

# EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**October, 2024 PEACHBLOSSOM PRESS NEWSLETTER**

## Mission Statement

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

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



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**Jody E. Gunn, Pastor**

Do you ever struggle with decision-making, articulating your perspective, or getting along in a group or even in your family? Can I raise my hands twice for each one? In the scriptures, we can find people who choose to not share their thoughts with others. Some may lack the ability to be honest or just cannot get along. We find families unable to talk through their jealousy like with David and his brothers. The siblings decided to ship David off rather than have a conversation as a family. Their father needed to be included because they were angry with him, but they decided to act on the situation themselves without him. In the New Testament letters, Paul is concerned about people within congregations getting along. And sometimes he wasn't just worried about them getting along, but how worldly influences interfered with their ability to get along. Sound familiar?

Trying new ways of communicating can be challenging, but ultimately can bring people closer together. Often when we do not work through our conflict and choose to cut people off, the results can be devastating to families, churches, and organizations. Since I am relationship oriented, I am always looking for new ways of understanding people or communicating better.

Recently, I was introduced to a way of thinking called the "Six Thinking Hats" by Edward DeBono. It is not a new book, but an interesting process. De Bono says, "It is an alternative to the argument system, which has never intended to be constructive or creative. With the Six Hats method the emphasis is on "What can be" rather than just on "What is," and on how we design a way forward- not on who is right and who is wrong." The hats are as follows:

White Hat: Neutral and objective, concerned with facts and figures

Red Hat: The emotional view

Black Hat: Careful and Cautious, the "devil's advocate" hat

Yellow Hat: Sunny and Positive

Green Hat: Associated with fertile growth, creativity, and new ideas

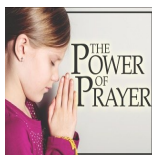
Blue Hat: cool, the color of the sky, above everything else-the organizing hat

The Six Hats is not something we can learn overnight, but might be helpful to work at. Businesses who have used this model spend less time in meetings and make decisions quicker than they have previously. Wouldn't we love that, church?! LOL How we think matters. DeBono says, "Confusion is the biggest enemy of good thinking." With the Six Hats method, the group tries to do only one thing at a time. I have heard of a church who used this method with success for a recent decision-making process. I wonder if all churches used a more neutral and objective way of exploring possibilities, what might happen? Maybe it could lead to projects being completed, creativity soaring, and as a result a renewed sense of hope. I wonder what Jesus would think? Something to ponder and pray about.

**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, Linda Evans, Ron Patrick, Lynn Butler, Don Saballus, Holly Hill Jones (Larry Fike's stepdaughter), Bobby Bridge, Kevin Little, a gentlemen name Ricki, Cheryl Dayton, Pastor Jody Gunn, Chris Lyons, John Sewell, Robbie Faulkner, Ruth Gunn, Michael Starkey, Larry & Barbara McCann, Dick Scott, Leroy Miller, Jeanette & Bob Miller, John Merceron, Mary Lou Segar, Frances Morse, Bruce Butler, Jimmy & Loretta Lohr, Charlie Willis, 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.***



**World Communion Sunday  
October 6, 2024**

Love Feast and Communion will be a part of our morning worship on Sunday, October 6, in the Fellowship Hall.

## 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 Saturday, October 19.** This will be for the meal only.

# VOLUNTEER



## OCTOBER Birthdays

- 3 Ella Ann Booth, Julie Langford
- 4 Loretta Lohr
- 6 Jay Lister, Laurie Schnaitman, Carter Fox
- 8 Landon Johnson
- 9 Sharon Miller, Olivia Miles, Philip Decker
- 11 Russell Miles
- 12 Rose Cesal, Rachel Ulrich
- 14 Jared Schreckengast
- 15 Jean Brodie
- 17 Mike Starkey
- 20 Pat Lyons, Elsa Marie Schwaninger
- 21 Krista Seese, Lindsay Cappa
- 22 Lisa Mann
- 23 Natalee Lyons
- 24 Morgan Kemp, John Fike
- 25 Richard Foreman, Cherry Wood
- 26 Rusty Curling
- 30 Kelley Mixon
- 31 Amelia Gunn

## OCTOBER Anniversaries

- 1 Dana & Penny Walbridge
- 6 Brian & Terri Tarr
- 7 Gavin & Candi Miller
- 10 Bob & Shari Davis
- 18 Jim & Anna Harvey
- 22 Terry & Cheryl Dayton
- 23 Jay & Sharon Lister
- 28 Brian & Alycia Walbridge



The Leadership Team will meet on Monday, October 7 at 2:00 p.m.

