

# EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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*PEACHBLOSSOM PRESS NEWSLETTER*

## *Mission Statement*

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



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We talked recently in worship about Pentecost, the annual celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. In Acts the Spirit blows through the scene with a burst of wind and flame, shaking up the church and the world.

In the wake of the miraculous events of that day, some “amazed and perplexed” onlookers said to each other—as recorded in our New Revised Standard Version—“What does this mean?” Biblical scholar Bob Eldan, however, says the original Greek words there would more accurately be rendered, “What does this want to be?” In other words, what is supposed to happen as a result of this?

After all the unexpected events of the past 15 months, we might be asking ourselves the same question. In this case, of course, it was a virus that swept through, upending our lives in all sorts of ways. But as some have noted, it has the opportunity to be a Pentecost-like gust of renewal for the church and for all of us individually. What does it want the church to be?

This pandemic experience has forced us to think about what’s important and what we value. It has opened up new possibilities for communication and connection, especially digitally. It has reminded us that the church is, indeed, more than just a building. And it has perhaps caused us to ponder more deeply what it means to love our neighbors.

More than simply “weathering the storm,” Vincent Everer of United Lutheran Seminary wrote, churches should look at the pandemic as “a time of reckoning—a moment that forces confrontation with long-standing underlying issues that threaten to undermine the future vibrancy of Christianity in America.”

It has not been an easy time. As the worst now seems—hopefully—to be behind us and things start to re-open we might find ourselves in different places. Many have been vaccinated, but some might not have been able to yet, or have chosen not to. Some are ready to rip off the masks and re-engage “normal” life while others are more cautious. Some are bursting with the desire to sing or eat together or share a hug, while other might still want their space.

I hope that we can be respectful of those differences as we slowly move forward together, while also centering on our common call to be the church in this time and place and taking an honest look at where God is calling us. Everer says, “The biggest question is always the same: Do we have Spirit and truth to be the body of Christ in the wondrous realm of history?”

What new opportunities do you see for the church in this time? What roots and traditions have sustained you? What should we hold onto, and what should we be doing differently? As we all answer those questions in these interesting times, let’s continue to open the windows for the breezes of the Holy Spirit to propel us into that next chapter.

—Pastor Walt 😊

# Sermon and Scriptures through June

## June 6 (Graduation Sunday)

"Be Careful What You Wish For..."

Gen. 3:8-15, 1 Samuel 8

## June 13

"Anointed"

1 Sam. 16:1-13, Psalm 20, James 5:13-16

## June 20 (Father's Day)

"They Might Be Giants"

Mark 4:35-41, 1 Sam. 17:32-45

## June 27

"Abundance"

Psalm 30, 2 Cor. 8:7-15

# Music for June

June 6, Carolyn Lane, pianist  
Jennifer Summy, Soloist

June 13, Peach Blossom Bells

June 20, Cheryl Dayton

June 27, Logan Allen



Worship will remain at 10 a.m. through the summer. We hope to resume Christian education classes and many of our other activities in the fall. Watch the website and the weekly announcement sheets for updates.

## "God's Adventurous Future" Virtual Annual Conference 2021 June 30 – July 4



Registration is now open.  
Please see the link below to  
find all information needed.  
<https://www.brethren.org/ac/>

## Congratulations to our Graduates

Our graduates this year are:

**Jenna Miller:** Jenna graduates from Wicomico High School in Salisbury, MD. In the fall, Jenna will attend UMES, enrolling in the arts program. Jenna is the daughter of Joy and Kevin Miller and granddaughter of Mat & Wanda Baynard.

**Kaitlyn McKenna Lyons:** Kaitlyn graduates from St. Michaels High School. In the fall she plans to attend college in Delaware to study in the medical field. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Chris Lyons and granddaughter of Harold and Pat Lyons.

**Linda MacSorley:** Linda graduated from University of Maryland with a BS in Landscaping Design. Linda is a sister of Wanda Baynard.

**Cameron Edsall:** Cameron graduated on May 15 from Johnson University in Knoxville TN with a Master of Arts in Ethics and Public Leadership. Cameron is the son of Renee' Edsall and grandson of Pete Fox.



**June 6, 2021**

Please let the church office know as soon as possible if you have or know of any graduates. We would love to recognize them on Sunday, June 6, 2021 during worship.

