

# EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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## Mission Statement

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



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March: a Time to Celebrate a Saint and Continue Our Lenten Journey

When we think of the month of March, particularly March 17, we think of St. Patrick's Day and wearing green and the display of other green "things". So, why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day? Well, if you have any Irish ancestry, you probably already know all the details.



St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, was born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century. He was kidnapped at the age of sixteen and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped, but returned to Ireland around 432 C.E. to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches and schools. Many legends grew up around him. For example, it is said that he drove snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate this day with religious services and feasts.

In this month of March we continue our Lenten journey, a time to open our hearts to God's refining grace through prayer, confession, fasting and almsgiving as we anticipate Holy Week. Lent traditionally lasts forty days, modeled after Christ's forty day fast in the desert, and ends on Good Friday.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us spend time in God's Word and communicating with God through daily prayer.

Speak to us the Word!  
We listen with open hearts  
And contrite spirits



—*Christian Ed. Corner*



**Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday.** Wanda Baynard will bring the message. After worship, we will go down to the Fellowship Hall and partake in Love Feast and Communion. We will have a traditional meal of beef, broth, bread and fruit.

**Friday, April 7—Good Friday.** St. Mark's will be pre taping their Good Friday service and will be available on their website.

[www.stmarkseaston.org/holiday-services](http://www.stmarkseaston.org/holiday-services). It will also be shown on their You Tube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkseastonmd2385>

**Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday.** Pastor Jody will bring the message. The changed cross will be available, so please bring in your fresh flowers to place on the cross.

### Special Music for March

3/5	Joy Miller
3/12	Choir
3/19	Handbell choir
3/26	Cheryl Dayton & Ellen Wile



**Covered  
Dish  
Dinner**

On Sunday, March 26, we will have a carry-in meal following worship. Meats, vegetables, salads, rolls, desserts, etc. are needed. Team 3 will be responsible.

## 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, for all those who have been affected economically, for Camp Mardela and administrator Jennifer Summy, David Hutchison, Reed Poore, Jack, Pauline and Carolyn Lane, Ray Collins, Mary Lou Segar, Frances Morse, Eddie Blessing, Bruce Butler, Scott Baynard, Bonnie Langford, Sandra Showell, Loretta Lohr, Stacey Geisel, Ruth Gunn, Charlie Willis, Adele Pogue, Crystal Windsor, Brenda (a friend to Terri Tarr), Maggie Hegedus, Caitlyn Bussey, Theresa, (co-worker of Terri Tarr), Doris Schwaninger, Wyatt Ewing, Kathy Spurry, Lillian Sefcik, Richard Scott, Billy Harding, Annabel Young, Larry Fike, Alan Segar, GraceWay CoB, Roger Plagge, John Nalley, 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.**



**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2003**



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Martina Towers
- 3 Jalen Jones, Kellee Kinsey
- 4 Leslie Schwaninger
- 5 Brendan Faw, Nathan Scott Kelley
- 8 Cheryl Heckard
- 10 Cindy Townsend, Darlena Roesti-Butler
- 14 Kristi Booze
- 15 Corey Edsall, Matthew Faulkner, Katie Pederson
- 16 Joanna Williams
- 17 Patti Ball
- 18 Kevin Schwaninger, Rebecca Russ,
- 20 Sandy Faw
- 21 Robert Milburn, Joy Phelps, Albert Pete
- 22 Steven Mullikin
- 23 Trevor Ball
- 24 Randy Walbridge
- 25 Paula Ulrich
- 27 David Allen, Jude Basel
- 29 Michael Correa, Kathy Ebling
- 30 Randy Bachand
- 31 Jennifer Fox



- 9 Ted & Patty Schwaninger
- 11 David & Jo Ann Fike
- 14 Ken & Sue Ann Russ
- 24 David & Cindy Allen
- 25 Allen & Cheryl Heckard



## World Day of Prayer

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

It's time to share!!

"So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up.

