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Mission Statement

**"Sharing the love and
blessing of God with all."**



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Love Is....

It's February already, and when I think of February, I automatically think of Valentine's Day, sending Valentine cards to those we love, and if we happen to be the lucky one, receiving CHOCOLATE CANDY and FLOWERS from your spouse. Valentine's Day can be a reminder of our Christian obligation to show our love for one another through random acts of kindness, being a light in someone else's darkness, being an encourager.



As we all know, love is presented in Scripture as the very nature of God. In 1 John 4: verse 8 John writes. "Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love," and in verse 16, "So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love, abide in God and God abides in them. Love is also the greatest of Christian virtues as seen in 1 Corinthians 13: 13: "And now faith, hope and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is love."

I would like to share a story with you which I found in the book, Chicken Soup for the Soul. A college professor had his Sociology class go into the Baltimore slums to get case histories of 200 young boys. They were asked to write an evaluation of each boy's future. In every case the student's wrote, "He hasn't got a chance." Twenty-five years later another Sociology professor came across the earlier study. He had his students follow up on the project to see what had happened to these boys. With the exception of twenty boys who had moved away or died, the students learned that one hundred and seventy-six of the remaining one hundred and eighty had achieved more than ordinary success as lawyers, doctors and business men.

The professor was astounded and decided to peruse the matter further. When these men were asked, "How do you account for your success?" Each one answered, "There was a teacher." When they found that she was still alive, they asked her what was the magic formula she had used to pull these boys out of the slums into successful achievement. The teacher's eyes sparkled and she broke into a gentle smile and replied, "It's really very simple. I loved those boys."

Spread love wherever you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a neighbor. Be the living expressions of God's kindness." **Mother Teresa**

Wanda Baynard

(If anyone wishes to submit a first page article for the church newsletter, please let Lee Ann know. Deadline for the March newsletter is February 17. Thank you!)



FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ember Mae Stichberry
- 2 Pam Fluharty, Steve Wooters
- 3 Marjorie (Pete) Fox
- 4 Adam Lohr, Harold Lyons
- 5 Barbara Saulsbury
- 6 Wade Miller
- 7 Kevin Kinsey, Christopher Cober,
Matthew Schwaninger
- 8 Gieta Gresh
- 12 Ava Elaine Valliant
- 13 Sarah Loscomb, Jennifer Saulsbury,
Margaret Pete, Aubrie Stichberry
- 14 Andrew Cheezum
- 15 Judy Musch
- 16 Phil Ridenour
- 17 Renee Baldwin
- 18 Pat Schwaninger
- 19 Ted Schwaninger
- 20 Ryan Glass
- 21 Casey Edsall, Jan Hagenberger,
Rebecca Moore
- 22 Brynn Dayton Keller
- 26 Tracy Johnson, Eden Holmes
- 27 Charles Schwaninger,
Bernard Randall-Jones
- 28 Kimberly Patrick




FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 John & Dorothy Stichberry
- Albert & Margaret Pete
- 18 Bud & Judi Loscomb



BABIES, BABIES, BABIES

Congratulations to Zach and Kelly Rose Correa on the birth of their daughter, Eve Langley Correa. Eve was born on December 23 and weighed 6lbs 13 oz.

Congratulations to Sierra Correa and Josh Poore on the birth of their son, Reed. Reed was born on January 8 and weighed 7lbs. 9oz. Proud grand parents to both Eve and Reed are Mike & Tracy Correa and proud great grand parents are Leroy & Sharon Miller.

Congratulations to Chris and Jennifer Stichberry Grubbs on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte. Charlotte Grace was born January 8 at 4:58 PM. She weighed 1 lb. 10 oz. and was 13 in. long. Proud grand parents are John & Dorothy Stichberry and great grandmother Ellen Sherwood.

Please continue being in prayer for baby Reed and baby Charlotte, their parents and extended family members. Baby Reed spent the first week at University of Maryland Baltimore and baby Charlotte is still in the NICU at University of Maryland hospital in Baltimore.

