

EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

July / August, 2024 PEACHBLOSSOM PRESS NEWSLETTER

Mission Statement

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

**Summer Worship Hours—10:00 a.m.
June 2 through August 25**



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Jody E. Gunn, Pastor

As I write this newsletter article, we haven't had much, if any measurable rain for at least a couple of weeks. The last rain I remember people talking about was the 5 inches people near Easton and even into St. Michaels received. In Cordova, we barely saw any rain that day. Since it is so dry, farm fires have erupted making some farm equipment inoperable, since farmers have been harvesting winter wheat. Dry conditions have created a sense of worry for all involved in the current harvest. People have been asking for prayers on Facebook. The seeds being planted following this harvest will likely not germinate without rain, which could affect the next crop of soybeans. Seeds require rain and soil, and fertilizer to grow. When we are dependent on God's provision, in this case rain, we can begin losing faith, that all will be lost, and no recovery will happen. What then is our response? Hope. Hope is a word and experience which shows up throughout the Old and New Testaments. The scripture that caught my attention was Psalm 33: 18-22. It prompts us to be aware of God's eye being upon us, hoping in steadfast love, deliverance, and staying alive. These words speak of our souls waiting, but knowing God is our help and shield. Our hearts are glad, we trust, and know God's steadfast love is with us even as we hope in God.

A song of hope that comes to mind is "My Life is In You." It has a line in it that speaks these words "My hope is in you, Lord...." It is not a dirge of a song, but one with time and beat that causes us to clap and smile as we sing it together with our siblings in Christ. Hoping in the midst of fear is not always easy. To hope when drought seems to be unending, calls us to trust even when our anxiety wants to shut us down. I pray we keep our heads up, our hearts trusting God even when apprehension slinks in. Hope can surprise us and empower us to keep going. "My hope is in you, Lord, in you, its in you." Our hope is in you, O God.

Pastor Jody

Our Prayer List

Please pray especially for the following individuals and their families: 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, those traveling to and from Annual Conference, Bobby Bridge, Cheryl Dayton, John Sewell, Chris Lyons, Robbie Faulkner, Ruth Gunn, Michael Starkey, Larry & Barbara McCann, Dick Scott, Jeanette & Bob Miller, John Merceron, Mary Lou Segar, Frances Morse, Bruce Butler, Jimmy & Loretta Lohr, Charlie Willis, Adele Pogue, Caitlyn Bussey, Theresa Durnbaugh, Kathy Spurry, Billy Harding, Larry Fike, Alan Segar, GraceWay CoB, Roger Plagge, Dee Candel, Natalee Jones, continuous prayers for our church family in Nigeria, continued prayers for Comfort Amos. 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.***



PEACING IT TOGETHER A living peace church

Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up (Acts 9:31a)

As we commit ourselves to love God and the people created by God's hands, and in prayerful consideration of all things of war and violence, we...call for members and congregations across our denomination to join in being a constant witness to Christ as a living peace church of today against all war and the violence of its nature.

Church of the Brethren Annual Conf., 2004

Respond: read this statement, made in response to the world conflict online at www.brethren.org/ac. How can you commit to being part of a living peace church?

Pray: I pray for my community of believes today. God build us up as a living peace church.

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.

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 2024 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 two dates will be Friday, July 19 and then again Monday, August 19.** Please sign-up in the narthex to volunteer.

VOLUNTEER





- 1 Amy Bachand, Lee Lyons
- 2 Chris Scaglione
- 3 Lisa Lohr
- 4 Kathy Anderson
- 6 Joshua Lohr, Brennen Lyons
- 7 Jamie Cox, Judi Loscomb, Dwayne Mattox, Tracy Correa
- 8 Betty Lednum, Tom Schwaninger, Jody Gunn
- 10 Sherry Hutchison, Mike Mullikin
- 11 Trinity Turnage
- 13 Bob Davis, Brian Rathell, Luke Miller
- 14 David Cox
- 16 Nina Jacobs
- 17 Kevin Lohr, Curtis Satchell
- 18 Leah Miller
- 20 Terry Dayton
- 21 Melanie Young
- 22 Morgan Phillips, Liz Wildasin, Ken Martin, Michael Pierce, Nicole Edsall
- 24 Jim Harvey, Robert Musch
- 26 Bud Loscomb
- 27 Marah Basel, Kate Edsall
- 28 Paityn Phillips
- 31 Geoff Fox



- 4 Rusty & Phyllis Dodd-Curling
- 11 Robin & Linda Lyons
- 28 Gary & Wendy Faulkner
- 30 Tom & Sue Ann Brockson



- 1 Amy Brown
- 3 Renee Edsall
- 5 Dale Fike, Morgan Harvey,
- 6 Fran Morris
- 7 Chloe Grubbs, Gretchen Satchell
- 8 Jo Ann Fike
- 9 Amara Jones
- 10 Gary Fox
- 11 Gary Ball, Adam Lohr
- 12 Emerson Tarr
- 13 Lynn Butler, Adam Schwaninger
- 14 Melissa Johnson, Jed Leroy Correa
- 19 Dennis Lohr
- 21 Ryan Tarr
- 24 Gwen Wood Larrimore
- 25 Lucas Milburn, Brenda Pierce
- 26 Bonnie Wooters
- 28 Barbara Seese
- 29 Bill Zellers, Tara Blake Haddaway
- 30 Bruce Butler
- 31 Brianna Boyle



