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Mission Statement

“Sharing the love and blessing of God with all.”



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The church will have a number of opportunities to gather as the body of Christ in the coming month: As a congregation for love feast the morning of Oct. 6, as the wider Eastern Shore faith community for a historical love feast at the Ridgely church later that afternoon, as a district when the Mid-Atlantic District conference meets in Hagerstown Oct. 11-12, and as a congregation again for our business meeting Oct. 20.



It's good to “come together.” That theme will kick off our “Faith According to the Beatles” series on Oct. 13, because it seems foundational to who we are. From the very beginning, Brethren believed in the importance of coming together as a community to discern the mind of Christ and find the way forward.

The question, though, is whether in our coming together we are actually indeed together. Are we really endeavoring to connect with God and one another, or are we just a bunch of slightly quirky people who happen to be in the same room?

A few months ago, Brethren gathered denominationally in North Carolina for the church's Annual Conference, with a particular emphasis on seeking a common vision. Good conversation and fellowship did happen, but already there are signs of cracks poking through the wallpaper. At least one district appears poised to leave the denomination as early as this fall due to theological disagreements. More could follow.

In the latter chapters of 1 Corinthians, Paul repeatedly chastises the young church for coming together but not really wanting anything to do with each other. “When you come together it is not for the better but for the worse,” Paul writes in chapter 11. “I hear that there are divisions among you.” Those divisions permeate worship, fellowship, and even the celebration of communion. Paul instead, in chapter 14, offers an alternative: “Let all things be done for building up” the church.

In the increasingly polarized atmosphere of our culture, our politics, and our churches, how together are we? And if we're not, can we still effectively be the body of Christ? Different groups can have different perspectives, and that's fine, but eventually our love for God and one another must shape our responses.

Noted theologian N.T. Wright wrote, “The church exists primarily for two closely correlated purposes: to worship God and to work for (God's) kingdom in the world. ... The church also exists for a third purpose, which serves the other two: to encourage one another, to build one another up in faith, to pray with and for one another, to learn from one another and teach one another, and to set one another examples to follow, challenges to take up, and urgent tasks to perform. This is all part of what is known loosely as fellowship.”

Blessings to each of you as we continue to find our way forward ... together.

—Pastor Walt



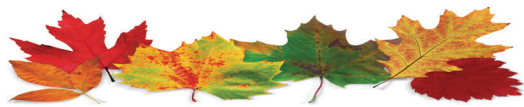
Leadership Team Meeting

Our next Leadership Team meeting will be Monday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m.

After worship on October 21 there will be light lunch served of soup and sandwiches. **Team 1 will be**



in charge. Following the lunch, our fall Congregational Business Meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. Agenda items are needed to be into the office by Thursday, October 10, for distribution to the congregation on Sunday, October 13.



Our Prayer List

Please pray especially for the following individuals and their families:

Tom Schuyler, Pat Sathoff, Paul & Ginny Turkington, Pat Lewis, Donna Muir, JR & Bonnie Wooters, Bob Fletcher, Ellen Walbridge, Pete Haynes, Lee Roesti, Norman Harding, Gene & Betty Lednum, Barbara Seese, GraceWay CoB, Nancy Scheffler, Roger Plagge, JK Rider, John Nalley, Bobby Hopkins, Kurt Kline, Dee Candel, Mary Ann Kiser, Audrey O'Brien, Doug Edsall, Lois Schall, Meredith Kelly, Natalie Jones, Doris Walbridge, Jeff Wright, continuous prayers for our church family in Nigeria, continued prayers for Comfort Amos, Barbara Taylor, Audrey Geib, Leo Truban, Emerson Fike, Katelyn Howard, Christine & Kenny Fike. Pray for leaders & people that are working towards peace. Please phone the church to add or remove persons on our prayer list. In order to keep the list up-to-date, we will remove persons the end of each month unless we are asked to continue them on

Sermons & Scriptures for Fall

Oct. 6 World Communion Sunday / Love Feast

A Seed of Hope

Luke 17:5-10, Habakkuk 1:1-4 and 2:1-4, Lamentations 3:19-26, Psalm 137:1-6

Oct. 13

Faith According to the Beatles: Come Together
Gal. 3:23-29, Psalm 133, John 17:20-23

Oct. 20

Faith According to the Beatles: You Say You Want a Revolution?

Luke 18:1-8, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Oct. 27

Faith According to the Beatles: Can't Buy Me Love
Luke 18:9-14; Psalm 84:1-7, Sirach 35:12-17

Nov. 3

Guest speaker TBA

Nov. 10

Faith According to the Beatles: Imagine
Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 21:5-19, Psalm 98, Job 19:23-27a

Nov. 17

Faith According to the Beatles: All the Lonely People (Eleanor Rigby)
Matthew 25:31-46, Psalm 139:1-14, James 1:22-27

Nov. 24

Faith According to the Beatles:
Let It Be

Matthew 9:27-31, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11-20, 2 Chron. 1:7-13



Box Tops for Education

Please continue to collect the box tops for education during this upcoming school year. The box tops are found on a variety of food items we purchase. The box tops will enable us in some small way help the school children of Talbot County. Thank you for your participation.