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The Fall Congregational Business meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20 following worship. All items for the meeting need to be into the office no later than Thursday, October 10, for copying and ready for Sunday, October 13. Please bring a bag lunch. Drinks and desserts will be available. **Hospitality Team #1 will be in charge.**



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Natalee Jones. Natalee passed away on July 15. A memorial service will be held sometime this fall.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Roger Plagge. Roger passed away on Friday, September 20. There will be no service. Roger's ashes will be placed in a Veterans Cemetery with his wife Eleanor, in Illinois.

We pray Christ presence and love to their families.



## SERVING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

	10/6/2024	10/13/2024	10/20/2024	10/27/2024
Message	Pastor Jody Gunn	Rusty Curling	Pastor Jody Gunn	Jennifer Summy
Worship Leader	Jane Marshall	Sharon Miller	Mat Baynard	Kevin Wile
Head Usher/Sound	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard	Lee Ann Fox	Mat Baynard
Deacons on Call	Mat & Wanda Baynard	Les & Marlana Groves	Jane Marshall & Anne Harvey	Leroy & Sharon Miller
Special Music	Choir	Phyllis Dodd	Lee & Liz Wildasin	Choir
Flowers		Lynn Butler	Dale Fike	Kevin & Ellen Wile

### News about Camp Mardela, from Jennifer Summy, Camp Administrator

**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.



**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](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.**



## 2024 September Offerings

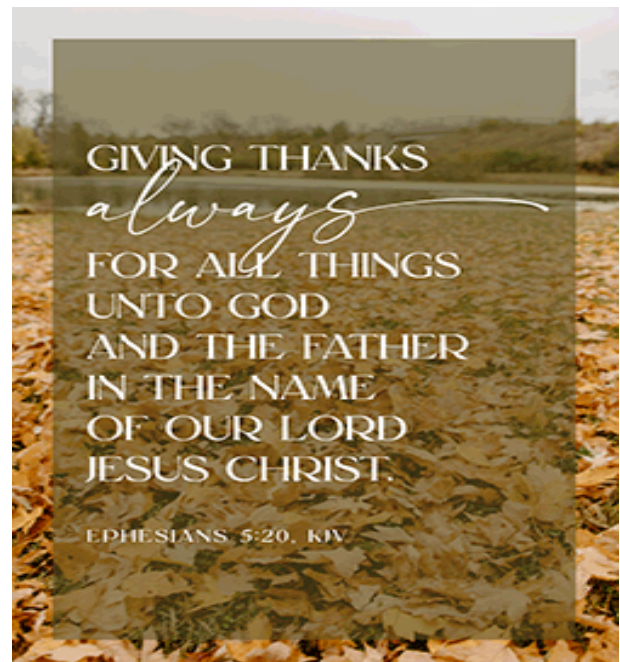
Attendance		37	32	36	105	
	9/1/24	9/082024	9/15/24	9/22/24	9/29/24	Totals
<u>Distributions</u>						
General (06)						
Envelopes	F	3,185.00	2,195.00	2,205.00		7,585.00
Loose Change/Cash	A	230.00	42.00	46.00	0.00	318.00
Total Before Prepaid Tithes	M	3,415.00	2,237.00	2,251.00	0.00	7,903.00
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Other Income (06)	Y					
Building Use						
Wednesday Night Beginners	C					0.00
Mid-Shore Intergroup, Inc	A					0.00
	M					0.00
Harrison St. Rent	P	1,600.00				1,600.00
Washington St Rent		1,800.00				1,800.00
Totals	0.00	3,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,400.00
Special Offerings (07)						
Mission Offering						0.00
Deacons				100.00		100.00
Totals	0.00	3,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,400.00
Totals	0.00	10,215.00	2,237.00	2,251.00	0.00	14,703.00

