

EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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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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June is one of the months we get to watch things grow. We plant seeds and plants in our flowerbeds, gardens, and patio pots. As the weeks of summer march on, we are able to enjoy the fruits of our labor and eat tomatoes, cucumbers, or squash. We might have such a bounty that we bake, preserve, freeze, or create different meals just to use up the overflowing baskets or refrigerator drawers. Our bounty might include flowers that adorn our tables. We even might have so much we share with our neighbors.

However, have you ever looked at a spot where you put seeds and wonder, “When are they going to grow?” Not knowing makes us crazy, but all we can do is water, tend the soil, and fertilize. We can pray for our plants to grow. We don’t know if all of the seeds we have planted will grow, but trust a good portion of them will take root and grow. It is also important to know what some of the seeds look like as young seedlings, because you can easily weed the space or use a weed whacker...and then they are gone or cut-off to start over again. This can be a little frustrating. Ask me how I know.

The Easton Church of the Brethren has been exploring the possibility of handicap accessibility over the last year. This has been a vision in past decades, however for different reasons the church family has chosen not to move forward. On June 2, we will gather for worship and a fellowship meal (bring yourself) plus a special meeting to hear about the architectural plans for making our church more accessible (bring your curiosity).

When I ponder the possibility of expanding our ministry to include handicap accessibility, I wonder about what might grow if we allowed ourselves the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. When we risk, we grow. If we reflect on the risks taken by followers of Jesus over the centuries even in the last 300-400 years in our denominational history - like baptizing adults when it was against the law, traveling by ship across the Atlantic, and believers risking their lives for freedom of religion I wonder how? Where did their faith and strength come from? If we could go back in time, we might hear Hebrews 11:1 about faith or Psalm 121: 2 about where our help comes from. I’d have to do a little digging, but I wonder if Isaiah 6:8 was a motivating scripture reminding them of their call, “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Let’s think about what it would be like not just as an individual, but as a group to spread the seeds of empathy, openness, compassion, kindness, hope, peace, and love not just with our mouths, hands, feet, but possibly with our building, blessed to be part of Talbot County for 75 years enabling it to continue to be part of our mission to “Share the love and blessing of God with All.”

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, Cheryl Dayton, Jeff Lyons, John Sewell, Chris Lyons, Robbie Faulkner, Ruth Gunn, Michael Stark-ey, 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, Emerson Fike, 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.***



Vespers Service

Vespers will be held on Wednesday, June 15 at Roundtop Church, beginning at 7:00 p.m.



PEACING IT TOGETHER

One comes to appreciate the reality that there can be no "we's" or "they's" in our lives, but only brothers and sisters: all children of God, all sacred and dignified. Destruction of any one of these God's-gifts means a certain destruction of oneself and a mystery that is gone forever from this small fragile world. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final say.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



- 1 Ann Reed
- 2 Nancy Quidas, Holly Mattox
- 6 Dulcy Walbridge, Cami Lyons
- 7 Gene Walbridge, Monica Oberkofler
- 10 Benjamin Gunn, Sean Jacobs, Indie Kyah Basel
- 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 Derek Keller, 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, Naomi Willey
- 30 Sierra Poore



- 2 Josh & Morgan Kilmon
- 3 Eric & Patricia Harvey
- 5 Dennis & Sally Lohr
- 6 Casey & Sara Booth
- 8 Jeff & Lisa Lohr
- 9 John & Linda Evans
- 12 Jamie & Christa Crannell, Jalen & Kayla Jones
- 13 Jim & Loretta Lohr, Phil & Joy Marshall
- 14 Todd & Darlena Roesti-Butler
- 15 Eric & Jody Gunn
- 23 Randy & Amy Bachand
- 24 Dylan & Krista Seese
- Ed & Liz Wildasin

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 date will be Sunday, June 19.** Please sign-up in the narthex to volunteer.

