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Mission Statement

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



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You might say sometimes that your house looks like a disaster area if cleaning has fallen behind, but if you experience an actual disaster, you know the real thing is much worse.

Our county got a taste of a natural disaster this past month, when Tropical Storm Isaias came directly over Easton. Fortunately most of the effects in our immediate area weren't too severe, but there was some flooding (including water in the church basement level), and some downed trees, and power outages in spots. Some areas not too far from here were not as fortunate.

While disasters can strike any time of year, this late summer-early fall period tends to be especially dangerous in the United States, with hurricanes peaking for the Eastern US and sometimes in the Pacific, and wildfires often raging in the West. Tornadoes tend to hit hardest in the spring. And then there are earthquakes, “derecho” storm fronts, ice storms, flash floods, and more, sometimes hitting with little warning.

The Church of the Brethren has acquired a rather sterling reputation in its disaster response, joining a number of other denominations that provide these important services across the US, often partnering with the American Red Cross and various local organizations. Children's Disaster Services teams travel to disaster sites in the immediate wake of disasters to help children cope with the trauma of the experience and care for them while their parents take care of other tasks. Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) project teams typically go a bit later, traveling to sites to help them with the clean-up and physical rebuilding. And the Emergency Disaster Fund sends relief aid to needs around the world.

In 2019 alone, nearly 1,500 BDM weekly volunteers donated more than 8,600 days of service—a gift valued at about \$1.75 million—while serving 112 families at sites in the US and Puerto Rico. Another \$750,000 in monetary donations and supplies went to overseas projects. More recently, grants have been made to address the disastrous effects of COVID-19.

Consider assisting these ministries if you're able—either through your time at a project site, or through gifts to Brethren Disaster Ministries. Unfortunately, the need is ongoing and seemingly ever more prevalent. One current project is in relatively close in northeastern North Carolina, helping that area with flood recovery efforts. We might hear of needs in our region following Isaias, too.

I'd also note that while hurricanes and major floods and the like get the headlines, there are less visible disasters unfolding around us all the time. A family without enough resources to put food on the table is experiencing a disaster. Someone who has their family members deported is experiencing a disaster. A person who can't pay the hospital bills is experiencing a disaster. Even someone who is just feeling alone and unseen can feel like the world is caving in on them. Disasters can come from the sky, but they can also be economic, physical, and emotional.

So let's do what we can to support the visible needs following natural disasters through the church and other organizations equipped to meet them, but let's also keep our eyes open for the more invisible disasters that might be happening just around the corner, too. We might just help someone weather an unexpected storm.

—Pastor Walt



SERMON & SCRIPTURES SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sept. 6

"The Right Turn"

Ps. 119:33-40, Rom. 13:8-14, Matt. 18:15-20

Sept. 13

"Judge and Jury"

Gen. 50:15-21, Ps. 103:8-13, Rom. 14:1-12,
Matt. 18:21-35

Reception of New Member(s)

Sept. 20

"Grumble, Grumble"

Matt. 20:1-16, Exod. 16:2-15, Jonah 3:10-4:11

Sept. 27

"Pathfinders"

Phil. 2:1-13, Psalm 25:1-9, Prov. 3:5-6

Special Music for September

Sept. 6 "Come, Follow Me"

Sept. 13 "Bless This House"

Sept. 20 "When Jesus Wept",
Peachblossom Bells

Sept. 27 "Come, Build a Church"

Worship will remain at 10 a.m. through September and October, with no Christian Education classes, as we continue to follow the protocols of the current health situation. We'll provide updates as we receive them. The Christian Education team is working on having email/print Bible study resources available for those who would like them.

Talbot County CARES Individual Assistance Program

The CARES program provides emergency cash assistance for individuals who are out of work or whose income has been reduced because of the COVID-19 health emergency. CARES can help with rent, mortgage, or other housing costs, utilities, and other emergency needs. Payments are made directly to vendors.

Applications and pamphlets are available at the church, Neighborhood Service Center or St. Vincent de Paul Society in Easton.

This program is for Talbot County residents only. For more information, please call 410-820-4347.