### *Vespers Service*


***Wednesday, October 23***

***Round Top Church***

***7:00 p.m.***



# PEACING IT TOGETHER

confession 

**read** Isaiah 2:1-5

## Beat guns into plowshares

*They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4b).*

We Americans have a passion to possess guns despite the terrible misuse of them. We talk about the “right” to perpetuate weapons of destruction as a part of our basic freedoms. One wonders whether we can long survive unless we come to realize that in our complex and troubled age guns are not an evidence of freedom but of a primitiveness which spells the breakdown of orderly, rational society. Guns were never a worthy means of settling differences. In our society, where we are pressed closely together, they become intolerable. We need to begin to think about the kind of gun control which other civilized nations long ago enacted . . .

Some observers suggest that we should look toward a day when we would turn in all our guns as a number of nations have done. They suggest that we need some other kind of “sport” for men to play at, in modern terms the dream of the Old Testament prophet, Isaiah, of a day when men would beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks would surely be in terms of melting down guns into instruments of healing and well-being.

—C. Wayne Zunker

**respond** Isaiah’s image of “swords into plowshares” has inspired artists to turn guns into sculptures, or even into useful implements. Search for pictures of art made from guns, and the story behind each piece.

**pray** Dear God, the news reports a tsunami of gun deaths sweeping the nation, yet there is little political will to curtail their use. Let Isaiah’s vision bring inspiration and hope.

CAMP MARDELA

Register by Sept.  
22nd, 2024 at  
[campmardela.org](http://campmardela.org/camp-programs)  
/camp-programs

# Birding Retreat

OCT. 4-6,  
2024

Directors: Doug & Sally Ruby

## Activities:

Bombay Hook National  
Wildlife Refuge  
Little Creek  
Ocean City Inlet

Chincoteague National  
Wildlife Refuge  
Blackwater National  
Refuge



## Registration Options:

**WEEKEND DORM:**  
**BED - \$40/PERSON**

**WEEKEND BEDROOM:**  
**BED - \$60/PERSON**

**FOOD - \$50/PERSON/WEEKEND**



Mid-Atlantic 2024

# District Conference

**Friday & Saturday, October 11 & 12**  
**Brownsville Church of the Brethren**

1911 Rohrersville Rd., Knoxville, MD 21758



*"Not Against Flesh & Blood"*

Logo design by Brandi Puzonia

This year's conference theme is based on Ephesians 6:12

## Friday

Pastor & Spouse Dinner  
Installation Service for District  
Executive Douglas Veal  
Meet and Greet with Doug

## Saturday

Business Sessions  
Engaging Workshops  
Communion & Feet Washing

<http://www.madcob.com/districtconference/>





# **WAVE OF LIGHT REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY**

**JOIN US**

**October 15th  
7pm**

**Tuesday, October 15th is the annual global observance called "Wave of Light" that honors and remembers babies who have died during pregnancy, childbirth, or infancy.**

**If you would like to participate in Wave of Light, our Bereavement Department will be offering a candle lighting ceremony at 7pm at Talbot Hospice.**

***[talbothospice.org/events/wave-of-light.html](http://talbothospice.org/events/wave-of-light.html)***

***Talbot Hospice  
586 Cynwood Drive  
Easton, MD 21601  
410-822-6681 x116***



# *Give Back* **WITH OUTBACK**

**You are invited to join us at the  
Salisbury Outback Steakhouse  
for a Give Back Event!**

**DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2024**

**TIME: 11:00 AM**

**SALISBURY • 8245 DICKERSON LANE SUITE A  
(410) 341-7355**

**PLEASE JOIN US ANY TIME BETWEEN 11AM-9:30PM.**

**Enjoy the bold flavors of Outback Steakhouse  
and support Camp Mardela. When you present  
this flyer we will proudly donate 10% of your  
total check to support Camp Mardela**





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