-Galatians 6: 9

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing

[www.brethren.org/giveoffering](http://www.brethren.org/giveoffering)

# Offering & Attendance for February

Attendance	28	27	37	42	134
	2/5/2023	2/12/2023	2/19/2023	2/26/2023	Totals
<b><u>Distributions</u></b>					
<b>General (06)</b>					
Envelopes	915.00	1,785.00	2,080.00	2,305.00	7,085.00
Loose Change/Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Before Prepaid Tithes	915.00	1,785.00	2,080.00	2,305.00	7,085.00
Prepaid Tithes	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	1,200.00
Dale	1,215.00	2,085.00	2,380.00	2,605.00	8,285.00
<b>Other Income (06)</b>					
Building Use					
Tidewater Singers					
Mid-Shore Intergroup, Inc		150.00			150.00
Washington St Rent	1,700.00				1,700.00
Harrison St. Rent	1,500.00				1,500.00
Totals	2,415.00	1,785.00	2,080.00	2,305.00	8,585.00
<b>Special Offerings (07)</b>					
Bequests					
Estate of Melvin J. Allston					0.00
In Kind					
In & Out					
Cats Meow	10.00				10.00
Witness Charities					
CWS Kits		110.00	175.00	113.00	398.00
Cookbook			8.00		8.00
MADD Auction Ads	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	10.00	110.00	183.00	113.00	416.00
					0.00
Totals	3,340.00	3,680.00	4,343.00	4,723.00	16,086.00

## Leadership Team Meeting

The next Leadership Team Meeting will be held on Monday, March 6 at 1:00 p.m.



## ***Camp Mardela News—from Jen Summy, Camp Administrator***

### **Camp Mardela News Camp Mardela News from Jen Summy:**

- ♦ **There are several copies of Camp Mardela's newsletter "The Lane" in the narthex.**
- ♦ **Camp Mardela Spring Auction: April 1, 2023 from 8:00-1:00 p.m.** Come to our biggest fundraiser of the year and support camp while getting some great deals! You can support this fundraiser by donating items to sell, or come and bid. ***If you have items to donate to the auction, please let Bob and Judy Musch know.***
- ♦ **Community Yard Sale: April 22 from 9:00-12:00 p.m.**
- ♦ **BBQ Chicken Fundraiser: April 22 from 10:00-2:00 p.m.**
- ♦ **Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser: May 1, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** This event is held in Seaford, DE.
- ♦ **Camp's 75th Birthday: May 21, 2023 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** Join us as we kick-off our anniversary celebrations, complete with all of the traditional birthday fun! This event is free and open to all who want to celebrate with us!
- ♦ **Camp's Anniversary Week-end: September 1-3, 2023.** During Family Camp we will have presentations, displays, and activities celebrating 75 years. Meals and lodging will be available by registration, which will open February, 2023.
- ♦ **Scrip Fundraiser:** We are still running our Scrip fundraising program! Order gift cards through Scrip and Camp Mardela gets a percentage of the sales. Register and order cards at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Contact [campmardela@gmail.com](mailto:campmardela@gmail.com) for the registration code or any other questions.

**Thank you for your continued prayers and support for camp and its ministry. It is greatly appreciated and we continue to see the fruit of Camp ministering in the lives of people.**

### **APPLESAUCE MAKING AT CAMP**

For many years up until COVID, applesauce making at Camp Mardela had been a wonderful experience. Apples are donated to camp, they get washed, sliced, cooked and made into some of the best applesauce you have ever had. It was normally made close to Camp Supper in September and used for the meal. The rest would either get sold or frozen to be used during Summer Camp. If you have ever eaten this delicacy you know it is amazing! The Camp Board would love to see this tradition come back, but we need someone (or several someone's) to head this up. If you have any interest or need more information, please contact Amy M. Hutchison at 410-310-1428.







APRIL 1, 2023  
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-23](http://www.campmardela.org/camp-auction-23)



Find unique items for sale to support Camp Mardela at our fundraising auction. Breakfast and browse will start at 8am with bidding starting at 9am. The auction will continue until 1pm or until all items are sold! There will be a live auction, a silent auction, and a food stand/bake sale provided by camp volunteers. The camp auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we are looking forward to seeing you all here to enjoy a fun-filled day.

You can also donate items to be sold at the auction, such as new or gently used items, good-condition antiques, handmade items, baskets, tickets, gift cards, and more! You can also donate baked goods to be sold at the bake sale on the day of the auction.

Please let Bob and Judy Musch know if you have anything for the auction.



CAMP MARDELA

**APRIL 22ND, 2022**



**301 DEEP SHORE RD, DENTON, MD 21629**

**Yard Sale Spaces -  
\$15 for 10x10 outdoor space**



**BBQ Chicken Sandwiches - \$10  
Outdoor seating available**

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**410-479-2861 | CAMPMARDELA@GMAIL.COM  
WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG**

## It Was Enough

Inspired by Luke 2: 21-38 Simeon and Anna in the temple  
During the sermon by Jody Gunn  
January 1, 2023 when she said: a moment.....

