

# EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**APRIL, 2022 PEACHBLOSSOM PRESS NEWSLETTER**

## Mission Statement

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



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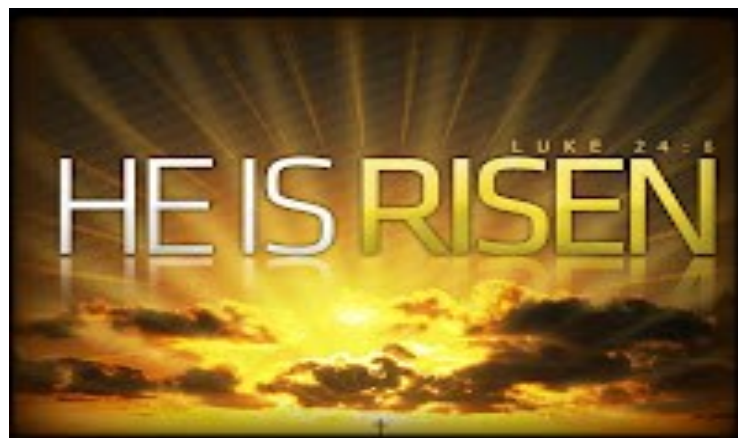
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Easter is a story the church needs to tell itself and then proclaim it to the end of the earth. We all need the reminder of how God transforms even the darkest hour into glorious light. It is both our story to hold and our story to share.

On Easter, the holiest of days, sorrow is turned into joy. What we have been searching for has been found. This is the day that God has made, a day of gratitude and praise, a day of rejoicing and celebrating. However, joy and answers to our questions come after searching and struggling. Peter had to first discern that God shows no partiality. He then spent most of his ministry trying to convince the early Christians that Christ's grace is available to all. The psalmist rejoices in Psalm 118 that death is not the result of God's harsh punishments; and yet we know that Jesus took death upon himself as a means of salvation. Mary weeps and questions before discovering that Jesus has risen and is standing with her in the garden.

So it is with the Easter story of our own lives: we search, we question, we weep, and we wonder. Then, Jesus calls us by name, the risen Christ is revealed, hope is restored, love's triumph is confirmed, and we run forth to share the good news that Christ is alive and living still. Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Wanda Baynard, Christian Ed, chair.



***(If anyone wishes to submit an article for the church newsletter, please let Lee Ann know. Deadline for the May newsletter is April 15. Thank you!)***

## Welcome back Pastor Gene and Pastor Jody

On March 20, Pastor Gene Hagenberger and Pastor Jody began as interim pastors through the end of May. Pastor Gene and Pastor Jody will each serve as 1/3-time interim pastors each covering an average of two Sundays a month. If there is a fifth Sunday in a month, there will be a guest preacher.

Please join us in welcoming these two very special people back to our congregation.

## Messenger Renewal Time

All one-year subscription are due for renewal no later than May 15. Please let Lee Ann know if you are interested in renewing/canceling/or subscribing to the Messenger. Thank you!

## Easton Church of the Brethren Mugs for sale

Any one wishing to purchase an Easton Church of the Brethren mug, please see Lee Ann. We are asking for a \$5 donation please. You will also get a few goodies in your mug.



## WORLD PEACE PRAYER TIME

Monday-Saturday  
3:00—4:00 P.M.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL  
EASTON, MD

For more information, please  
contact Bruce Butler

# Happy Birthday

- 1 Jordan Davis, Leslie Saulsbury
- 4 Joey Edsall, Jimmy Mattox
- 5 Karen Davis
- 6 Marlena Groves, Annabel Young
- 7 Kevin Wile
- 8 Michael Valliant
- 9 Marlee Fox, Heather Moore
- 11 Susan Sanger
- 12 Tim Young
- 13 Hutch Walbridge, Jack Wood, Connor Crannell
- 14 Jocelyn Koenig
- 16 Chad Whitzel, James Foreman, Karen Olszewski
- 17 Stanley Morris, Diane Walbridge
- 18 Robin Lyons
- 21 D.R. Warrington
- 23 Jennifer "Regan" Fox, Shelly Milburn
- 24 Todd Butler, Logan Allen, Roger Plagge, Bonnie Langford
- 25 Tom Brockson
- 26 Cheryl Dayton
- 28 Ashley Ball
- 30 Gabriel Fluharty

# Happy Anniversary

- 8 Leroy & Sharon Miller
- 14 Mat & Wanda Baynard
- 27 Todd & Kelly Lyons

## Changed Cross

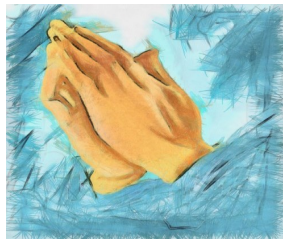
Please bring in your fresh flowers for the changed cross on Easter Sunday.