SERVING THE MONTH OF June

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Message	Pastor Jody Gunn	Wanda Baynard	Sharing time		Pastor Jody Gunn
Worship Leader	Lynn Butler	Mat Baynard	Sharon Miller	Wanda Baynard	Kevin Wile
Head Usher	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox	A volunteer is needed	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox
Deacons	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Mat & Wanda Baynard
Special Music	Liz & Lee Wildasin	Joy Miller		Pastor Jody Gunn	Amy Bachand
Flowers					

Camp Mardela News—from Jen Summy, Camp Administrator

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

- ♦ **Camp Appreciation Day: June 2.** Come for a day full of games, food, fellowship, music and brick dedication.
- ♦ **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 campmardela@gmail.com for the registration code or any other questions.

Camp Mardela Summer Camp Schedule

Tween Camp—June 16-21
Specialty Camp— June 23-29
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



Volunteer Training days are:

June 13: 7-9 p.m.

June 14: 7-9 p.m.

June 15: 9-5 p.m.

Counselors are needed for Tween Camp, Specialty Camp, The Wild Camp and Youth/Day Camp.

Volunteers are also needed: Week long cabin counselors and resource (assist with program tasks as needed in areas around camp.)

2024 May Offerings

<i>Attendance</i>	36	33	38	43	150
	5/5/2024	5/12/2024	5/19/2024	5/26/2024	Totals
<u>Distributions</u>	-	-	-	-	
General (06)					
Envelopes	2,285.25	1,470.00	2,075.00	1,930.00	7,760.25
Loose Change/ Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	2,285.25	1,470.00	2,075.00	1,930.00	2,285.25
Other Income (06)					
Building Use					
Harrison St. Rent	1,600.00				1,600.00
Washington St. Rent			1,800.00		1,800.00
Totals	1,600.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00	3,400.00
Special Offerings (07)					
In Kind					
Messenger Subscriptions					0.00
Miscellaneous					0.00
Pentecost Offering		20.00			20.00
					0.00
Totals	1,600.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00	3,400.00
Totals	5,485.25	1,470.00	5,675.00	1,930.00	9,085.25

Senior Citizens Dinner

Fairview Church of the Brethren

June 1, 2024

5:00 p.m.

