

EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

APRIL, 2025 PEACHBLOSSOM PRESS NEWSLETTER

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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Rev. Jody E. Gunn, Pastor

Hope

Hope is a weaver of sorts. Hope weaves in the help of a friend or stranger, a kind gesture, added strength, and encouraging words in and around, back and forth finding ways to keep going when the going gets tough. Hope is a tool that can fix a leak or a faulty switch if even for a moment to give a break to the weary. Hope is a useful guide like a map or compass when we are trying to find our way in the midst of our life journey.

As we travel the rest of the Lenten and Holy Week Journey on the way to the cross, we are reminded of the difficulty that followed Jesus and his followers. We also remember the hope in the jubilant entrance into Jerusalem. The women in Luke's gospel walked to the tomb in the morning to bring spices they had prepared for Jesus' body. I can imagine them walking together in silence, knowing they would be the presence of the body of their friend Jesus. It would likely not be a pretty sight, given the violence unleashed on him, but they would provide the sacred ritual because it was what you did for those whom you loved. This act would be their last gift to the friend they sadly betrayed just like the others.

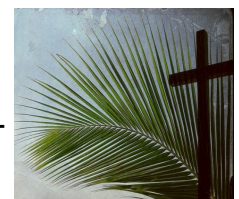
Upon their arrival to the tomb, what did they find? An empty tomb! Men in dazzling apparel! And a reminder from these men - hey didn't he tell you ahead of time that he would be handed over by sinners, crucified, and rise again? Oh yea.... Like a memory that comes from out of nowhere - I am sure you all have had this happen. And you say to yourself - Yes, I remember that now! The women remember and the hope that was like an ember almost going out, was fanned alive by this revelation. Even though they were afraid, hope arrived on the scene through the men in the tomb and the memories that surfaced in their minds and hearts.

I pray we can continue to seek and find Jesus in the moments when we think all is lost. Discovering that hope sometimes lingers in the shadows ready to make an appearance when it is needed the most.

-Pastor Jody

Love Feast to be held on Palm Sunday

Our worship service on Palm Sunday will be our sacred and traditional Love Feast Service based on John 13: 1-17, where we reenact the last evening the disciples had with Jesus in the Upper Room. Our time together will include examination with prayer, opportunity to wash feet or hands of another, eat a light meal, concluding with bread and cup communion. Our service will be held in the Fellowship Hall.



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 Jack Lane, the family of Michael Starkey, the family of Bobby Bridge, Mark Miller, Cecelia Stephenson, Morgan Harvey, Nadia Schlotzhauer, Dean Clutts, Nora Quidas, John Trax, Mary Ellen Hutchison, Ellen Hill, Ron Patrick, Don Saballus, Holly Hill Jones (Larry Fike's stepdaughter), Kevin Little, a gentlemen name Ricki, Cheryl Dayton, Chris Lyons, John Sewell, Ruth Gunn, Larry & Barbara McCann, Jeanette & Bob Miller, 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.***



The Changed Cross

We will celebrate Easter with the changed cross. Please bring in your fresh flowers. Pastor Jody will be preaching. Music will be provided by our choir.



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.

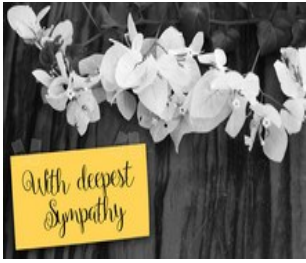


Talbot Interfaith Shelter

The 2025 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 April 19. No volunteers are needed this month, only a meal. Thank You!**

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.



