

SHEPHERD'S *Spring*

June Update

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Canoes **Friendships** **Hikes**

Confidence

Worship

Music

Caving

Swimming

Fun

Campfires

Bikes

Challenge

Singing

Crafts

Bible Study

Acceptance



Summer Camp 2025

**New Camp Director
Chennon has arrived!**

Outdoor
Ministries



Camp Registration Online

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July 6-11 Adventure Camp

Ages 12-18

**July 13-18 Overnight Classic
Camp**

**Ages 7-17 (separated by age
groups for all activities)**

July 20-22

Family/Grandparents Camp

Ages 5-113

**July 27-29 Mini - Intro to
Overnight Camp Ages 7-11**

**Volunteers needed for support
team during camp - one day,
one week, or all summer**

Paid Lifeguards Needed

Call for details

301.223.8193

David Rogers, Board Chair

In May the Shepherd's Spring board elected David Rogers to serve as board chair for the organization. Previously David served as a member of the board but stepped out of that role when he assumed the responsibilities as transitional executive for Shepherd's Spring in 2018-2019 as a new executive director was sought.

Before coming to Maryland David worked in state governmental affairs for Tennessee's former Governor and U. S. Senator Lamar Alexander at the Department of Economic Development where he focused on

multiple programs and projects for advancement of Tennessee communities and in building national and international business relationships. He also served as assistant to former U. S. Senator Howard Baker from Tennessee, in political campaigns, special programs and community relationships.

Following his tenure in state government, David served as Vice President of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Switzerland, Vice President of Cumberland Science Center in Nashville, and, Executive Director of CrossLink International (a humanitarian aid organization) in Falls Church, Virginia.

He and his wife Sandi (Pastor Sandi Evans Rogers) live in Frederick, MD and have two adult sons in Colorado. David is a member of The Rotary Club of Frederick and currently attends Westminster Church of the Brethren where his wife is the interim pastor.



Engaging the world with
the reality of the
risen **Jesus** so as
to inspire hope and
cultivate lifelong learning.

Board of Directors

David Rogers, Chair
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Ed Palsgrove
Kathy Powderly

Bruce T. Anderson
Executive Director



Online support can be
made on our website at:
www.shepherdsspring.org

The Ed Poling Memorial



AT SHEPHERD'S SPRING



For many years in late May the Hagerstown Area Religious Council (HARC) has held their annual fundraiser, a hike along the C&O Canal beginning and ending at Shepherd's Spring. This year the event was named after long time volunteer to Shepherd's Spring, Pastor Ed Poling.

Pastor Ed ended his journey on January 6, 2025 from cancer which he said made him grateful for all the moments he was alive. Born on October 10, 1947 Ed was 77.

Ed had served as director of Camp Eder and Camp Swatara in PA, and pastor at COB congregations in Myersville and Hagerstown, MD, and Waynesboro and Carlisle, PA. He served on the board of many organizations, including Bethany Theological Seminary and HARC.

In 2012, he began the HARC Hike to support the programs of HARC. An avid runner for forty years, Ed logged over 60,000 miles in daily runs and occasional races. He finished the JFK 50 Mile ultramarathon in Washington County, MD, eighteen times. His love for the outdoors spread to hiking the Appalachian Trail, walking the C&O Canal Towpath, kayaking on the Potomac River, watching birds at the many feeders out his back door, and traveling around the country to explore natural areas with family and friends. Every new trip or encounter was an adventure to Ed.

With his love of running and hiking Ed started the HARC Hike in 2012 when he hiked the 42 miles of the Appalachian Trail in Maryland all in one day. It was his leadership and logistical skills that helped make the hike into a real fundraiser for HARC.

Ed will be greatly missed, but his impact remains.

Labyrinth Dedication: At the 35th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday May 17th a ceremony was held to officially dedicate the labyrinth at Shepherd's Spring to Ed Poling. Ed was the inspiration for the creation and construction of the project and volunteered many hours to see it built and many more to assure it's upkeep.



35th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday May 17, 2025

The forecast was bleak... The reality was a perfectly beautiful day

Janice & Nelson
Bowman

Ed and Chris Palsgrove

David Rogers

Bonnie and Melvin
Cheshire

Rachel and Sarah Black

THANKS

Mary Ann
Whited

Rodney Fike

*to all who gave of their
time, talent and treasure
to make this anniversary
successful!*

The Ice Cream Team
from Oakton

Thurmont COB

Tom and Carl Jouranett, Glenn Lantz, Robert Lee Grosnickle,
David Payne, Elvin Stottlemeyer... the men of Grossnickle COB

MAD-COB Leadership

South Mountain
Creamery

Cindy and Mike DeGrange, Judith Clister, Dave Evason, Mary Jane Pumphrey, Kathy Powderly, Kim Beaty, Jan Walker, Ben and Will Anspach, Jeremiah and Charlie Wilkes, Calvin and Kevin Bowman, David Doyle, Rob Galpin, Landen and Kalee Stevens, Brownsville COB; Scott Schafaver

Ray Cline, Tony Ebersole, Brian and Hannah Smith, Kristin Kurz

Current May Camper Discount Opportunities

5000 and over: In addition to items noted above (\$100 camper discount) churches at this level may send their pastor to a scheduled four day personal sabbatical in our lodge with meals included for no cost; Scheduled use of pool for no cost on two occasions in fiscal year.