# 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, the family of Leo Truban, Stacey Geisel, Tiny Ewing, Lyla Taghipour, Greg Haddaway, Ruth Gunn, 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, 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.***



**Love Your Neighbors!! With COVID cases declining, masks in the church are now optional.**

**Let us all be vigilant. Wash your hands and socially distance whenever possible.**



**Pray for God's guidance and healing.**

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Our deepest sympathy to the family Leo Truban. Leo passed away on Sunday evening, March 6 at his home. He was 99. A graveside service with military honors was held on Saturday, March 19th at 2pm at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Easton, MD.



We pray Christ's presence and love to the Truban family.

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### **A Prayer Before the Time of Sleep**

**By: Ken Martin**

**Pastor of Easton CoB, 1966-1978**

Before I sleep oh Creator God,  
High King of Heaven,  
I rejoice in the dear memory of my  
Mom and Dad,  
My teachers, my pastors, and all  
those who have help me.  
Though many have passed into  
mystery beyond death,  
They have not passed beyond your  
love and care.

Before I sleep, oh Holy Spirit, I  
thank you for your care and protection  
throughout this day,  
And for the living and working you  
have enabled to do,  
To the glory of our Lord Jesus.  
**AMEN**

# Attendance and Offering for March, 2022

	Attendance	34	36	38	39	147
		3/6/2022	3/13/2022	3/20/2022	3/27/2022	Totals
<b><u>Distributions</u></b>						0.00
<b>General (06)</b>						
Envelopes		3,335.00	1,470.00	1,920.00	1,930.00	8,655.00
Loose Change/Cash		0.00	0.00	11.00	1.00	12.00
Total Before Prepaid Tithes		3,335.00	1,470.00	1,931.00	1,931.00	8,667.00
Prepaid Tithes		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dale		3,335.00	1,470.00	1,931.00	1,931.00	8,667.00
<b>Other Income (06)</b>						
Building Use						
Wednesday Night Beginners					300.00	300.00
Dutchmans Lane Rent						0.00
Harrison St. Rent		1,500.00				1,500.00
						0.00
<b>Totals</b>		1,500.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	1,800.00
<b>Special Offerings (07)</b>						
Deacon Fund		1,000.00				1,000.00
Hospitality						
In Kind						
In & Out						
Camp Mardela						0.00
Camp Supper - March		10.00				10.00
One Great Hour of Sharing			20.00			20.00
Church Mug			5.00			5.00
Witness Charities						0.00
New Community Project		175.00	50.00			225.00
<b>Totals</b>		2,685.00	75.00	0.00	300.00	3,060.00
<b>Totals</b>		7,520.00	1,545.00	1,931.00	2,531.00	13,527.00

April 3—Cheryl Dayton  
 April 10—Peachblossom Bells  
 April 17—Choir  
 April 24—Amy Bachand



## Special dates in April

- Holy Week, April 10-17, 2022
- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10, 2022
- Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022
- Good Friday, April 15, 2022
- Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022





# News from the District Office

2022 Meat Canning will take place on April 18 through April 21 at the Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, PA. If you are interested in volunteering with canning or labeling, there are two shifts each day, 7:15 a.m. to noon and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to provide meals or finances to help cover the cost of meals. Please contact the district office at 443-960-3052 for more details and to sign-up to volunteer.



2022 Disaster Response Auction will take place on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, MD. There is a list of ways you can donate/or help at the auction. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.



## LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

The next Leadership Team meeting will be held on Monday, April 4 at 1:00 p.m.

**The minutes from the March 7 leadership team meeting are:**

- ♦ Ellen requested music coverage during her absence to attend Mid-Atlantic District Business. (Ellen is this years moderator.) All coverage will be provided during Ellen's absence.
- ♦ \$337.65 was collected for the New Community Project.
- ♦ Two new laptops were purchased from Jason's Computer Services.
- ♦ Settlement for the Dutchmans Lane property is tentatively scheduled for March 18.
- ♦ John Trax gave a brief summary of the church building assessment he compiled There is a meeting on March 13 after worship for the congregation to attend and go over these assessments.
- ♦ Sharon announced that Gene Hagenberger and Jody Gunn will take turns in filling the pulpit, with light duties serving as pastors to our congregation. This was approved by the leadership team.
- ♦ Head ushers for the month will now be in charge of locking of the church following worship.
- ♦ Ministry Teams gave brief reports.

