deacons and their families, at Cup of Grace Café in Moorefield, 1pm – 3pm (during daylight hours, to accommodate those who do not drive after dark). See flyer for details.

BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES is calling for volunteers to be *on call*. All members and

attendees of West Marva congregations 18 and older (16 with parental approval and supervision in some circumstances) are asked to prayerfully consider having your name added to Denny's growing list of able-bodied volunteers to call when needed.

Denny Skeweris is building a list of willing and available volunteers that he can notify when there are opportunities to serve both within the district footprint and at BDM sites nationwide. Please contact: District Coordinator Denny Skeweris, 301-616-0013, denskew@gmail.com.

West Marva Ministry Training Program, Submitted By: Dr. Allie Crowe

Are you discerning a calling on your heart into an area of ministry? Do you want to grow more in your theological knowledge and understanding? Are you looking for a group of folks to study with and learn from? You may be looking for a way to challenge what you think you know. Look no further than the West Marva Ministry Training Program! This 3-year rotational program offers classes including Brethren History and Practice, Old and New Testament, Mission and Evangelism, Preaching and Pastoral Care, and more. This tuition year began with the course on preaching. Five individuals attended, ranging from current students to auditors and CEU opportunities. The bigger the class, the more opportunities for conversation.

Classes are from 9 AM-3 PM (4 PM at the latest). All classes are held at the Westernport Church of the Brethren in Westernport, Maryland. 198 Oakview Drive. The next class is being taught by Leah J. Hileman, all about prayer and classic spiritual disciplines. If you are interested in attending this class as a new student or to audit/earn CEU credits, please email me so I can send you the syllabus. Students are required to have all work completed for the class. Auditors and CEU persons are asked to attend and engage in discussion. Please be prepared to add perspective as a learning opportunity for new students.

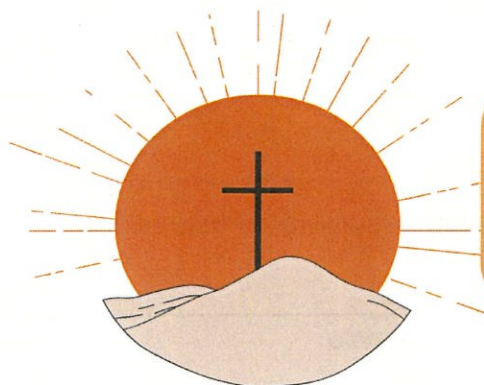
Anyone can audit a class, especially if you are looking for continuing education units. Each class will be half a credit. To count, you are expected to participate and support the students in the program by contributing to the conversation and sharing your subject-matter experience.

I want to encourage churches to identify individuals who may be interested in the three-year program. This does not mean students are looking to be licensed or ordained. Someone may have a calling for a commission to task, a type of leadership specific to their gifts. Maybe someone would like to be a deacon, and this course of study could provide guidance and resources to explore that calling. Someone may want to learn in a new environment for personal growth. This is not about a minister production line; it is about lifelong learning opportunities that help you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

Prayer and Spiritual Growth: Date Nov 7 (Leah Hileman)

Christian Faith and Ethics: TBD

For any questions, please contact Allie. allie.crowe.07@gmail.com, 608-215-8619



WMMTP

West Marva Ministry Training Program

Invoice

- Invoice #A2026

Invoice Date: 3/21/2026
Due Date 5/15/2026

- Remit Payment: West Marva District Office

384 Dennett Rd
Oakland, MD 21550

May 2026- March. 2027 Fees

Courses

- Preaching and Worship
- Practical Applications/Brethren Belief and Practices
- Prayer and Spiritual Growth
- Christian Faith and Ethics

Total

Note : Please make the payment by the specified due date
and include student name

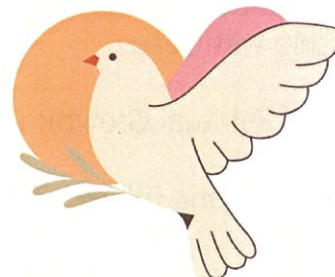
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2026 Fall-Winter District Prayer Calendar

Please include these in your weekly bulletin, prayer lists,
prayer meetings, and personal prayers.