June 2 Liz & Lee Wildasin

June 9 Joy Miller

June 16

June 23 Pastor Jody Gunn

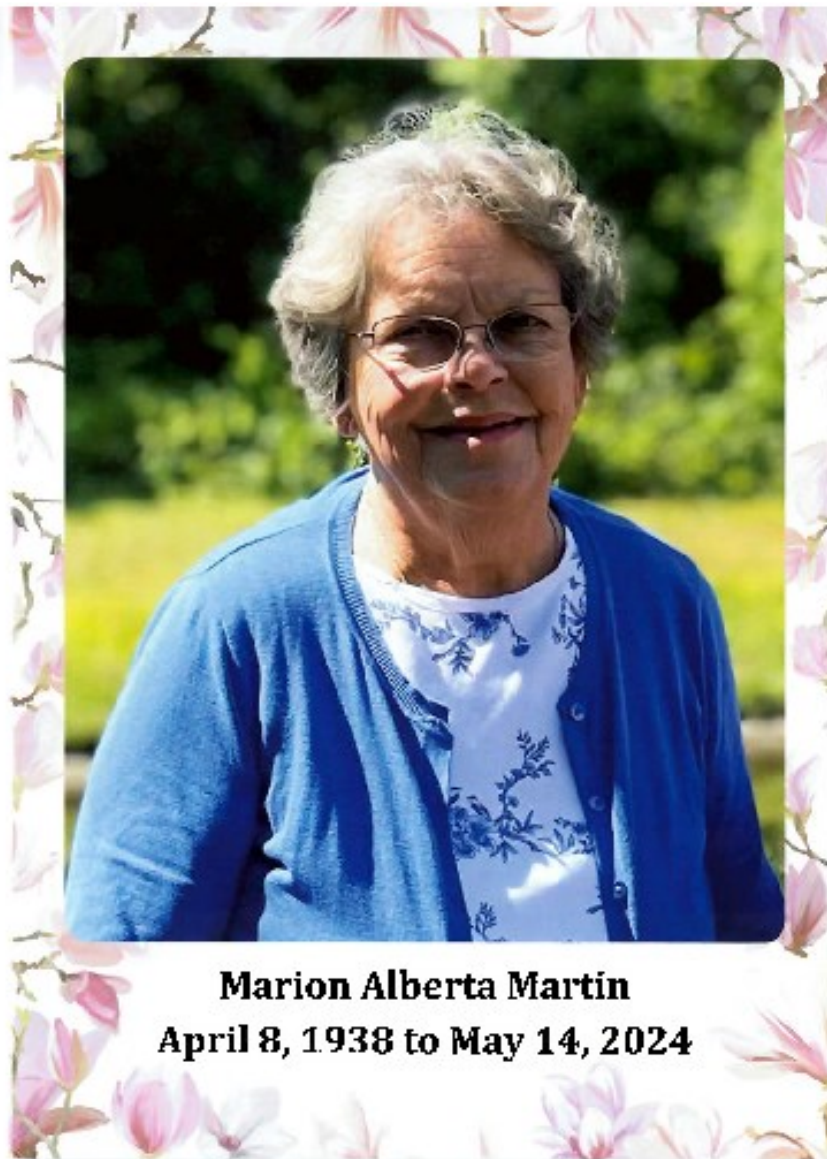
June 30 Amy Bachand



Celebrating our Graduates

Congratulation to Ryleigh Miller who graduated from Chesapeake College on May 24 with a degree in Applied Science with a concentration in Surgical Technology. Ryleigh graduated with highest honors, Summa Cum Laude. She will be working at Baltimore Washington Hospital as a surgical tech.

Congratulations to Olivia Miles who graduated from Salisbury University on May 16 with a degree in nursing. Olivia will be working at Tidal Health Peninsula Regional's ER department in Salisbury, MD.



Marion Alberta Martin
April 8, 1938 to May 14, 2024

The family of Marion Alberta Martin announces that she has moved to eternal life. Marion passed away on May 4, 2024, at age 86, from complications of Alzheimer's

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Kenneth, three children, Janet, Carl and Sharon; son-in-law, Nader; daughter-in-law, Karen; seven grandchildren: Taylor, Nathan, Lauren, Katherine, Brittany, Hannah, Evan and one great grandson, Beau. She was predeceased by her son-in-law, David.

Marion enjoyed gardening, traveling, and teaching. In any season, her gardens were always gorgeous. Marion and Ken traveled to six of the seven continents. She taught many students both in and out of the classroom.

Marion had a soft heart for all animals, especially her family dogs.

Marion was a lifelong Christian and believed in Jesus Christ as her Savior. We trust she is with Him now.

We pray Christ love and presence to Marion's family.



Mid-Shore Community Band

Presents Its

Spring Concert

Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 PM

Hosted by:

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

205 Maryland Ave

Cambridge, MD

Free Admission

(Donations gratefully accepted)

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND: 4-7PM

301 DEEP SHORE ROAD, DENTON, MD 21629



BRETHREN HERITAGE BUS TOUR

Date: Friday, July 19, 2024

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Sights including Germantown Church of the Brethren, Monastery stables, and the Liberty Bell

Cost: \$76 Per Person



Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren is going to lead a bus trip to Germantown, PA on Friday, July 19th. Once we arrive in Germantown, we will be greeted by Jeff Bach, who will give us a tour of the Germantown congregation and property where the Brethren first settled once they migrated to the United States from Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. We will then go to visit the site of the first baptism, which happened on December 25, 1723, on the Wissahickon Creek. After this, we will enjoy some free time to explore the City Center (Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, etc.).

The trip costs \$65/person, and includes transportation via coach bus from Beaver Creek COB at 8am, and the tour guide expert. Please bring additional money for meals and any shopping you plan to do. We will return to Beaver Creek in the evening, after dinner.

We have about 40 seats left on the bus, and would love to fill as many as possible. If you are able to go, please call pastor Gabe Dodd immediately. We need to have a final count by this Sunday, June 2, and money will be due by Sunday, June 9th.

Pastor Gabe

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“... and you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:32, ESV



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