## 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 \$5 each.
- There are several copies of Camp Mardela's newsletter. "The Lane" is available in the narthex.
- 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.
- BBQ Fundraiser held on Saturday, April 9, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Menu is BBQ chicken sandwiches, chips, drinks, and desserts for \$10. Pick-up meals next to Farm Credit Bank, Blades Road, Denton, MD
- 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.
- 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.

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Interested in Serving as Worship Leader

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).

## 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.**



Talbot Interfaith Shelter

Shelter • Stability • Support • Success

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 month. Any questions, please contact Norma Trax. **Our next date is April 19, 2022. Here is an updated memo from Executive Director, Julie Lowe:**

Talbot Interfaith Shelter is reopening their Covid-paused volunteer program on April 1st! And hopefully, opening the new singles shelter, "Evelyn's Place" shortly thereafter. Volunteers are needed for both Easton's Promise and Evelyn's Place. There are many ways to volunteer, but one very easy way is to bring your laptop, a book, or something else to work on as you sit in our comfortable settings for a few hours during the week and help our staff on duty by answering the door, receiving donations, and answering the house phone. Please contact Julie Lowe, TIS Executive Director, at [julielowe@talbotinterfaithshelter.org](mailto:julielowe@talbotinterfaithshelter.org) or 410-310-2316 for more information.

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. Volunteers to make dinner each month is also needed. Please sign-up in the narthex or call the office.

## Neighborhood Service Center

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

# Serving the month of April

	4/3/2022	4/10/2022	4/17/2022	4/24/2022
<b>Message</b>	Gene Hagenberger	Jody Gunn	Jody Gunn	Gene Hagenberger
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jim Lohr	Sharon Miller	Kevin Wile	Lynn Butler
<b>Head Usher/Sound</b>	Ron Miller	Ron Miller	Ron Miller	Ron Miller
<b>Deacons on call</b>	Jane Marshall & Anne Harvey	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller	John & Norma Trax
<b>Special Music</b>	Cheryl Dayton	Peachblossom Bells	Choir	Amy Bachand
<b>Flowers</b>	Ellen & Kevin Wile	Mat & Wanda Baynard	Peace Lily	Lynn Butler

## EASTER WORD SEARCH



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EASTER

GRASS  
CANDY  
HUNT  
DYE

BONNET  
SUNDAY  
PEEPS  
LAMB





**APRIL 2, 2022**

**301 DEEP SHORE RD.**

**DENTON, MD 21629**

**8am-9am - Breakfast & Browse**

**9am-11am - Silent Auction**

**9am-1pm - Live Auction**



# **CAMP MARDELA BENEFIT AUCTION**



**FOOD STAND | BAKE SALE  
SILENT AUCTION  
LIVE AUCTION**

**Support camp - shop for a cause!  
Go to the link below for more info:**

**[www.campmardela.org/camp-auction](http://www.campmardela.org/camp-auction)**





CAMP MARDELA

# BBQ FUNDRAISER



**BBQ CHICKEN SANDWICHES • CHIPS  
DRINKS • DESSERT**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 11-2PM  
(OR UNTIL SOLD OUT)**

**PICK-UP MEALS AT FARM CREDIT BANK:  
379 DEEP SHORE RD, DENTON, MD 21629**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

410-479-2861 | CAMPMARDELA@GMAIL.COM  
CAMPMARDELA.ORG/CAMP-DINNER

**APRIL 30TH, 2022  
8AM-11AM**

**COMMUNITY YARD SALE  
AT CAMP MARDELA**

**301 Deep Shore Rd  
Denton, MD 21629**

**Yard Sale spaces for sale!**

Outside space (10x10 - no table provided) - \$15

Indoor space (10x10 - table provided) - \$30

Contact [campmardela@gmail.com](mailto:campmardela@gmail.com) or call 410-479-2861 by  
April 25th to reserve a space.

For more information, visit [campmardela.org/yard-sale](http://campmardela.org/yard-sale)





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