

EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

MAY, 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

“THANK YOU!” TO THE MOMS IN OUR LIVES

“Her children rise up and call her happy.” Proverbs 30: 28

“Motherhood is one of the most challenging and often thankless jobs to ever exist.” I’m not sure whether I totally agree with that statement, but I do remember, as a mother, the joy I had in bringing my three daughters into the world, the precious moments of their growing years, and yet the challenges, as well. I often wondered if I was provided for them all they needed to grow and blossom as one of God’s children.

Yet, despite the challenges and sometimes seemingly thankless job of being a “mom”, there is something about that relationship that is unlike any other: the unconditional love, support, and sacrifice that goes along with being a Mother. For this reason, we celebrate moms on Mother’s Day. It’s a moment to recognize and appreciate their role in guiding and nurturing us in faith, and thanking God for their impact on our lives.

However, Mother’s Day isn’t always a day of celebration and gratitude for some. This day can be a reminder for some that their mother is no longer with them. For others, this day reminds them of a mother whose relationship left them with deep wounds. Let us pray for those who may be grieving or hurting on this day, that God’s presence will be a source of comfort for them.

A Mother’s Love

*There are times when only a Mother’s faith
Can help us on life’s way
And inspire us in the confidence
We need from day to day.*

*For a Mother’s heart and a Mother’s faith
And a Mother’s steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Angels
And sent from God above.*

-Anonymous

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, 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 step-daughter), 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.***



**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
MAY 11, 2025**

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 May 19. 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.

SERVING THE MONTH OF MAY

	5/4/2025	5/11/2025	5/18/2025	5/25/2025
Message	Pastor Jody Gunn	Wanda Baynard	Meaghan Knight	Rusty Curling
Worship Leader	Jay Lister	Mat Baynard	Sharon Lister	Jane Marshall
Head Usher/Sound	Mat Baynard	Lee Ann Fox	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard
Deacons on Call	Jane Marshall & Anne Harvey	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller	John & Norma Trax
Special Music	Liz Wildasin	Carolyn Lane & Karen Tarr	Choir	Amy Bachand
Flowers	Anne Harvey			

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.
- ♦ **June 1st Deadlines** - 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.





- 4 Charlene Cabrera
- 5 Matthew Ball
- 6 Elisa Miller, Cheryl Hughes, Lucy Carrion
- 7 Susan Lohr, Ken Russ, Les Groves
- 8 Dan Ulrich
- 10 Susan Walbridge
- 12 Matthew Mullikin, Gary North
- 13 Mischelle Nalley
- 14 Becca Walbridge
- 15 Doug Rathell
- 16 Dana Walbridge
- 17 Eric Plagge, Adrienne Eve Schwaninger
- 19 Christopher Fox, Brian Walbridge, Ellen Wile
- 20 Linda Mattox
- 21 Beth Fluharty, Joshua Stephenson
- 22 Dan Schwaninger
- 23 Terri Lednum
- 24 Robin Valliant, Ken Cober, Gregory North, Tristan Walbridge
- 25 Sam Fike, J.D. Correa, Cathy Nalley
- 27 John Evans
- 28 CJ Grubbs
- 29 Joy Marshall, Linda Mattox
- 30 Mike Jacobs
- 31 Grant Hagenberger



- 1 Greg & Tammy Haddaway
- 6 Kevin & Kellee Kinsey
- 8 Joshua & Camryn Stephenson
- 7 Steve & Makaran Mullikin
- 21 Brent & Melissa Johnson
- Christopher & Katie Fox
- 22 Bill & Sharon Schuyler

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.

Thank You!



Words cannot express how grateful we are for the outpouring of love, both before and after Dad's passing. Thank you so much for being there for us, and for all the prayers, visits, cards, calls, texts, flowers, and delivery of food.

Pauline & Carolyn Lane

Vespers service will be held on
Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Round Top Church



**NATIONAL DAY OF
PRAYER
May 1, 2025**



Messenger Magazine Renewal

All subscriptions are due this May for renewal. Please let Lee Ann know as soon as possible if you wish to continue or cancel your subscription. If you wish to be a first time subscriber, please let Lee Ann know as well (\$10 for first year subscriber). Deadline is May 8th. Please make your check out to Easton Church of the Brethren, marked Messenger renewal; \$14.50 (1 yr), \$27.00 (2 yr). Send to the Lee Ann Fox or Judy Musch. Thank you!