Our Prayer List

Please pray especially for the following individuals and their families: for those who have contracted COVID-19, for health care workers, and for government and civic leaders who are seeking the best way forward, for our District Executive, Gene Hagenberger, for all those who have been affected economically, the family of Naomi Moyer, (Ruth Gunn's twin sister), the family of Audrey Geib, the family of Pat Saathoff, the family of J.D. Patrick, Harold Hutchison and family, John Evans, Isabelle Halliday, Wyatt Ewing, Jack Wheatley, Jim & Loretta Lohr, Carolyn Lane, Dave Edsall, Lee Willis, Kathy Spurry, for Camp Mardela and



camp manager "Chief" Gieta Gresh, Lillian Sefcik, Ginger Brady, Beth Lockwood, Judy Haddaway, Jean & Don Saballus, Richard Scott, Billy Harding, Chuck Davis, Annabel Young, Larry

Fike, Childlene Brooks, Alan Segar, Bruce Butler, Pat Lewis, Ellen Walbridge, Lee Roesti, Norman Harding, Gene & Betty Lednum, GraceWay CoB, Nancy Scheffler, Roger Plagge, JK Rider, John Nalley, Bobby Hopkins, Kurt Kline, Dee Candel, Mary Ann Kiser, Lois Schall, Natalee Jones, Jeff Wright, continuous prayers for our church family in Nigeria, continued prayers for Comfort Amos, Barbara Taylor, 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.

Please also pause this week to respond to the issues of racism, injustice, anger, and violence happening across our country with prayer and appropriate action. In difficult times, may we represent the best of what the church can offer.



Special dates in September

- Labor Day, September 7, 2020
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2020
- National Grandparents Day, Sept. 13, 2020
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15, 2020
- First day of Autumn, September 22, 2020

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Sallie Griswold
- 2 Alex Malaney, Janet Golt, Billy Loscomb, Chris Lyons
- 4 Amie Lednum Sharp
- 6 John Trax, Kai Kelly
- 7 Gary Faulkner
- 8 Ellen Sherwood, Zachary Kinsey
- 9 Chuck Davis, Betty Sanger
- 10 Mat Baynard, Jane Marshall
- 11 Dylan Faulkner
- 13 Brandt Wooters, Londyn Honeman
- 14 Joel Lohr
- 16 Charles Schwaninger
- 17 Jim Lohr
- 18 Bill Schuyler
- 20 Robyn Glass
- 21 Makayla Mullikin, Katelynn Miles
- 22 Jamie Crannell
- 23 Eric Harvey, Sarah Price
- 24 Kip Wood, Darin Jones
- 25 Sarah Scaglione
- 26 Kelsey Basel, Greg Mullikin
- 28 Josie Berkey, Tammy Haddaway
- 29 Cameron Edsall, Ladainian Jones

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

- 2 Randy & Susan Walbridge
- 6 David & Joy Phelps
- 9 Bill & Laurie Schnaitman
- 19 Mark & Tammy Miller
- 20 Les & Marlena Groves
- 24 Geoff & Lee Ann Fox
- 28 Tom & Janet Golt
- 29 Emerson & Karen Tarr, Adam & Julie Schwaninger
- 30 James & Sallie Griswold, Walt & Cheryl Hoevenaars

Congratulations to Austin & Kelsey Basel on the birth of their daughter, Marah Jade, on July 27, 2020. Marah weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz and was 20 inches long.



Big brother, Jude, pays no attention to her whatsoever! Proud grand parents Mike and Tracy Correa and great grand parents, Leroy & Sharon Miller.



It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Zachary & Kelley Rose Correa on the birth of their son, Jed Leroy on August 14, 2020. Jed weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz and was 21 inches long. Proud grand parents Mike and Tracy Correa and great grand parents, Leroy & Sharon Miller.

Corey Edsall and Nicole Huff celebrated their wedding day with family and friends on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at the Wylder Hotel on Tilghman Island. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to the happy couple and their families. Corey is the son of Renee Edsall and grandson of Pete Fox.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

We won't be able to have our usual Camp Mardela Labor Day weekend worship service this year, but we'll do our best to re-create a bit of camp by having a one-time outdoor service on the lawn that day. Bring your lawn chairs (and a mask) and join us out on the church lawn at 10 a.m. as we worship together in the fresh air. If it rains, we'll move inside.