Your Witness Team
Diane Shores & Anne Harvey



A Harvest Party will be held on Saturday evening, October 26 in the church fellowship hall. The party will begin at 6:00 p.m. Plan to come and fellowship and enjoy the evening. There will be a light supper, games, a charity cake walk and prizes. Please see Jane Marshall or Terri Tarr for more information. Costumes are optional.

From the Witness Ministry Team

The Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perryville, Md., **is in need of men's and women's socks** for its residents, as well as toothbrushes and toothpaste. A collection box is available through Nov. 1 at the Easton VFW Post, 355 Glebe Rd., open at 3:30 p.m. each day (410-822-8619). You can take donations there directly, or bring them to the church and they will be delivered. Thank you!

Vespers Service will be held on
Wednesday evening,
October 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Roundtop Church



St. Francis of Assisi, an Italian Catholic friar, is commemorated on October 4. Though it's unclear whether this famous "peace prayer" was his, it reflects his gentle spirit as an ardent Christ-follower:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

*A Prayer for
Peace*

Volunteer Opportunities

Talbot Interfaith Shelter

The 2019 volunteer list is available for sign-up. Please take the time and look to see where you can spare a few hours of your time every other month. Any questions, please contact Norma Trax. **Our next date is November 19, 2019.**

Interested in Serving as Worship Leader or doing the Children's Time?

We're always looking for new people to share their gifts! It doesn't take a lot of time--just a bit of preparation and a willingness to serve. If you would like to join this team of volunteers or want more information, please contact the church office or Pastor Walt.

Neighborhood Service Center

Please contact Marilyn Neal, if you are interested in volunteering at the center. Their phone number is 410-822-5015.

NSC Food Pantry

Let's not forget that food prices keep going up! When we pay attention to our local, national and international food needs, we are reminded that people suffer from food insecurity all around. If we do not share of our bounty, others go hungry. Let us give, so others may live. Any non-perishable food items with good "best if used by" dates are accepted. **There is a container in the narthex to put your non-perishable items.**

Ridgeway House Lunches

The 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month. For months that have five Fridays, lunches will be provided on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday. Contact Loretta Lohr (410-822-3094). Monetary and food donations (drink boxes, individual fruit cups, small bags of chips and cookies) are always welcome.

Dixon House Senior Living Center

The Dixon House located at 108 N. Higgins in Easton is seeking volunteers interested in helping out occasionally with crafts projects for the residents. All supplies are provided. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Walt or the church office, or you can contact activities director Shelly Laroque directly at 410-822-6661.



TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF

As we enter the season of fall, can you match the clue at the left with the type of tree it references at the right?

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| 1. State flag of South Carolina | a. Fir |
| 2. Flag of Lebanon | b. Joshua Tree |
| 3. Flag of Canada | c. Peach |
| 4. State park in Wye Mills | d. Palmetto |
| 5. "O Tannenbaum" | e. Bristlecone Pine |
| 6. General Sherman | f. Fig |
| 7. Pebble Beach landmark | g. Maple |
| 8. Isaac Newton's inspiration | h. Whomping Willow |
| 9. Methuselah | i. Cedar |
| 10. The Lorax | j. Apple |
| 11. U2 (also a national park) | k. Giant Sequoia |
| 12. Harry Potter | l. Truffle |
| 13. Georgia's nickname | m. Oak |
| Jesus cursed it | n. Cypress |



ANSWERS: 1-d; 2-i; 3-g; 4-m; 5-a; 6-k; 7-n; 8-j; 9-e; 10-l; 11-b; 12-h; 13-c; 14-f.

Covenant Bible Series-Book of James

"To have faith is to live it." However, living out our faith is often easier said than done. Would you like to gain a better understanding on how to better live out your faith when often trials and discouragement get in the way?

In the Letter of James, he directs us to put faith into action. He also challenges us to look at our motives as we strive to put our own faith into action. Why do we do what we do? James' letter is clear, concise and to the point. Hopefully, as we study this letter together, we will come to have a better understanding of what it means to "put our faith into action" and how to best go about doing it.