Week of October 4 – Pray for District Executive Minister/Administrative Assistant Leah J. Hileman, District Board Chair Thelma Cox, and District Treasurer Linda Sanders

Week of October 11 – Pray for Bean Settlement (Pastor Burl and Donna), Bear Creek (Pastor Jennifer and Jason), and Beaver Run (Pastor Cappy and Letha)

Week of October 18 – Pray for Camp Galilee (Elisabeth Thorne, Director), Camp Hope (Jackie Henderson, Director), and Children's Assistance Fund (Diane May, Director)

Week of October 25 – Pray for Bethesda (Minister Alex and Shirley), Living Stone – Cumberland (Pastor Tom and Tracie), Elkins (Pastor Danny and Amy)

Week of November 1 – Pray for George's Creek (Pastor Robin and David), Gladly (Pastor David and Nancy), and Hanging Rock (Pastor Bob and Pastor Brenda)

Week of November 8 – Pray for Harper's Chapel (Pastor Brad and Katrina), Kelley Chapel (Pastor Denzil and Cookie), and Keyser (Searching for a New Pastor)

Week of November 15 – Pray for Financial Resources Team (Bill Shomo, Chair), Mission and Evangelism Team (Robin Smearman and Jennifer Kreighbaum, co-chairs), and District Disaster Ministries (Denny Skeweris, Coordinator)

Week of November 22 – Pray for Laughlin (Pastor Denny and Ethel), Laurel Glen Congregation, and Moorefield (Pastor Russell and Pastor Lucy)

Week of November 29 – Pray for Spiritual Growth Team (Richard Funk, chair), Ministerial Leadership Team (Allie Crowe, chair), and West Marva Ministry Training Program (Allie Crowe, Director)

Week of December 6 – Pray for Morgantown (Pastor Stephen), Oak Grove (Pastor Scott and Becky), Oak Park (Pastor Carl and Suzie), and Onego (Pastor Dusty and Helena)

Week of December 13 – Pray for Romney (Pastor Brian and Karen), Salem (Pastor Donnie and Hazel), South Mill Creek (Pastor Bill and Kathy)

Week of December 20 – Pray for Sugarlands (Minister John Smith and Sharon), White Dale – Terra Alta (Pastor Stanley), and Valley River (Pastor Foster and Bonnie Sue)

Week of December 27 – Pray for Walnut Grove (Pastor DJ and Brittany), Westernport (Pastor Allie and Albert), and for New Growth and New Vitality for the New Year

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DENOMINATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026 is in the books. **Please plan, pray, and budget to send a delegate to Daytona Beach next summer.** Let's get full participation from our district churches. Any member in good standing may serve as a delegate. Pastors benefit from several continuing education events as well. Every congregation in the denomination gets a voice, a vote, and a place in the church.



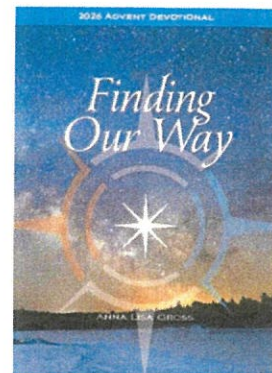
2027 Annual Conference Dates are July 28 – August 1 (Wednesday to Sunday) in Daytona Beach, FL (will be the 240th recorded AC!), Moderator Dennis Beckner. Theme is "Growing Faith" (Dennis has a special gift and heart for Youth and Young Adult ministry)

2028 Annual Conference Dates are July 5 – 9 (Wednesday to Sunday) in Cincinnati, OH, Moderator Amy Gall Ritchie.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS AVAILABLE FOR ORDER FROM BRETHREN PRESS

This year's author is Anna Lisa Gross, pastor at Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren and member of the Review and Evaluation Committee.

Early bird prices are \$4.50 for regular print and \$9 for large print. Order now to lock in those 10% discounts. Call Brethren Press at 1.800.441.3712 or use this link https://www.brethrenpress.com/product_p/adventdev-0004.htm.



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For SNAIL MAIL:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

I would like to receive a hard copy of the MEMO 6 times per year.
(Please consider a small donation to cover the cost of printing and postage; though it is not necessary, it does help the district).

South Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

will have their

HOMEMADE PIES!

All
Fruit
Pies!



AT THE
TREASURE MOUNTAIN
★ Festival ★

*Find us at the
Main Street
Parking Lot
in Franklin, WV*



Look for the
red and white trailer!

SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20



Thank you for supporting our church!





**SLEEP IN
HEAVENLY PEACE**

**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**



BUILD A BED. BUILD HOPE.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE!