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Jack Lane. Jack passed away on Thursday, March 6 at the Hospice House. Services were held at Talbot Bible

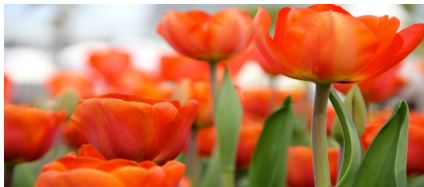
Church on Saturday March 15.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Michael Starkey. Michael passed away on Saturday, March 8. Services were held on Wednesday, March 19 at Fellows Helfenbein Funeral Home.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Bobby Bridge. Bobby passed away on Tuesday, March 25. Services will be held on Wednesday, April 2 at Moore's Funeral Home, Denton, MD. Visitation is 10-11 a.m. Service will begin at 11 a.m.



We pray Christ love and presence to each of these families.



Thank you

A special thank you to everyone who reached out to our family in the passing of our brother, Michael Starkey. Your cards, calls, texts and the meal were greatly appreciated.



*Leroy & Sharon Miller
Les & Marlena Goves
and families*

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

Earlier this week, the District Leadership Team was informed about a significant financial difficulty at Shepherd's Spring. While we cannot go into detail at this time, the camp would appreciate additional donations to help them get through this challenging time.

In Christ,
Doug Veal,
District Executive Minister

SERVING THE MONTH OF APRIL

	4/6/2025	4/13/2025 Palm Sunday/ Love Feast	4/20/2025 Easter Sunday	4/27/2025
Message	Pastor Jody Gunn	Wanda Baynard	Pastor Jody Gunn	Rusty Curling
Worship Leader	Jane Marshall	Mat Baynard	Lynn Butler	Wanda Baynard
Head Usher/Sound	Ron Miller	Ron Miller	Ron Miller	Ron Miller
Deacons on Call	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Mat & Wanda Baynard	Les & Marlena Groves
Special Music	Amy Bachand	Peachblossom Bells	Choir	Liz & Lee Wildasin
Flowers		Mat & Wanda Baynard	Ellen Wile	



- 1 Jordan Davis, Leslie Saulsbury
- 4 Joey Edsall
- 5 Karen Davis
- 6 Marlena Groves, Annabel Young
- 7 Kevin Wile
- 8 Michael Valliant
- 9 Marlee Fox, Heather Moore
- 11 Susan Sanger
- 12 Tim Young
- 13 Hutch Walbridge, Jack Wood,
Connor Crannell
- 14 Jocelyn Koenig
- 16 Chad Whitzel, James Foreman,
Karen Jo Johnson
- 17 Stanley Morris, Diane Walbridge
- 18 Robin Lyons
- 21 D.R. Warrington
- 23 Jennifer "Regan" Fox, Shelly Milburn
- 24 Todd Butler, Logan Allen, Bonnie Langford
- 25 Tom Brockson
- 26 Cheryl Dayton
- 28 Ashley Ball, Chandler Grey Seese
- 30 Gabriel Fluharty



- 8 Leroy & Sharon Miller
- 14 Mat & Wanda Baynard
- 27 Todd & Kelly Lyons



Mid Shore Community Band Upcoming Concerts for 2025

Saturday, May 10: Benefit concert for the Easton Lions Club held at the Easton Elks Lodge Ballroom, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13: Spring Concert held at St. Paul's UM Church, Cambridge, 7:00 p.m.



A Special Thank You

Special thanks go to Sharon Lister. Sharon took it upon herself to repair the hymnals in the pews, since some have been showing a lot of wear and tear. Sharon used book repair tape to seal off frayed edges and other damages on our worship song-books. They are all nearly finished and look much better! Let's take good care of our Hymnal: A Worship Book(s)!