- 3 Kevin & Ellen Wile
Kevin & Joy Miller
- 4 John & Norma Trax
- 15 John & Lyn Banghart
- 19 Lee & Lynn Lyons
- 22 Corey & Nicole Edsall

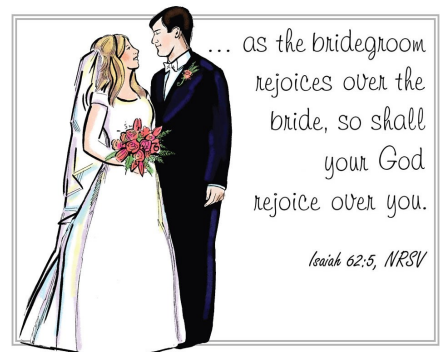
SERVING JULY AND AUGUST

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	
Message	Wanda Baynard	Rusty Curling	Caitlin Lamb	Pastor Jody Gunn	
Worship Leader	Mat Baynard	Lynn Butler	Wanda Baynard	Mat Baynard	
Head Usher	Leroy Miller	Leroy Miller	Leroy Miller	Leroy Miller	
Deacons	Les & Marlena Groves	Jane Marshall & Anne Harvey	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller	
Special Music	Liz Wildasin	Rusty Curling & Phyllis Dodd	Cheryl Dayton	John Coleman	
Flowers				Kevin & Ellen Wile	

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25	
Message					
Worship Leader	Jane Marshall	Sharon Miller	Kevin Wile		
Head Usher	Judy Musch	Judy Musch	Judy Musch	Judy Musch	
Deacons	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Mat & Wanda Baynard	Les & Marlena Groves	
Special Music	TBA	Gerri McGuire	Lynn Butler & Amy Bachand	Cheryl Dayton	
Flowers	Anne Harvey				

Congratulations and best wishes to Camryn Phillips and Joshua Stephenson on their marriage on May 8, 2024 in Easton, MD. They are residing at Apartment 201, 111 Mitchell Street, St. Michaels, MD 21663. Camryn is the daughter of Jennifer Saulsbury and granddaughter of Barbara Saulsbury.

"May God bless your marriage."



Camp Mardela News—from Jen Summy, Camp Administrator

There are several copies of Camp Mardela's newsletter "The Lane" in the narthex.

- ♦ **Camp Mardela is in need of a Camp Treasurer.** If you are interested, please contact Jennifer soon.
- ♦ **Brick Fundraiser:** Order bricks with custom text to put in the brick garden at the Peace Pole. 4x8 for \$75 and 8x8 for \$125. All proceeds from sale will go towards heat and air in Krabill Hall. Our Brick Fundraiser is a great way to contribute to this project. You may also give your year-end donations towards this project to help us reach our goals. We are very excited about the possibilities this will give us for year-round events, camps, rentals, etc. and would appreciate your prayerful support in reaching this goal and making this a reality.
- ♦ **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. Contact camp-mardela@gmail.com for the registration code or any other questions.



Camp Mardela Summer Camp Schedule

Mini Camp—July 7-9
3rd & 4th graders—July 14-18
Me & You Camp—July 19-20
The Wild Camp—July 21-26
Youth Trip Camp—July 28-Aug. 2
Day Camp—July 29-Aug. 2
Family Camp—Aug. 30– Sept. 1

**The Leadership
Team** will meet on
Monday, July 1 at 2:00
p.m.



Vespers Service

Vespers will be held on Wednesday, August 21, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Round Top Church.



The Nurture Commission is announcing two fellowship events this summer.

July 26 - Swimming, dinner, snacks and desserts at Lee Ann and Geoff Fox's home on Chapel Road. Bring a chair, swimsuit, towels and a dish to share. Meat and drinks will be provided. We can start gathering around 4:30 and we'll eat around 5:30p.



August 25 - Inside Picnic at the church following worship. Please bring a picnic themed item to share. We will be serving hotdogs and hamburgers.

The Witness Commission is announcing the mission focus for July and August. Historically, our local food pantries suffer from low inventory in the summer. Please bring in non-perishable food beginning Sunday, July 7. We would love to bless the Neighborhood Service Center with a couple of large food donations during the summer. Watch your expiration dates - no out of date food will be accepted. Food donations of canned soups, peanut butter, tuna or chicken, plus pasta along with spaghetti sauce are great choices to put in our collection box in the narthex. Thank you for participating!