DATE:

SEPTEMBER 26



TIME:

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM



LOCATION:

THE GLADES PAVILION
10 Spruce Lane
Oakland, MD 21550

OUR GOAL:

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NEW BEDS

FOR CHILDREN IN NEED!



WEST MARVA DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
in partnership with
SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

**WV-MONONGALIA CO
CHAPTER**



We will build wooden beds for kids that need beds in West Virginia and possibly western Maryland – headboards, footboards and siderails for these beds.

VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP:



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DRILL



**BRAND
WOOD**



**ASSEMBLE
HEADBOARDS,
FOOTBOARDS
& SIDERAILS**



**SUPPORT
ROLES
AVAILABLE TOO!**



**NO EXPERIENCE
NEEDED**
We'll show
you everything!



**LUNCH
PROVIDED**
for all
volunteers!



**GREAT
FELLOWSHIP**
Make new friends
while helping kids!



**A FUN EVENT
WITH LOTS OF
GREAT PEOPLE**
making a difference!

SCAN TO REGISTER!



**REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER
SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

TOGETHER, WE CAN SEE THAT NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN! ♥

**BEAVER RUN CHURCH OF
THE BRETHREN**

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& NAVY BEAN
WITH HAM SOUP

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**FOR ALL
AGES!**

ALL-DISTRICT 6-WEEK BIBLE STUDY



Deacon, Caregiving,
and Reconciliation
in the Church



TUESDAYS 6:30pm – 7:30pm *starts October 13*

TWO LOCATIONS



IN-PERSON

West Marva District Office
384 Dennett Rd
Oakland, MD 21550



ONLINE via ZOOM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83775268255?pwd=Zp0VCTmAAgZblWSjOZQHrvVzulzpwD.1>



Open to all members.



We will study scriptures and best practices of biblical roles and expectations of deacons.

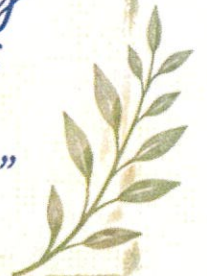


We will explore how to practically and tangibly care for every church member.



We will examine Jesus' instruction on how to reconcile conflicts and differences (and why it's so hard!).

*"A Church
where every
member is
and feels
cared for."*



Bring your Bible,
your notebook,
and your open heart.

Taught by
Robin Smearman

Growing in faith. Serving with love. Reconciled in Christ.





West Marva District -
Church of the Brethren's

Pastor & Deacon Appreciation Luncheon



October 24, 2026

1PM - 3PM



Cup of Grace
Cafe & Bakery
109 N Main St
Moorefield, WV 26836



*Open to Pastors & Deacons
& their families*



Richard Funk
304 897 5319



Sue Alt
304 668 4869



or message on Facebook.
Contact either Richard or Sue
for more information.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another
to love and good works."
Hebrews 10:24



FOR KIDDOS ONLY, SORRY PARENTS!

SANTA SECRET SHOP

WESTERNPORT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

198 OAKVIEW DRIVE

THE TOP OF THE COW PATH

AGES 4-12

10AM - 2 PM

DECEMBER 5



What Can You Do?

Volunteers are needed to help kids shop and wrap.

We would appreciate volunteers starting at High School age. Shoppers will carry the items the kids pick out. They will not pick for the kids!

If mom gets a hammer and dad gets a candle, just know that it comes from your child's heart.

Wrappers will help make sure every item is wrapped, tagged, and placed in a large bag for the kids to take home.

Our Purpose

Children who are 4 years old through youth in Grade 6 are able to participate. The church has a store where these kids can come and buy presents for their families. Gifts range in price from \$1 to \$10. Fear not, we do not turn anyone away for their inability to pay!

There is 1 rule: No Parents allowed! This shop is kids only. There is a place for parents to wait for the kids. You will have Christmas movies, coffee or hot apple cider, and treats.

"The best way to see Christmas is through the eyes of a child!"

Nothing Stays

This is not a fundraiser for our church. This is us wanting to help children have a great Christmas while teaching the art of giving. Funds will be kept to restock for next year. Outside of those funds, anything else that comes in will go back out to the community!

This shop is being funded by folks with a heart for children's ministry and a love of the Christmas season! If you feel called to help and want more information, please contact us!

 BRENCROWE@HOTMAIL.COM

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