*A special
thank you!*

Thanks so much, Sharon! Ellen Wile

Vespers service will be held on Wednesday,
April 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Round Top Church



News about Camp Mardela, from Jennifer Summy, Camp Administrator

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

- ♦ **2025 Service Days at Camp Mardela:** May 31, Aug. 2, and Nov. 15.
- ♦ **Camp Auction:** The Camp Auction is coming up on April 12th! There are 4 ways you can support this year's auction - buy an ad, sponsor the auction, donate items, attend the sale. We have many high-quality items this year - new tools, tickets and vouchers to many events, stores, and restaurants (ex. Longwood Gardens, Sight & Sound, Chick-fil-a, Mission BBQ, Edible Arrangements, Crown Sports Center, Best Western in Kent Narrows, etc). Check out all of the details for the auction at <https://www.campmardela.org/spring-camp-auction>. **Deadline for donations is April 9.**
- ♦ **Easter SONRise Service:** We are having our annual Easter SONRise service at Camp Mardela on April 20th 7:30am-9:00am. At 7:30am we will meet at Krabill Hall to go down to the creek together. We will have golf carts for anyone who needs assistance. The service will last until about 8:00am and we will go back to Krabill Hall for a free breakfast and time of fellowship. This event is open to anyone from the community who wishes to come, so feel free to join us for this unique Easter celebration!
- ♦ **May 1st Deadlines** - May 1st represents important deadlines for 3 things - early bird discount for summer camps, deadline to purchase tickets for the Josh Wilson concert, and the summer staff application deadline. We are offering a wide variety of camps for campers K-12th grade from June 22nd-August 1st. Register before May 1st to get a 15% discount on these camps at <https://www.campmardela.org/camp-programs>. Josh Wilson is a well-known Contemporary Christian artist who will be performing a concert here on June 7th at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 for adult general admission, and \$10 for children 12 and under. This will be an open-air concert held at our pavilion, but will be held in Krabill Hall in case of inclement weather. Order your tickets online at <https://www.campmardela.org/josh-wilson-concert>
- ♦ **Camp Mardela Yard Sale:** Date has been changed to May 10th. Please mark this change on your calendars, as we would love for your churches to participate. This has become a favorite community event, and a wonderful way to shop for great deals while supporting camp. If you would like to have your own stand to sell items, a 10'x'10 space is \$15. You can reserve your space at <https://www.campmardela.org/yard-sale>
- ♦ **Camp Appreciation Day:** June 1, 4-8p.
- ♦ **Camp Mardela Annual Supper:** Sept. 20, 4-7p
- ♦ **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

READ 1 Corinthians 10:12-17

THE COMMUNION TABLE

The cup...that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16)

The earliest Christian communions probably resembled the typical church carry-in meal, with the individuals bringing food for the love feast. The genius of the early Christian movement as that its membership cut across all societal lines of division and disparity, the communion table was a rare focal point for equality. The earliest Christians remembered in their communion services not only the Last Supper, but the feeding of the 5,000 an event in which all ate and were satisfied. Representations of communion in early Christian art consistently include symbols of that particular miracle. For the poor of society, who rarely ate well, this sort of feasting was a clear foreshadowing of the kingdom as expressed by both the Hebrew prophets and Jesus.

-Deacon Manual

Respond: Invite someone you would not ordinarily eat with to share a meal with you. Make the meal an opportunity to create a new friendship

Pray: Help me remember and care for the hungry today.





Grief recovery groups

Join us:

Thursdays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

February 6 – May 1, 2025

Bethlehem Wesleyan Church

5330 Bethlehem Rd. Preston, MD 21655

410-673-1379 churchoffice.bwc@gmail.com

GRIEFSHARE.ORG



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Benefit Auction

Live & Silent auction
Food stand & bake
sale



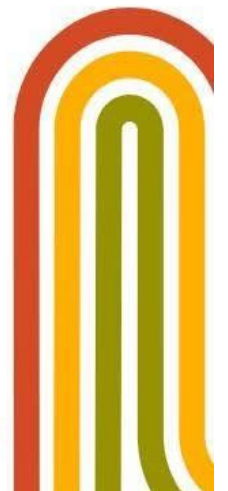
Support the
ministry of Camp
Mardela!