Next Leadership Team meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, at 1:00 p.m.

Congregational Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 18 after church.

CAMPS: HIDDEN GEMS

Can you find the names of these Church of the Brethren camps in the word search? Answers can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal, backwards or forwards.

Alexander Mack
Brethren Woods
Emmanuel
Harmony
Koinonia
Myrtlewood
Shepherd's Spring

Bethel
Carmel
Emmaus
Hope
La Verne
Peaceful Pines
Swatara

Blue Diamond
Colorado
Galilee
Inspiration Hills
Mardela
Pine Lake
Wilbur Stover

Brethren Heights
Eder
Hammond's Mill
Ithiel
Mount Hermon
Placid

X	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S	S	P	R	I	N	G	C	H
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S	T	H	G	I	E	H	N	E	R	H	T	E	R	B	O	B	R
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S	M	X	L	E	U	N	A	M	M	E	T	E	N	T	P	L	T
E	A	S	C	A	B	I	N	C	O	L	O	R	A	D	O	E	R

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Naomi Moyer. Mrs. Moyer passed away on August 6. A graveside service was held on August 14 at Little Swatara Church of the Brethren Cemetery, Bethel. Mrs. Moyer was a twin sister to Ruth Gunn.



Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Audrey Geib. Ms. Audrey passed away on August 3. A private graveside service was held on Wednesday, August 19.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Pat Saathoff. Pat passed away on July 26. An outdoor memorial service was held on Monday, August 3rd, at her home near Denton followed by a social gathering. The interment was private.



Our deepest sympathy to the family of J.D. Patrick. J.D. passed away on July 24. A graveside service was held at Fairview Church of Brethren Cemetery, in Cordova, on Sunday, August 2, 2020. J.D. was the grandson of Leo Truban.

We pray Christ love and presence to each of these families.

Dear Members of Easton Church of the Brethren,
Thank you for the all the love and support shown to our family during Doug's illness and our time of loss. The cards, prayers, visits, texts, food and other acts of kindness over the last several years are so deeply appreciated. We are so grateful to live in such a caring and thoughtful community surrounded by family and friends.

Thank you again for extending such love and support to our family during this difficult time.

Blessings, *Renee, Corey, Nicole, Casey and Cameron*



Cuisine for a Cause

It's unknown at this point if or when meals will be able to be rescheduled. If you would like a refund of your ticket purchase, please contact the church office. Otherwise, remaining funds will go as a donation. We hope to schedule a new round of meals in 2021. Thank you.

New Member Sunday - Rescheduled!

On Sunday, Sept. 13, Cheryl Dayton will officially join the church during our worship time. If anyone else would like to become a member of the church at this time, please contact Pastor Walt. Membership is a way to connect at a deeper level with the faith community, sharing in its service and ministry.

A Volunteer Needed

Loretta Lohr is retiring from her many years of dedicated service, in preparing bag lunches for the Ridgeway House in Easton.

Below is an outline of the job description for our new volunteer.

Easton CoB is responsible for the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday of every month.

Six bag lunches are prepared and include the following:

- a packaged drink or bottle of water
- a sandwich
- a bag of chips
- a piece of fruit or fruit cup
- a dessert (cookies, etc)

Delivery is made after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday before the scheduled Friday. The Ridgeway House is located on Aurora St. Ring the bell and wait for someone to come and take the food. Items used for the lunches are stored in the cupboard next to the stove in the church kitchen and in a specific place in the refrigerator.

Whoever purchases items for the lunches can give the bill to Dale Fike for reimbursement. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please see Anne Harvey, Witness Team Chair or Lee Ann Fox in the church office.

Loretta, thank you so much for all of your years of service in providing and delivering lunches to the Ridgeway House. We appreciate this service you've provided from the church! ***Happy Retirement!!!***

Camp Mardela News

Please be in prayer for Camp Mardela as the board works through the process of calling a new administrator for the camp. Interviews will take place this fall. Gieta Gresh, who has served there for the past 15-plus years, will be continuing in a part-time role alongside part-time interim manager Curtis Hartman while she also serves as interim pastor at Denton Church of the Brethren through the end of 2020. She and her family are in the process of moving to Johnstown, Pa.