The Covenant Bible Series will be on Tuesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. in the "Pathfinders" classroom. There will be a series of ten sessions:

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| 1. October 8 To have Faith is to live it | 7. November 19 Friendship with God |
| 2. October 15 Testing Produces joy | 8. November 26 Rejecting God |
| 3. October 22 Hearers and Doers of the World | 9. December 3 Doing While Waiting |
| 4. October 29 No Partiality! | 10. December 10 The Healing Community |
| 5. November 5 The Kind of Faith that Counts | |
| 6. November 12 The Power of Words | |

Sponsored by the Christian Education Team

Attendance & Offering for September

Attendance	Family Camp	47	40	44	42	173
	9/1/19	9/8/19	9/15/19	9/22/19	9/29/19	Totals
<u>Distributions</u>						
General (06)						
Envelopes		3,330.00	1,822.00	889.00	1,334.00	7,375.00
Loose Change/Cash		5.00	48.17	35.00	24.00	112.17
Subtotal	0.00	3,335.00	1,870.17	924.00	1,358.00	7,487.17
06 Income						
Building Use						
Safe Harbor		30.00			30.00	60.00
Dutchmans Lane Rent			1,155.00			1,155.00
Harrison St. Rent				1,155.00		1,155.00
Subtotal of Income	0.00	30.00	1,155.00	1,155.00	30.00	2,370.00
Totals	0.00	3,365.00	3,025.17	2,079.00	1,388.00	9,857.17
Special Offerings (07)						
Deacon Fund		800.00				800.00
In Kind						
Supplies for Pig Roast			101.79			101.79
In & Out						
Camp Mardela Fundraiser PR	150.00	300.00	303.00	15.00		768.00
Mission Offering		10.00	30.00	20.00		60.00
Totals	150.00	1,110.00	434.79	35.00	0.00	1,729.79
Totals	150.00	4,475.00	3,459.96	2,114.00	1,388.00	11,586.96





Volunteers for October



	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
Preaching	Pastor Walt	Pastor Walt	Pastor Walt	Pastor Walt
Worship Leader	Jay Lister	Wanda Baynard	Jane Marshall	Sharon Miller
Head Usher/Sound	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard
Ushers	Dale Fike & Leroy Miller	Wanda Baynard & Barbara Saulsbury	Sharon Miller & Marlena Groves	Robert & Judy Musch
Greeters	Paul & Ginny Turkington	Barbara Saulsbury & Liz Wildasin	Les & Marlena Groves	Ron & Elisa Miller
Deacons on call	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Mat & Wanda Baynard	Les & Marlena Groves
Special Music	Choir	Ellen Wile	Choir	Cheryl Dayton
Flowers	Lynn Butler	Sharon Miller & Marlena Groves	Kevin & Ellen Wile	

The 53rd Annual Mid-Atlantic District Conference will be held on Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12, 2019 at Hagerstown Church of the Brethren.

This year's delegates are Susan Walbridge and Ellen Wile. Also attending are Pastor Walt, Gene Walbridge, Parliamentarian for District Conference and Dale Fike.



World Communion Sunday—October 6, 2019

One of the most special events on the church calendar has two opportunities for participation this fall. On **Sunday, Oct. 6**, join us for love feast as part of morning worship, starting at 10:45 a.m. The traditional times of reflection, communion, footwashing, and a light meal will be woven into our worship, which will take place in the fellowship hall.

That afternoon, you can also take part in a love feast for our wider Brethren faith community as a final event to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Brethren arriving on the Eastern Shore. That event will begin at 4 p.m. at Ridgely Church of the Brethren. Transportation can be arranged if needed.

If there is enough interest, Paul Hutchison will be driving his Big Blue Bus to Ridgely CoB for the Love Feast. If you would like to ride on the bus, please contact Amy @ 410-310-1428 or by email:



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- 3 Julie Langford
- 4 Loretta Lohr
- 6 Jay Lister, Laurie Schnaitman
- 7 Audrey Geib
- 8 Landon Johnson
- 9 Sharon Miller, Olivia Miles, Philip Decker
- 11 Russell Miles
- 12 Rose Cesal, Rachel Ulrich
- 13 Doris Schwaninger
- 14 Jared Schreckengast
- 15 Jean Brodie
- 17 Mike Starkey
- 20 Pat Lyons, Elsa Marie Schwaninger
- 21 Krista Wooters, Lindsay Cappa
- 22 Leo Truban, Lisa Mann
- 23 Natalee Lyons
- 24 Morgan Davis, John Fike
- 25 Richard Foreman
- 26 Rusty Curling
- 30 Kelley Mixon
- 31 Amelia Gunn



- 1 Dana & Penny Walbridge
- 6 Brian & Terri Tarr
- 10 Bob & Shari Davis
- 18 Jim & Anna Harvey
- 23 Jay & Sharon Lister

You are invited

Join us Saturday, Oct. 5, starting at 6:30 p.m. for an ice cream social and a **"Blessing of the Pets."** We'll enjoy



some delightful dairy and celebrate and say a prayer for our furry and feathered friends. All are welcome! You don't need to bring anything else--just your pets and your appetite!

Camp Mardela Bowling Tournament **October 26, 2019 - 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Does bowling strike your fancy? Do you have a few hours to spare? Then sign up for the **Camp Mardela bowling tournament**, happening 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Easton Bowl. Registration is \$30, which covers three games of bowling, shoe rental, and a prize fund. All proceeds after expenses will benefit the ministries of the camp. Send your registration (available in the narthex) to Camp Mardela, or see Pastor Walt for more information.



W.A.M.

The next W.A.M. meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor.



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