8:00am - 1:00pm

April 12, 2025

***301 Deep Shore Rd
Denton, MD 21629***

www.campmardela.org/spring-camp-auction



CHRIST IS **RISEN!**



**JOIN US FOR EASTER “SONRISE”
SERVICE APRIL 20TH
7:30 AM-8:30 AM**

Meet at Krabill Hall - Breakfast after service

301 Deep Shore Rd., Denton, MD 21629

Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren
2025 Disaster Response Auction Booklet



Dear Pastors, Disaster Coordinators, Witness Chairs and Donors.

We deeply appreciate and thank you for your past support of the Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction Booklet.

If you have not advertised in the booklet previously we invite you to consider doing so this year.

The 44th Annual Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction will be held Saturday, May 3, 2025, starting at 9:00 am at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, Maryland. Your support will enable us to provide even more assistance to more disaster victims this year.

***In 2024, \$72,000 was given to the Emergency Disaster Fund
of the Church of the Brethren to help victims recover
from many disasters all around our world.***

During 2024 the Emergency Disaster Fund supported these efforts and more:

- 2021 Tornado recovery in Dawson Springs, KY
- 2022 Summer Flooding Response in Letcher County, KY
- Hurricane Helene Response in the Southeastern District
- Humanitarian Response to Multiple Crises in Haiti
- Child Life Disaster Relief Training Models and Resource Dev.
- LSESD Response to Israel-Hezbollah Conflict in Lebanon
- 2023 Maui, Hawaii Wildfire Recovery Program for Children
- Nigeria Crisis Response
- Aid for Haitian Refugees in the Dominican Republic
- Emergency Flood Relief in the Congo
- Solar Power System in Zambia
- Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis
- Gaza and West Bank Aid Relief
- York County, PA, Long-Term Recovery 2021

...and much more!

Your local church is an important part of this effort!

- You can help by placing an ad in the booklet. We are once again offering the ad sizes below in black and white or color. The ad can include a photograph or artwork. Ad sizes and prices are as follows:
 - Full page...\$160 black/\$200 color
 - Half page...\$85 black/\$105 color
 - Third Page...\$60 black/\$75 color
 - Eighth Page...\$25 black/\$35 color
 - Patron Listing...\$10, \$25, \$35, or more
 - Donations of any amount
- Encourage your members to place business, personal or patron ads and print announcements about the auction in your newsletter and bulletin.
- Please print the enclosed bulletin insert and put it in your bulletin by Sunday, January 5, 2025.
- You can also help by posting the flyer included that is requesting special sale items.

Here are more ways you can help make the auction a success.

- Create craft items
- Donate baked goods
- Donate plants, shrubs and trees
- Assemble gift baskets
- Hold a fundraiser to support the auction
- Donate high quality items to publish in the booklet
- Volunteer to help
- Publicize and attend the Auction!

Please return your advertising space reservation form by Friday, February 7, 2025!

Please call booklet designer Debbie Noffsinger at 847-714-4482 or email auctionbooklet@comcast.net if you have questions.

Thank you for your continued support of our Disaster Response Auction!



CAMP MARDELA



YARD SALE

May 10th, 8am-12pm
301 Deep Shore Rd,
Denton, MD 21629

**DONATE ITEMS FOR
CAMP TO SELL!**



**RENT A YARD SALE
SPACE FOR \$15**

WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG/YARD-SALE



Elvin
SCHROCK
and Sons
PLUMBING

SAM YODER & SON, LLC.

Smiles
by HOLSINGER
& HIGGINS

A portrait of Josh Wilson, a man with short brown hair, a beard, and glasses. He is wearing a dark blue bomber jacket over a floral patterned shirt and grey jeans. He is crouching down, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

JOSH WILSON

is Coming to Camp Mardela
JUNE 7TH, 2025 AT 7PM

\$20 GENERAL ADMISSION | \$10 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER
VISIT CAMPMARDELA.ORG FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION