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10



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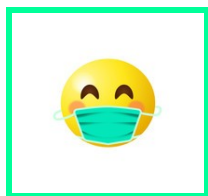
Our Prayer List

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, to the family of Weber Duncan, Sierra Correa/Josh Poore and baby Reed, Chris & Jennifer Grubbs and baby Charlotte, Liam Emmert, Eric Gunn, Amelia Mitchell, Kevin Mitchell, Charlie Willis, Holly Jones, Pauline & Jack Lane, Adele Pogue, Priscilla Truitt, Crystal Windsor, Steven Webb, Brenda (a friend to Terri Tarr), Maggie Hegedus, Caitlyn Bussey, Bunky Miller, Theresa, (co-worker of Terri Tarr), Verna Calloway, Doris Schwaninger, John Evans, Wyatt Ewing, Jim & Loretta Lohr, Kathy Spurry, Lillian Sefcik, Richard Scott, Billy Harding, Annabel Young, Larry Fike, Alan Segar, Bruce Butler, Pat Lewis, GraceWay CoB, Nancy Scheffler, Roger Plagge, John Nalley, Bobby Hopkins, Dee Candel, Lois Schall, Natalee Jones, continuous prayers for our church family in Nigeria, continued prayers for Comfort Amos, Leo Truban, Emerson Fike, Katelyn Howard. Pray for leaders & people that are working towards peace. ***Please phone or email the church office to add or remove persons on our prayer list.***

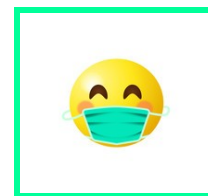


Camp Mardela News from Jen Summy, Camp Administrator

- Anyone wishing to purchase a Camp Mardela mask, they are available in the church office. They come in various colors and sizes and are \$10 each.
- 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. There are several copies of Camp Mardela's newsletter. "The Lane" is available in the narthex.
- The annual spaghetti dinner will be held at the Denton Church of the Brethren on March 12, 2022, 5:00-7:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Camp Mardela.
- Camp Auction will be held on April 2 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Donations are accepted through March 25. Live auction, silent auction and food stand will be provided.
- Community Yard Sale will be held on April 30 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Contact the camp office to reserve space by April 25. One 8ft. Table will be provided per space. Indoor space—\$25/Outdoor space—\$15.
- Camp Appreciation day will be held on May 22 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. There will be camp activities and a chance to show appreciation for our staff and volunteers.



**WE'RE
IN THIS
TOGETHER!**



**Love Your Neighbors!! In light of recent pandemic metrics, please wear a mask inside the church regardless of vaccination status. Thank you!!
Let us all be vigilant. Wash your hands and socially distance.
Pray for God's guidance and healing.**

Attendance & Offering for January

	Attendance	54	31	33	28	146
	1/2/2022	1/9/2022	1/16/2022	1/23/2022	1/30/2022	Totals
<u>Distributions</u>						0.00
<i>General (06)</i>						
Envelopes	1,659.40	2,890.00	2,780.00	660.00		7,989.40
Loose Change/Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	155.52	0.00	155.52
Total Before Prepaid Tithes	1,659.40	2,890.00	2,780.00	815.52	0.00	8,144.92
Prepaid Tithes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dale	1,659.40	2,890.00	2,780.00	815.52	0.00	8,144.92
<i>Other Income (06)</i>						
Building Use						
Dutchmans Lane Rent				1,200.00		1,200.00
Harrison St. Rent	1,500.00					1,500.00
Totals	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	2,700.00
<i>Special Offerings (07)</i>						
Deacon Fund		1,000.00				1,000.00
In Kind						
Supplies for Hospitality						0.00
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In & Out						
MADD Auction Ads		35.00		25.00		60.00
Totals	1,500.00	1,035.00	0.00	1,225.00	0.00	3,760.00
Totals	4,659.40	3,925.00	2,780.00	3,240.52	0.00	14,604.92

Congregational Business Meeting - February 6, 2022

After a special Leadership Team meeting on Sunday, January 23, the decision was made to move the CBM to February 6 as part of the worship service. On the agenda will be a time of listening, discussing and voting to accept an offer on the Dutchmans Lane property. Dennis Covey will be in attendance to provide us with the information from the potential buyer. This comes as a seconded motion from the Leadership Team. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Miller, Board Chair.



With the CBM being moved up, all written reports from LT members need to have their 2021 written report to Lee Ann no later than this Thursday morning (10:00 a.m.) for distribution to the congregation on Sunday, January 30.

News from the District Office

Appeal for a design for the 2022 Disaster Conference Logo

Please consider using your artistic gifts to create and submit a logo that includes the title "In Step with Each Other" and conveys the theme scripture:

Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ -the Message-have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives-words, actions, whatever-be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

If at all possible, please use these guidelines when submitting your design: send as an email attachment, and on PDF or PNG format.