# Happy Birthday

- 1 Ann Reed
- 2 Nancy Quidas, Holly Mattox
- 6 Dulcy Walbridge, Cami Lyons
- 7 Gene Walbridge, Monica Oberkofler
- 10 Benjamin Gunn, Sean Jacobs
- 12 Beth Mattox, Katie Grubbs
- 13 Anna Harvey, Leroy Miller, Beckett Ward
- 15 Mark Sanger, Timmy Lohr
- 16 Craig Foss
- 17 Sara Booth
- 19 Debbie Russ, Elise Pittrizzi
- 20 Robert Clark, Jr., Mark Lednum
- 22 Sally Lohr
- 24 Sue Russ, Savannah Miles, Debbie Urry
- 25 Jeff Lohr
- 26 Noah Lohr
- 28 Larry Fike
- 29 Julie Reynolds, J.C. Russ, Naomi Willey
- 30 Sierra Correa



# Happy Anniversary

- 2 Josh & Morgan Kilmon
- 3 Eric & Patricia Harvey
- 5 Dennis & Sally Lohr
- 6 Casey & Sara Booth
- 8 Jeff & Lisa Lohr
- 12 Jamie & Christa Crannell
- 13 Jim & Loretta Lohr
- Phil & Joy Marshall
- 14 Todd & Darlena Roesti-Butler
- 15 Eric & Jody Gunn
- 23 Randy & Amy Bachand
- 25 Ed & Liz Wildasin



## Witness Ministry Team Spring Project

The Witness Team is asking for donations of kitchen supplies to Easton's Promise, (The Talbot Inter-faith Shelter) for the clients who are able to set-up their own apartments. Items needed are dishes, pots and pans, flat wear, cleaning supplies, cooking utensils, paper towels, dish cloths, tea towels, and any items for the kitchen. These may be used items in very good conditions. Please bring the items to the church and leave in the designated area in the narthex. Any questions, please see Anne Harvey, Witness Chair. Items are being collected until June 6.



## Changes to the Newsletter

We are converting the newsletter to be delivered mostly digitally (via email) as a way to save money, paper, and time. We will still make a limited number of print copies available though, for those who need them. If you prefer to receive your newsletter in print form, please let the church office know ASAP. Otherwise, we will convert all newsletter deliveries to email (**beginning with this month's issue**) for those whose addresses we have. If you are not on our email list, please submit to: [eastonchurchofthebrethren@gmail.com](mailto:eastonchurchofthebrethren@gmail.com). Thank you!

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## Messenger Renewal Time

Subscriptions have been submitted for 2021-2022. Payment is due to the church office at your earliest convenience. Subscription prices are \$14.50 for 1 year and \$27 for 2 years. Thank you!

# 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, for Camp Mardela and administrator Jennifer Summy, Jane Marshall, Jim Saathoff, Lexi (a friend of Amelia Gunn) is schedule to have a baby soon, Maggie Hegedus, Caitlyn Bussey, Lynn Butler, Bev Altvater, Ron Miller, Joyce Battle, Kim Hammond, Misti Green, Peggy Hutchison, Bunky Miller, Theresa, (co-worker of Terri Tarr), Verna Calloway, Bonnie Langford, Mary Kelly, Amelia Gunn (BVS) ( who is feeling pretty down for not being able to make it home for her rescheduled Bridgewater commencement ceremony), Chad Whitzel (BVS), Hermann & Peggy Oberkofler, Doris Schwaninger, Brenna (a college senior at Bridgewater with cancer), John Evans, Isabelle Halliday, Wyatt Ewing, Jim & Loretta Lohr, Kathy Spurry, Lillian Sefcik, Judy Haddaway, Jean & Don Saballus, Richard Scott, Billy Harding, Chuck Davis, Annabel Young, Larry Fike, Childlene Brooks, Alan Segar, Bruce Butler, Pat Lewis, Lee Roesti, Norman Harding, Gene & Betty Lednum, GraceWay CoB, Nancy Scheffler, Roger Plagge, John Nalley, Bobby Hopkins, Kurt Kline, Dee Candel, 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. Pray for leaders & people that are working towards peace. Please phone the church to add or remove persons on our prayer list.



## THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FRUITS

June is a good month to enjoy berries and some other fresh fruit that appears at farmer's markets and elsewhere this time of year. Can you find these fruits in the puzzle below? Answers can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal, backwards or forwards:

STRAWBERRY  
FIG  
PEAR  
WATERMELON

PEACH  
RASPBERRY  
GRAPE

APPLE  
BANANA  
MANGO

LEMON  
KIWI  
ORANGE

LIME  
PLUM

H	S	E	A	S	T	I	W	I	K	O
C	N	T	M	G	O	R	A	N	G	E
A	H	U	R	R	O	C	T	H	U	R
E	L	E	C	A	H	L	E	M	O	N
P	E	A	R	P	W	O	R	F	T	H
S	L	I	M	E	E	B	M	B	R	E
T	P	R	A	S	P	B	E	R	R	Y
H	P	R	N	I	E	N	L	R	H	A
P	A	P	G	I	F	Y	O	S	R	U
M	M	E	O	R	A	N	N	R	Y	Y
Z	A	N	A	N	A	B	E	A	C	H





# News from the District Office

## Join the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Virtual Blood Drive

Help us continue the yearly tradition of donating blood during the Annual Conference though we are not meeting in person.

Make a pledge through the Virtual Blood Drive and donate blood locally.

### How can YOU join the 2021 Virtual Blood Drive?

- Pledge today to give blood at [www.brethren.org/virtualblooddrive2021](http://www.brethren.org/virtualblooddrive2021) or by called/emailing Brethren Disaster Ministers.
- Find a blood drive near you, preferably between June 15-July 15, 2021.
- Take a photo when you donate blood to encourage others and to celebrate your gift.
- Tell us that you followed through with your pledge so we can keep track of total donations.
- Send us your photo! You can also share it on social media: **#SleevesUpBrethren2021**.