Simeon was promised he would see the Messiah before death  
A moment with Jesus - - - it was enough

Anna lived to eighty-four in the temple awaiting  
A moment with Jesus - - - it was enough

An issue of blood for twelve years, and  
A moment with Jesus - - - it was enough

Requested help for her brother Lazarus delayed 4 days, yet  
A moment with Jesus - - - it was enough

Paralyzed man lowered through the roof by friends  
A moment with Jesus - - - it was enough

Waiting for years to get into the healing pool, but  
A moment with Jesus - - - it was enough

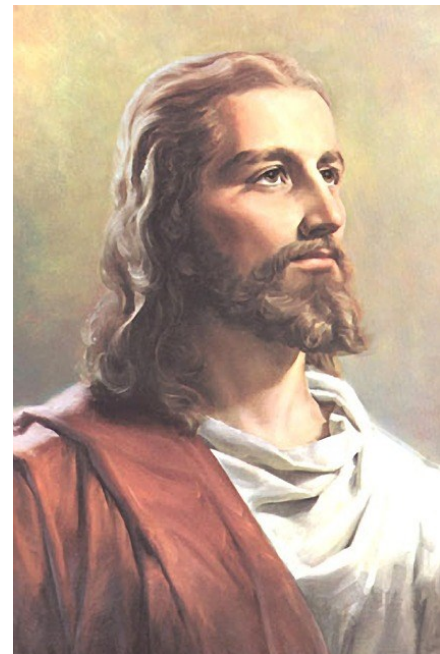
Going to bury the widow's only son  
A moment with Jesus - - - it was enough

A nighttime meeting for Nicodemus  
A moment with Jesus - - - it was enough

Terrorizing the burial grounds and others  
A moment with Jesus - - - it was enough

As you can see and say  
For all even to today  
No matter where we go on our way  
A moment with Jesus - - - will be enough

Dale Fike  
January 29, 2023





# 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).

## Neighborhood Service Center 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.**

## Neighborhood Service Center

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

## Talbot Interfaith Shelter

**The 2023 Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS) 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 March 19, 2023.** The meal is covered for March. Volunteers are **NOT** needed for this month.

**SHAMROCK** — St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.



## Special dates in March

- ♦ World Day of Prayer, March 3
- ♦ Girl Scout Day, March 12
- ♦ Day-Light Saving Time begins, March 12
- ♦ St. Patrick's Day—March 17
- ♦ First day of Spring—March 20

Happy Saint Patrick's Day



***In the Gospels, Jesus raised several people from death. Which of the following was not one of them?***

- A. Tabitha
- B. Jairus's daughter
- C. A widow's son
- D. Lazarus



(See Acts 9, Mark 5, Luke 7, John 11 for the answer.)

Please post this on a bulletin board in your church. Thank you!

# Special Item Donation

## Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction

**Do you have a special item of high value  
that you would be willing to donate to the  
Disaster Response Auction on May 6, 2023?**

**Such as...**



**Valuable Crafts**



**Antiques**



**Gift Baskets**



**Artwork**



**Destinations**



**Fine Woodworking**

**Please call Jeff McKee at 443-547-5958 or  
email a photo with description to [auctionbooklet@comcast.net](mailto:auctionbooklet@comcast.net)**

**A photo and description needs to be received by February 10th to be published in the booklet!**

## St. Patrick's Day

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.

S	A	S	S	E	N	N	I	U	G	E	V	E	N	T	S	P
I	Y	A	D	I	L	O	H	N	T	Y	Y	P	A	E	P	O
C	T	H	I	S	T	O	R	Y	R	A	R	P	K	G	O	T
I	L	S	O	D	A	B	R	E	A	D	A	A	I	R	H	A
S	C	O	K	L	H	T	N	E	E	T	N	E	V	E	S	T
U	C	I	V	N	V	H	D	E	R	S	O	I	D	E	I	O
M	E	I	C	E	U	A	C	O	N	A	I	T	L	N	B	E
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BELFAST  
BISHOP  
CABBAGE  
CELEBRATION  
CELTIC CROSS  
CHRISTIAN  
CLOVER  
CORK  
CORNED BEEF  
DANCING

DUBLIN  
EVENTS  
FEAST DAY  
FESTIVAL  
GREEN  
GUINNESS  
HERITAGE  
HISTORY  
HOLIDAY  
HOLY DAY

IRELAND  
IRISH  
LEPRECHAUN  
LIMERICK  
MARCH  
MISSIONARY  
MUSIC  
PARADE  
PATRON SAINT  
POTATOES

SEVENTEENTH  
SHAMROCK  
SNAKES  
SODA BREAD  
TRADITION  
YEARLY

# Lent:

*A Season of Preparation*



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