

EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Mission Statement

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

Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Hours: 10:45 a.m.



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Jody E. Gunn, Pastor

November: A Month for Gratitude and Thanksgiving

What would you say is the most meaningful time of the year for you? Is it Thanksgiving? I remember, as a child, learning about the first Thanksgiving in school, singing, "Over the River and Through the Woods", dressing up as Pilgrims and Indians for the Thanksgiving day pageant. Then, there was the actual day when our family would gather around my grandma's table to share words of thanksgiving, and feast on the wonderful bounty before us. Those were wonderful memories...but what happened to Thanksgiving? Somehow, it has been squeezed in a corner on the Wal-Mart shelf between Halloween and Christmas.

In today's society, people are too often caught up with getting ahead, and taking all they can grab. In doing so, "thanksgiving" to the One who has so graciously and bountifully blessed us, as for the most part, been forgotten. Too many times in our frenzied and frazzled world, folks don't think to pause to give a word of thanks for all that God has provided.

As Christians, being thankful should be a way of life. It shapes and guides all that you and I do. In Psalm 100, David tells us to "shout to the Lord," to "worship the Lord with gladness", and to sing "joyful songs to the Lord", because He is good and His love endures forever.

As we observe this season of Thanksgiving, let us resolve to live a life filled with thanksgiving and not selfishness....living by Jesus' example.

As we sit around our tables filled with delicious food this Thanksgiving, let us not forget that half the world's people will go to bed hungry, so let us give thanks in all circumstances, and to God who is the Giver of all our blessings.



Wanda Baynard,
Christian Ed, chair

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, the family of Robbie Faulkner, the family of Pat Wright, Ron Patrick, Lynn Butler, Don Saballus, Holly Hill Jones (Larry Fike's stepdaughter), Bobby Bridge, Kevin Little, a gentlemen name Ricki, Cheryl Dayton, Chris Lyons, John Sewell, 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, Adele Pogue, Caitlyn Bussey, Theresa Durnbaugh, Billy Harding, Larry Fike, Alan Segar, GraceWay CoB, Dee Candel, 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.***



Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin:



God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)
Then He washes all the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, fear, hate, and greed. (Romans 6:6)

He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)

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.

VOLUNTEER

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 November 19.**

AA Group

Mid Shore Intergroup is a local AA group that meets at our church every Wednesday evening at 7p. For more information please go to www.midshoreintergroup.org.

2024 October Offerings

<i>Attendance</i>	34	41	40	36	151
	10/6/2024	10/13/2024	10/20/2024	10/27/2024	Totals
<u>Distributions</u>					
<i>General (06)</i>					
Envelopes	2,300.00	2,610.00	1,350.00		6,260.00
Loose Change/Cash		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	2,300.00	2,610.00	1,350.00	0.00	6,260.00
<i>Other Income (06)</i>					
Building Use					
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	0.00	3,400.00
<i>Special Offer-ings (07)</i>					
Totals	3,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,400.00
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Totals	9,100.00	2,610.00	1,350.00	0.00	13,060.00

PLEASE have all Year End giving in by Dec. 31, 2024

Looking Ahead!

The Elizabethtown College Concert Choir will be coming to the Easton Church of the Brethren on March 1, 2025! They will present an evening concert on Saturday and (added bonus), they will be singing during worship the next morning. The E-town Concert Choir is conducted by Dr. Matthew Fritz. There are about 22 singing members and they will be looking forward to staying overnight in host homes on Saturday, March 1. They pair up to be hosted, so each host family can expect 2 singers. Please be thinking about whether you would like to host 2 E-town singers and there will be sign-ups soon!



SERVING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

	11/3/2024	11/10/2024	11/17/2024	11/24/2024
Message	Jim Lohr	Jody Gunn	Jim Lohr	Jody Gunn
Worship Leader	Wanda Baynard	Mat Baynard	Jane Marshall	Sharon Miller
Head Usher/Sound	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox
Deacons on Call	Ron & Elisa Miller	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Mat & Wanda Baynard
Special Music	Peachblossom Bells	Choir	Ellen Wile	Liz Wildasin
Flowers	Mat & Wanda		Bruce Butler	

News about Camp Mardela, from Jennifer Summy, Camp Administrator

- ♦ **Camp is still seeking a treasurer.** The job can be done in the office or remote. Approximately 8-12 hours a month. Contact Jennifer if you are interested.
- ♦ **Justine Eckert** will be the new BVS Volunteer at Camp for the next year.
- ♦ **Fall Fundraiser:** We are raising funds to help replenish the store for future programs and projects. The goal is \$10,000.
- ♦ **Outback Steakhouse fundraiser:** October 25. Bring the flyer! From 11-9pm. **Salisbury location!**
- ♦ **Fall Service Day** is November 30 from 9am-5pm. Lunch provided. Service Hours for students too!
- ♦ **Sights and Sounds of Christmas:** December 20-22; 5-8pm. Live music, hay rides, lights, model trains, silent auction, kids crafts and food.
- ♦ **Maker's Haven:** Enjoy a day of uninterrupted crafting time in a community of fellow makers; January 18, 2025 from 9-5pm. More information to come.
- ♦ **Valentine's Dinner:** February 14, 2025 from 6-8 pm. \$30 per person. More information to come.
- ♦ **FaithX & BVS Reunion:** February 15, 2025, 12-4pm. More information to come.
- ♦ **Store Sales:** Did you know that you can buy Camp Mardela swag online on our website!? Show your support for camp by purchasing t-shirts, stickers, bandanas and more online at <https://www.campmardela.org/fundraisers>. Items can be picked up at camp or shipped to your home for a small fee.
- ♦ **Wish List:** Several items need to be replaced at camp. The wish list is located on the web-site; www.campmardela.org/donate
- ♦ **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.