**It's that easy!**

For more information, call Brethren Disaster Ministries at 1-800-451-4407, ext. 1, or email us at [bdm@brethren.org](mailto:bdm@brethren.org).

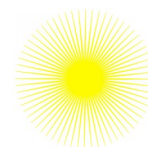


Feel free to enjoy a day at Camp walking the trails. Hiking is done by appointment only (in order to maintain social distancing). Please call for your appointment at 410-479-2861. Facilities and building will not be available.

Camp Mardela continues with their fundraiser of Scrip: What is Scrip? Buy gift cards online (all year long) at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://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.

### Outdoor Worship Services

With the weather turning much nicer, we may have several outdoor services throughout the summer. Watch the website and the weekly announcement sheets for updates.



### Bible Quiz

Complete this proverb: "Like snow in \_\_\_\_\_ or rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool."

- A. springtime
- B. summer
- C. seedtime
- D. autumn



Answer: B (See Proverbs 26:1, ESV.)

### Camp Mardela News from Jen Summy, Camp Mardela Administrator:

- **Summer Camp is on for this summer.** The flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.
- **Camp Mardela continues with their fundraiser of Scrip:** What is Scrip? Buy gift cards online (all year long) at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://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.
- **There are several copies** of Camp Mardela's newsletter. "The Lane" is available in the narthex.
- **Volunteer Opportunities are listed below:**



### Volunteers for Summer Camp:

We are still looking for volunteers and staff for summer camp. Summer camp will run from June 20th to July 29th. We are in need of volunteers/staff to help with:

- **Kitchen**
- **Lifeguarding**
- **Nursing**
- **Counseling**

You can stay and help for the full 6 week of summer, or just come for a week. Just let us know if you have a preference of a week you want to help with. The camp schedule is attached to this email as well.

If you are interested in helping Camp Mardela as a volunteer for any of these events, you can send an email to [campmardela@gmail.com](mailto:campmardela@gmail.com) or call 410-479-2861. Thank you for your support of Camp Mardela. We truly could not do what we do without your faithful help!

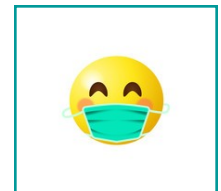
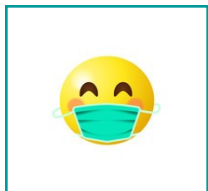
## Serving for the month of June

	6/6/2021	6/13/2021	6/20/2021	6/27/2021
<b>Message</b>	Pastor Walt	Pastor Walt	Pastor Walt	Pastor Walt
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jim Lohr	Sharon Miller	Kevin Wile	Lynn Butler
<b>Head Usher/Sound</b>	Jane Marshall	Lee Ann Fox	Jane Marshall	Lee Ann Fox
<b>Deacons on call</b>	Les & Marlena Groves	Rick & Jane Marshall	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller
<b>Special Music</b>	Carolyn Lane, pianist and Jen Summy, soloist	Peach Blossom Bells	Cheryl Dayton	Logan Allen
<b>Flowers</b>		Tammy Haddaway		

# Attendance & Offering for May

	Attendance	34	41	40	42	157
	5/2/21	5/9/21	5/16/21	5/23/21	5/30/21	Totals
<b><u>Distributions</u></b>						0.00
<b>General (06)</b>						
Envelopes	2,965.00	2,485.00	1,429.00	1,855.00		8,734.00
Loose Change/Cash	0.00	2.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
Total Before Prepaid Tithes	2,965.00	2,487.00	1,434.00	1,855.00	0.00	8,741.00
Prepaid Tithes	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	3,375.00
Dale	3,640.00	3,162.00	2,109.00	2,530.00	675.00	12,116.00
<b>Other Income (06)</b>						
Harrison St. Rent	1,500.00					1,500.00
						0.00
Totals	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
<b>Special Offerings (07)</b>						
Deacon Fund	1,000.00					1,000.00
In Kind						
Supplies for Banner		13.23				13.23
In & Out						
Adopt a Cabin Reimbursement						0.00
MADD Auction Ads			60.00			60.00
Messenger Subscriptions	14.50			27.00		41.50
Camp Mardela		100.00				100.00
Camp Mardela Roof Reimbursement		200.00				200.00
Bldg/Memorial - Ellen Walbridge	100.00					100.00
Totals	2,614.50	313.23	60.00	27.00	0.00	3,014.73
Totals	7,079.50	2,800.23	1,494.00	1,882.00	0.00	13,255.73

Let us all be vigilant. Wash your hands and socially distance. If you are not vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask that covers your mouth AND nose, and pray for God's guidance and healing.



# 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. 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.  
Thank you!!!

## 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 June 19, 2021. If you are interested in providing a meal, please contact Norma Trax. (We will keep you updated 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.







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