Hiking at Camp Mardela. Feel free to enjoy a day at Camp walking the trails. Hiking is done by appointment only (in order to maintain social distancing). Please call for your appointment at 410-479-2861. Facilities and building will not be available.

Camp Mardela, Family Camping Weekend, 2020: September 4-6, 2020. Family camping week-end will be a new format this year, due to COVID-19. This event will center on camping at Camp Mardela as a family unit. All activities will occur privately, as a family group. RV campers and tent campers are invited to enjoy hiking trails and canoeing or kayaking. There will also be opportunities for service projects! Your donations for the week-end is welcome. All activities must be scheduled in advance of attendance. Camp Mardela will offer no food service or shower facilities for this event. Please register by August 30, 2020. To reserve a space contact Curtis Hartman, Interim Director at 410-479-2861 or email Camp at campmardela@gmail.com.

Camp Mardela Supper: September 19, 2020. This year's supper will be take out ONLY. Carry-outs can be purchased from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at camp.

Camp Mardela Auction: Details for the auction--tentatively schedule for October 3, are still to be determined.

Camp Mardela Appreciation Day, 2020: You are invited to enjoy an afternoon of worship and light refreshments on Sunday October 25. Program will feature Free Range. There will be more details about the program later in September.

Camp Mardela continues with their fundraiser of Scrip: What is Scrip? Buy gift cards online (all year long) at www.shopwithscrip.com, pay online and a rebate will be earned between 2% and 16% that will immediately go towards Camp Mardela. When your gift card arrives, use them for your everyday shopping...that simple. If you would like a copy of the instructions, contact Lee Ann and she can mail you a copy.



Attendance & Offering for July & August

	Attendance	32	32	33	35	132
		7/5/20	7/12/20	7/19/20	7/26/20	Totals
<u>Distributions</u>						
General (06)						
Envelopes		2,660.00	1,227.00	1,624.00	2,250.00	7,761.00
Loose Change/Cash		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tithes		2,660.00	1,227.00	1,624.00	2,250.00	7,761.00
06 Income						
Dutchmans Lane Rent				1,155.00		1,155.00
Harrison St. Rent		1,150.00				1,150.00
Subtotal of Income		1,150.00	0.00	1,155.00	0.00	2,305.00
Totals		3,810.00	1,227.00	2,779.00	2,250.00	10,066.00
Special Offerings (07)						
In & Out						
Easter Flowers			10.00	10.00		20.00
Totals		0.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	20.00
Totals		3,810.00	1,237.00	2,789.00	2,250.00	10,086.00

Attendance		40	34	32	32	138
	8/2/20	8/9/20	8/16/20	8/23/20	8/30/20	Totals
<u>Distributions</u>						
General (06)						
Envelopes	4,147.00	1,474.00	1,865.00	1,093.00		8,579.00
Loose Change/Cash	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Tithes	4,157.00	1,474.00	1,865.00	1,093.00	0.00	8,589.00
06 Income						
Building Use						
Dutchmans Lane Rent				1,155.00		1,155.00
Harrison St. Rent						0.00
Subtotal of Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,155.00	0.00	1,155.00
Totals	4,157.00	1,474.00	1,865.00	2,248.00	0.00	9,744.00
Special Offerings (07)						
Deacon Fund	800.00					800.00
						0.00
In & Out						
Children's Disaster Services	67.00	360.00	82.00	11.00		520.00
Totals	867.00	360.00	82.00	11.00	0.00	1,320.00
Totals	5,024.00	1,834.00	1,947.00	2,259.00	0.00	11,064.00

Volunteer Opportunities

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.

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. **Consider bringing in your non-perishable items when church re-opens.**

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.

The volunteer opportunities listed below are currently closed due to COVID-19. Please keep these opportunities in mind when things re-open.

Talbot Interfaith Shelter

The 2020 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 September 19, 2020. If you are interested in providing a meal, please contact Norma Trax. (We will keep you up-dated should COVID-19 restrictions change in allowing volunteers to come to the shelter.)**

Neighborhood Service Center

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

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.





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