PEACING IT TOGETHER

A Prayer for Peace
Church of the Brethren Newsline
February 1, 2024

By John Poorlberg, from a release by Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP)

O God of life and love and peace,
we witness the violence and injustice in your world and our hearts ache.
Our heart aches for the people of Israel-
for the victims of violent attacks by Hamas,
for those held hostage,
for those who live with fear and insecurity,
for families separated or bereaved.

O God of life and love and peace,
our hearts ache for the people of Gaza-
for the victims of the Israeli military assault,
for those grieving the death of children and loved ones,
for those being denied water, food and medical care,
for those who have been driven from their homes.

O God of life and love and peace, we pray,
that weapons of war be laid down,
that walls of separation be dismantled,
that prisoners be released,
that enmity and hatred give way to understanding,
that calls for revenge and violence will grow silent,
and that those in authority might find ways to work together for the good of all people.

O God, you have promised to speak peace to your people,
to those who turn to you in their hearts, kindle in our hearts a true love of peace.

Make us instruments of your peace that the barriers of fear, suspicion and hatred may crumble and fall, and the people of the world be united in justice and peace.

-John Poorlberg is a Regional Coordinator with Churches for the Middle East Peace (CCMEP) from New York. The Church of the Brethren is a member denomination of CMEP, represented on the CMEP board by Nathan Hosler, director of the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy.



- 2 Emily Holmes, Zachary Correa
- 3 Hunter Moore, Eric Gunn, Ryleigh Miller
- 4 Aaron Schreckengast
- 5 Anne Harvey, Walt Wiltschek
- 7 Andrew Deregowski, Sharon Lister
- 8 Dorothy Stichberry
- 10 Delia Faye Mullikin, Dawn Best
- 11 Tyler Miller, Linda Evans, Heather McWilliams
- 13 Madison Elsie Tarr
- 15 Alexander Crannell
- 16 Cindy Allen
- 17 Carson Phelps, Joy Miller, Nancy Fluharty, James Young
- 20 Morgan Pierce
- 22 Ruth Gunn
- 24 Coulby Miller, Sharon Caldwell
- 26 Naiobi Turnage
- 28 Trey Haddaway
- 29 John Stichberry Jr.
- 30 Charles Eugene Schwaninger



- 7 Russell & Jennifer Miles
- 8 Billy & Karen Rathell
- 26 Dan & Paula Ulrich
- 27 Wade & Patty Miller



Special dates in November

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2024
- Daylight saving time ends, November 3, 2024
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2024
- Christ the King Sunday, November 24, 2024
- Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024



Forever in our Hearts

Community Remembrance Service

November 19th @ 6pm

**Uniting together around Talbot County
for a brief outdoor candlelight service to remember
the special people in our lives who have died**

Cordova:

Cordova Vol. Fire Department
11864 Kittys Corner Rd.

St. Michaels:

Chesapeake Maritime Museum
213 N. Talbot St.

Easton:

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic
Church
1214 S. Washington St.

Tilghman:

Gina's Restaurant (Deck)
6136 Tilghman Island Rd.

Oxford:

Oxford United Methodist Church
101 N. Morris St.

Trappe:

Scott's United Methodist
Church
3748 Main St.

Talbot Hospice 

"We remember them and care for you."

410-822-6681 ext. 116

Service Day



CAMP MARDELA



NOV. 30TH
9AM-5PM

WORK LIST:

MANUAL LABOR

Wood Cutting,
Winterizing, Building
Projects, Painting, etc



CHRISTMAS DECORATION

Lights, Christmas Trees,
Indoor Decorations,
Crafts, etc



**ALL ARE
WELCOME TO
JOIN!**

Service Hours for Students!

[campmardela.org/service-](http://campmardela.org/service-days)

days

campmardela@gmail.com

410-479-2861



Camp Mardela Sights & Sounds of CHRISTMAS



Dec. 20-22, 2024
5pm-8pm



Live Music - Hay Ride - Lights - Model Trains - Silent Auction - Kids Crafts - Food

Fee - \$5 per car
Pay at gate or at
campmardela.org/christmas

Address:
301 Deep Shore Rd
Denton, MD 21629

LIVE
MUSIC
GROUPS

Friday



KINDRED
SPIRITS

Saturday



Cheers

Sunday



Rusty Curling
& Phyllis Dodd

EVERY
NIGHT
7PM



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