Manassas and Midland

2500-4999 All campers from churches in this category will receive \$100 discount off registration fees; Churches may schedule use of pavilion for no charge; 10% discount off retreat bookings; No charge for scheduled day use of meeting room. Private use of pool for only cost of lifeguard/s (No rental fee).

Downsville and Union Bridge

1,000 - 2,499 Discount off registration fees of all campers coming from churches in this category; Scheduled use of pavilion for no charge twice in fiscal year:

Sam's Creek \$100 camper discount
Bush Creek \$75 camper discount
Frederick \$75 camper discount
Mountain View \$75 camper discount
Beaver Creek, \$50 camper discount
Hagerstown \$50 camper discount
Welty \$50 camper discount
Westminster \$50 camper discount

500 -999 All campers from a church (and any member) giving at this level will receive \$25 off camp registration fees:

Grossnickle, Johnsontown, Woodbridge

Camper Registration Discounts are based on a \$25 discount per camper for every \$500 contributed by a church itself for any reason, or from any individual who identifies themselves as being associated with a particular church up to a maximum of \$100 off the registration fee.

As churches and individuals continue to provide ongoing support to Shepherd's Spring, up to the start of camp, the totals will change which may result in a larger discount for a camper. If your camper has already registered the total will be calculated prior to the start of camp and credited to each camper accordingly. Parents who have already paid the full registration fee and afterwards receive a discount will be offered the following options:

1. Place the difference into a fund that enables their camper to make purchases from the camp store throughout the camp week, with any remaining funds then returned to them or the parents;
2. Redirect the funds to help another camper with financial need;
3. Donate the funds to Shepherd's Spring to cover camp needs; or
4. Request a refund of discounted amount.

Camp Giving Opportunities

Adopt a Camp Counselor

For every gift of \$500, to enable us to pay our summer camp counselors, every camper from a church you designate will receive a \$25 discount off their registration fee up to a maximum of \$100. Please identify the church you choose to direct the discount to go towards at the time you give your support. By supporting a counselor, you will be making a donation that enables us to compensate those who work directly with our campers. You will also be providing help to the campers from your church by giving them all a discount on their registrations... even if they have already registered. Read this whole page to get the details.

Camp Giving Opportunity

Fill in the Gaps

Thank you in advance for your support of Shepherd's Spring's camp program. You are one who understands the impact Christian camping has on youth. If you are interested in supporting specific needs a few are listed below, or you can simply designate your gift to "fill in the gaps for camp". This addresses those items that are often overlooked, such as: Pool chemicals, Permit for the C&O Canal, Health Department Permit, Staff training, gas for vehicles...

The gap results from the difference between our actual cost per camper (estimated to be \$700 this year) and what we charge (before discounts). This year that will be \$450, resulting in a gap of \$250 per camper. Since we are seeking to pay our counselors and nurses more this year the gap may be greater. It depends on the total number of campers and won't be certain until camp is complete and all expenses are in.

**Special thanks to the
Richard Funkhouser Foundation
for providing a grant to fill in the
gaps from camper costs**

In 2019 the actual cost for us to provide a week of camp for one camper to attend at Shepherd's Spring was **\$1,480**. That year the cost of registration for a camper was \$425. For the past four years we have managed to significantly increase the number of campers attending and bring our actual costs down from 2021 through 2023 to **\$694**, **\$675**, and **\$707** respectively, while still maintaining registration at the same rate as it was in 2019. We won't know our actual costs for 2024 until the completion of the 2024 audit, but it is expected to be at the same level as the previous three years.

This loss to us as a result of camper fees being less than our actual costs has always been supplemented through support we have received from churches and from individual donors who recognize the value of camp. Those donations have enabled us to continue the camp program and to keep registration fees down.

This year in an effort to express our gratitude to those who recognize the importance of camp and of Shepherd's Spring through their financial support we offer the following:

Anyone making a contribution to Shepherd's Spring may designate a church of their choosing. Individual donations will be credited towards the total amount given to Shepherd's Spring by that designated church in the calendar year. As the following levels are reached by a particular church the noted benefits become available for the remainder of the calendar year:

500 -999 All campers from a church giving at this level will receive \$25 off camp registration fees.

1000 - 2499 Discounted camp registrations as noted on front page; Scheduled use of pavilion for no charge twice in fiscal year.

2500 - 4999 All campers from church will receive \$100 discount off registration fees; scheduled use of pavilion; 10% discount off retreat bookings; No charge for scheduled day use of meeting room. Private use of pool for only cost of lifeguard/s (No rental fee).

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Your \$500 gift enables you to
Adopt a Summer Camp Counselor and
provide a \$25 scholarship to all of the
campers from the church of your choice.

You probably don't remember what you
spent to go to camp when you were a kid,
but you still have the memories of what
you did, the friendships you formed
and what you learned.

Pretty good return on your investment.

Volunteers Needed

- Lifeguards needed for retreats throughout summer and spring. Paid
- Global Village Team Volunteer Assist with groups when they visit the village. We will train.
- Part time chef/cook and kitchen support during summer camp. Paid position available.

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Family and Grand Camp
July 30- August 1

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