The deadline is Thursday, February 17, 2022. The Program and Arrangements team will select the logo they feel best conveys the theme and works the best for all uses of conference promotion and publication. The selected logo and creator will be announced when the logo design is chosen. Please email to aamad@brethren.org or call 443-960-3052 with any questions. Thank you!

2022 Mid-Atlantic Disaster Auction

The patron ad sign-up sheet is located in the narthex for the 2022 Disaster Response Auction Booklet. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, February 6. This year's auction will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters.



CAMP MARDELA'S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER MARCH 12, 2022 - 5PM-7PM held at Denton Church of the Brethren

Join us at the Denton Church of the Brethren for an all-you-can-eat spaghetti meal sponsored by volunteers and served by the Camp Mardela Youth. Admission to the meal is by donation.



Valentines Day



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 HONEY
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 WEDDING
 HUG
 CUPID
 LOVE
 TEDDYBEAR
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Serving the month of February

	2/6/2022	2/13/2022	2/20/2022	2/27/2022
Message	CBM held as part of worship	Wanda Baynard	Brad Hill	
Worship Leader	Kevin Wile	Lynn Butler	Wanda Baynard	Jay Lister
Head Usher/ Sound	Leroy Miller	Leroy Miller	Leroy Miller	Leroy Miller
Deacons on call	Les & Marlena Groves	Jane Marshall & Anne Harvey	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller
Special Music	Paula Colburn	Jim Lohr	Cheryl Dayton	Carolyn Lane
Flowers				

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 Preaching?

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 Marlena Groves (Nurture Chair).

Talbot Interfaith Shelter

The 2022 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 February 19, 2022. If you are interested in providing a meal, please sign-up in the narthex.** Volunteering at the shelter for shifts needed are currently on hold due to the outbreak of COVID. When it re-opens two volunteers will be needed for (three) two hour shifts (8:00-11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 2:00-5:00 p.m. We will keep everyone posted for updates. Please sign-up in the narthex or call the office.

A Pause On Volunteering

A message to our beloved volunteers from Fran and Julie:

Due to the continuing surge of COVID-19 cases in our area, and with an abundance of caution and care for our amazing volunteers, we have decided to pause our volunteer supervision program once again. Hopefully, this will not be a long pause, and even more hopefully, everyone will remain healthy. We hope that each team will still arrange to provide dinner for the shelter on their designated volunteer day.

We are so grateful for our volunteers, and we will miss you all so much. It's been such a joy to reconnect. Yet we don't want anyone to feel uncomfortable or at risk. Please stay tuned, and we will restart after this short hiatus.

Neighborhood Service Center

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

DONATIONS FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

Drop-off at Fox Trucking, Inc.
29920 Dover Road
Easton, MD 21601

410-924-2605—Geoff Fox
410-822-2966—Office

Drop Off times: 7:00 am—7:00 pm

Shelf stable foods, Canned goods/pop tops – Ready meals, Snacks, cereal/protein bars, cookies, peanut butter, tuna pouches, crackers, dried fruit.

Gatorade/Powerade, bottle tea, powder milk, 100% juice, juice boxes.

Cutlery kits (plastic spoons, forks and knives), hand held can openers, paper plates & bowls, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper.

Disposable diapers, baby wipes, baby formula (can & powder), jars of baby food.

Flashlights, batteries, roofing supplies, 2x4's, 2x6's plywood, nails, screws, hammers, screwdrivers, cordless drills, generators, garbage bags, etc.

First aid kits, toothbrush/toothpaste, hairbrush/combs, hair ties, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, soap, feminine products, hand sanitizer.

NEW coats, gloves, hats, sweat-shirts, scarves, socks, hand warmers.

NEW bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths, new blankets.

New household items: toasters, dishes, glasses, coffee pots, microwaves, crockpot, pots and pans, utensils.

Pet Food—canned and bag.

Livestock food.

Gift cards are also needed: Target, Walmart, Lowes, and Home Depot

PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS IN BOXES or PLASTIC CONTAINERS
and LABELED

PLEASE NO CLOTHES (**only what is listed above**) WILL BE ACCEPTED!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS and SUPPORT!!!!



We know that all things work together for good
to those who love God.

Romans 8:28, NKJV

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