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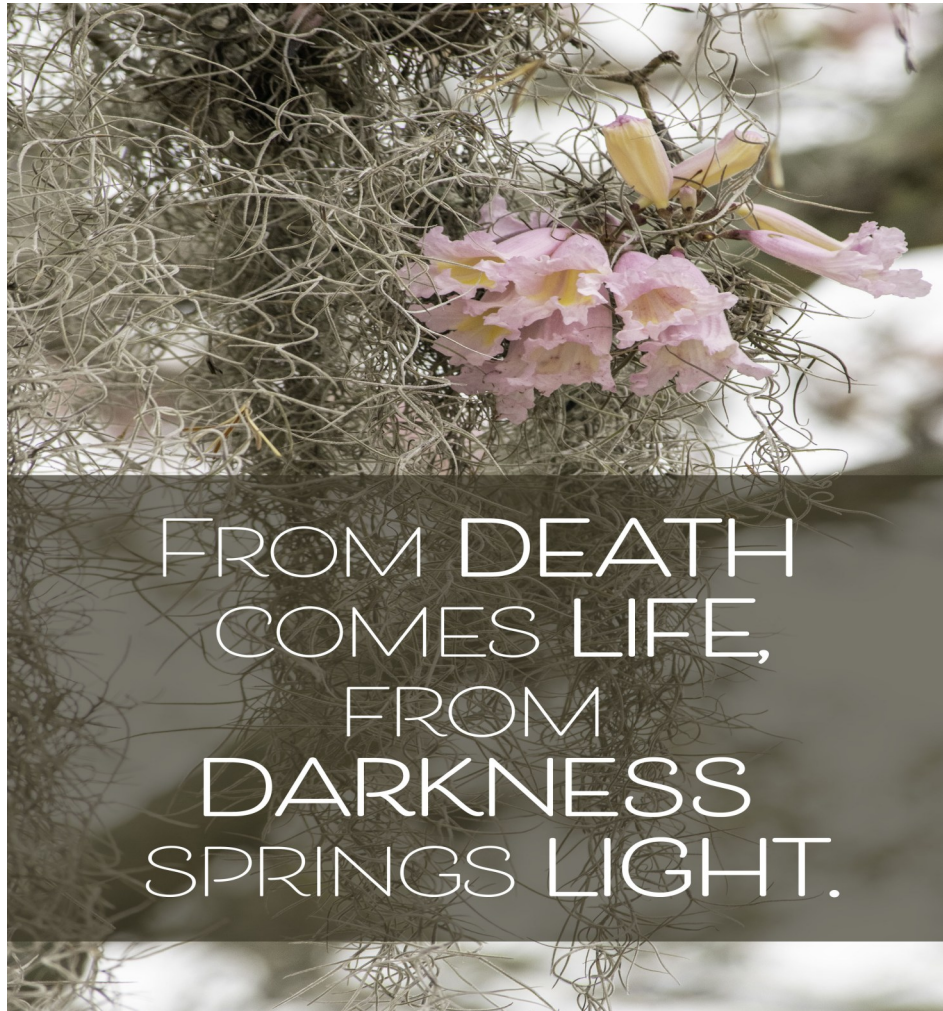
WISH LIST

THERE IS A LOT THAT GOES INTO MAKING CAMP POSSIBLE. IF YOU WANT TO HELP, CONSIDER DONATING SOME OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW:

- Moisture absorbers
- Garden edging
- Outdoor landscaping rocks
- Top soil
- Sink organizers
- Twin comforters or blankets
- Bedding storage container
- Curtains - any size
- Rugs - any size
- Dish rags
- Metal/plastic storage shelving
- Volleyball net
- Outdoor ceiling fans
- Spotlights (plug-in or solar)
- Wall-mounting heat & AC units
- Fire resistant & locking file cabinet
- Full-size refrigerator (for pavilion)
- Commercial ice machine
- Golf cart
- Camp van

YOU CAN ALSO FIND THIS LIST AND A LINK TO OUR AMAZON WISH LIST AT
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