2024 June Offerings

<i>Attendance</i>	35	28	28	34		125
	6/2/2024	6/9/2024	6/16/2024	6/23/2024	6/30/2024	Totals
<u>Distributions</u>						
General (06)						
Envelopes	2,280.00	1,244.00	2,550.00	1,510.00		2,280.00
Loose						
Change/Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	2.00
Total	2,280.00	1,244.00	2,550.00	1,512.00	0.00	7,586.00
Other Income (06)						
Building Use						
Wednesday						
Beginners						
July - Dec				300.00		300.00
Harrison St.						
Rent	1,600.00					1,600.00
Washington						
St. Rent	1,800.00					1,800.00
Totals	3,400.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	3,700.00
Special Offer-ings (07)						
In Kind						
Pentecost Of-fering						20.00
Witness Chari-ties Grand Rapids				45.00		45.00
						0.00
Totals	3,400.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	3,700.00
Totals	9,080.00	1,244.00	2,550.00	2,112.00	0.00	14,986.00

Congratulations to Zachary Kinsey

Zachary graduated from Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke, VA last month. He will be attending Drexel University in the fall and intends to major in Health Sciences with the goal of becoming a Physicians Asst.
Zachary is the son of Pastor Kevin and Kellee Kinsey.
Best of luck Zachary!!!



Brethren Disaster Ministries Updates

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen!

1. The latest schedules are attached for your information. See the following notes:

- a. The Dawson Springs, KY project will close on August 17.
 - b. The next project will be in Letcher County, KY in Eastern KY, and will run from September 8, 2024 through at least March 29, 2025. See additional information on the Letcher County project below.
- There is still a need for volunteers to work in Letcher County, KY the week of December 8-14, 2024. Please let me know if anyone is interested in serving this week.

2. New Letcher County, KY BDM Project:

Information on the Letcher County project can be found at: <https://www.brethren.org/bdm/rebuild/letcher-county-ky-july-2022-flooding-recovery/>

- a. Our partner is HOMES Incorporated and volunteer housing will be located on their property at 180 Ball Park Road, Fleming-Neon, KY 41840.
- b. Additional information can be found on the attached Letcher County Schedule.

New BDM Rebuild Site Snapshot Zoom Call - Letcher County, Eastern KY Project Monday, June 24 at 7:00 pm EDT

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81796706010?pwd=7ekpevt3zgm8gPe0nVOA5tlb7fZNq2.1>

One tap mobile: +13017158592, 81796706010# US (Washington DC)

Dial-in: +1 301 715 8592 US

Meeting ID: 817 9670 6010

Passcode: 839202

2025 Volunteer Schedules. BDM has now sent a request for 2025 volunteer schedules to the rest of the COB Districts. The draft 2025 Calendar for Scheduling Volunteer Groups in MAD is attached for your information and use in selecting weeks to volunteer in 2025. I have only heard from 3 groups so far and their requests are reflected on the attached 2025 Calendar for Scheduling MAD spreadsheet.

Please let me know ASAP which week(s) you would like to volunteer in 2025 and whether you are interested in volunteering the week of December 8-14, 2025.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a safe and great weekend!

Peace and Blessings,

Jeff McKee

District Disaster Coordinator

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*Annual Conference—July 3-7, 2024
Grand Rapids Michigan.*

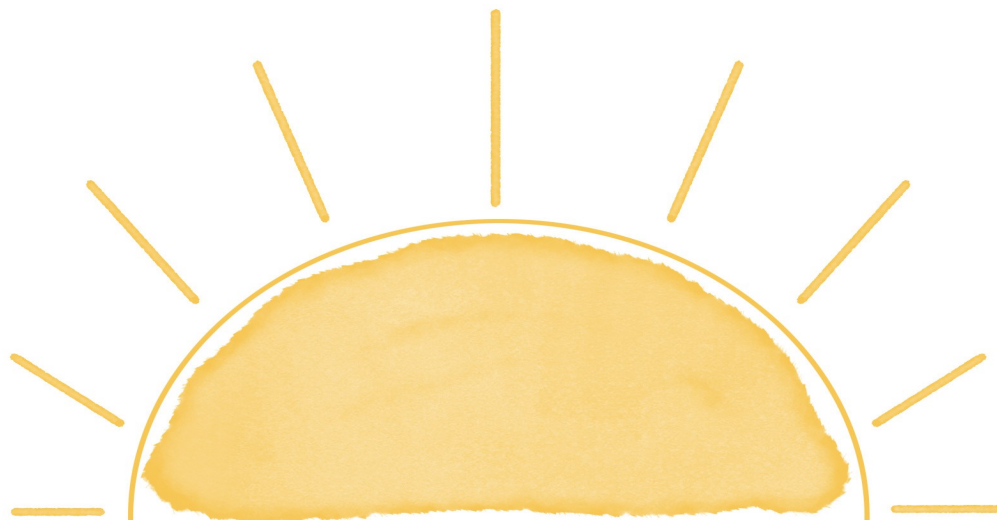


ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

**WELCOME+
WORTHY**

2024 CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our delegate this year is Ellen Wile. Also attending is Kevin Wile, Pastor Jody Gunn and Dale Fike. Please keep all those in prayer traveling to and from conference.



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is coming



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