PEACING IT TOGETHER

Disarm

Matthew 26: 47-56

“Put your sword back in into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword” (vs.52).

WHENEVER I TEACH a lesson on peacemaking in our new members class, someone inevitably asks, “What would you do if someone broke into your home in the middle of the night?” Some are genuinely curious about the practical applications of nonviolence. Others want to point out the limits of nonviolence, assuming that even the most committed pacifist would kill to defend his or her family.

I do know what I would do in such a terrifying scenario. I do know that I would not shoot the intruder, because I do not own a handgun. But I also reply that the person asking the question does not know what they would do in such a situation either. The assumption that we will bravely defend others is largely a myth; in times of crisis we revert to the level of our training. The intruder scenario could play out in so many different ways that it is impossible to be sure that owning a gun would secure our family’s safety.

Writing in the third century, the Chrisitan apologist Tertullian reflected on the chaotic scene of Jesus’ arrest and said, “Christ, in disarming Peter, unbelted every soldier.” Our baptismal confession that Jesus Christ is Lord does not only mean we reject any other person who claims to be lord; it also means rejecting violent means to uphold earthly kingdoms or protect our own lives. Early Christians understood war and violence to be a antichrist anachronism, unavailable for Christians to use against other persons similarly created in the image of God. Christians, by virtue of our baptism, belong to the age to come where swords are retooled as plowshares.

In the moments of silence, ever-present God, I know the fears that dwell deep within my heart. Help me overcome these fears, that I may live honestly with you and peacefully with my neighbor.

Article taken from the Lenten Devotions, “Take Up Your Cross”, written by Tim Harvey.

Join us for a joyful celebration of culture, community, and togetherness at the 25th Annual Multicultural Festival! The Avalon Foundation is honored to continue this wonderful spring tradition that the Easton High School Ecology Club and P.E.A.C.E. organization created so long ago. This event promises to be a heartwarming and fun-filled day, bringing people from all walks of life together to honor our shared diversity.

Date: May 3, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Idlewild Park

Rain Venue: Easton Middle School

The festival will feature exciting activities, including:

Live Music & Performances

Exhibitors & Craft Vendors

Delicious Food from Local Vendors

Kids' Crafts and Fun Activities

Opportunities to Learn About Local Services and Organizations

This festival is a chance to unite, celebrate, and embrace the beauty of our community. It's a day to connect with your neighbors, make new friends, and enjoy the wonderful spirit of fellowship. We are especially looking for exhibitors, craft vendors, and food vendors to share your unique talents and offerings with our vibrant community.

Whether you're a vendor, performer, or simply a guest, we invite you to be a part of this special event that highlights the incredible culture and togetherness of our community. Let's celebrate unity in this beautiful spring setting, filled with fun, learning, and connection.

If you wish to be a vendor, as always, we will provide 8-foot tables with 2 chairs per table. There is no cost for this unless you are selling food or something else, then the fee is \$10.

All food vendors must work with the Talbot County Health Department to secure a food permit.

For more information or to register as a vendor, please contact suzy@avalonfoundation.org at the Avalon Foundation.



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



**Mid-Shore
Community Band**

Easton Lions Club

**85th Year Celebration
and Membership Drive**

**Music will be Provided by the
Mid-Shore Community Band**

Saturday, May 10th, 7 - 8 pm

**Easton Elks Lodge #1622
502 Dutchmans Lane**

Come help us Celebrate!

Greetings from
Tidewater Singers
Ellen Wile, Artistic Director



LET'S GO!
to our Spring concerts!

Friday, May 30

7:30 PM at Trinity Cathedral, Easton

Saturday, May 31

7:30 PM at St. Paul's Church, Oxford

Admission \$20 at the door or in advance

Students free.



SCAN FOR TICKETS OR VISIT
TIDEWATERSINGERS.ORG



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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

301 DEEP SHORE RD DENTON, MD 21629

CAMP MARDELA



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 WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG/DONATE.





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