

# EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

## **JULY/AUGUST, 2025 PEACHBLOSSOM PRESS NEWSLETTER**

### Mission Statement

“Sharing the love and blessing of God with all.”

**Worship Hours— 10:00 a.m.  
through August 24, 2025**



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Rev. Jody E. Gunn, Pastor

### **2025 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference “Faith Working Through Love”**

July and August, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland can be a sizzling summer experience. School is out for the summer, vacations to the beach and elsewhere are in the planning, bringing anticipation and excitement to the family and individuals.

Pastor Jody and our Annual Conference delegate Dale Fike will be traveling to Greensboro, North Carolina where they will be taking part in the business sessions and decision-making, enjoying awesome worship services each evening, interesting insight session, and often yummy ice cream as an evening treat. This all takes place July 2-6.

This year's theme of Annual Conference is “Faith Working Through Love.” When I saw that the theme for this year's conference was “Faith Working Through Love”, I decided to look up the scripture (Galatians 5: 2-6) to see what it had to say, so I could gather some meaning from what Paul was sharing with the church at Galatia.

The question is “What really counts in the Christian life?” Well, Paul let's us know right up front that it's not circumcision. So what really counts in the Christian's life? Galatians 5:6 states it well: “For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcised or uncircumcised counts for anything, but only faith working through love”...not adherence to the law. May our lives through acts of love and service to others, demonstrate that true faith works through love.

Let us hold in prayer Pastor Jody and Dale Fike as they travel and experience this important conference of the Church of the Brethren.

Blessings to all of you as you enjoy these two months of sizzling, summer weather, stay safe, and keep our heavenly Father always a part of your everyday life.

*Wanda Baynard, Christian Ed.*



# 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 Jerry Hughes, the family of Donald Musch, the family of Lynn Shostak, Lynn Butler, Vicky Johnson, Norma Trax, Jay Lister, Cecelia Stephenson, Morgan Harvey, Nadia Schlotzhauer, Dean Clutts, Nora Quidas, John Trax, John Earl 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, 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.**



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



On behalf of my whole family, I would like to thank all of the church women who attended the wedding show-er to celebrate Amelia (and Chad) and their upcoming wedding. We were sorry there were some who could not attend. Thank you, Pete Fox for hosting the event and for Renee, Lee Ann, as well as the many others who made it such a lovely evening. The words of wisdom, the fellowship, kindness, and generosity you all have shown has been such a blessing to us.



Pastor Jody

## 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 July 19. No volunteers are needed this month. The meal is covered. 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](http://www.midshoreintergroup.org).

## 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:** Aug. 2, and Nov. 15.
- ♦ **Summer Camp season begins,** June 22-through August 1.
- ♦ **Family Camp**—August 29-September 1. Registration is now open.
- ♦ **Camp Mardela Annual Supper:** Sept. 20, 4-8p
- ♦ **Birding Retreat:** October 31-November 2
- ♦ **Wish List:** Several items need to be replaced at camp. The wish list is located on the web-site; [www.campmardela.org/donate](http://www.campmardela.org/donate)
- ♦ **Shop with RaiseRight/Scrip Fundraiser:** Support camp by shopping at your favorite stores! Order gift cards through the script program and a percentage will go back to camp without you spending anymore money than you normally would for your shopping needs. Go to [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) or use the RaiseRight app and enter the code (contact Camp for the code) to purchase gift cards and give back to Camp Mardela.



**Camp Wish List** - See flyer below.

*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.*



## 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](http://WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG/DONATE).



- 1 Amy Bachand, Lee Lyons
- 2 Chris Scaglione
- 4 Kathy Anderson
- 6 Joshua Lohr, Brennen Lyons
- 7 Jamie Cox, Judi Loscomb, Dwayne Mattox, Tracy Correa
- 8 Betty Lednum, Tom Schwaninger, Jody Gunn
- 10 Sherry Hutchison, Mike Mullikin
- 11 Trinity Turnage
- 13 Bob Davis, Brian Rathell, Luke Miller
- 14 David Cox
- 16 Nina Jacobs
- 17 Kevin Lohr, Curtis Satchell
- 18 Leah Miller
- 20 Terry Dayton
- 21 Melanie Young
- 22 Morgan Phillips, Liz Wildasin, Ken Martin, Michael Pierce, Nicole Edsall
- 24 Jim Harvey, Robert Musch,
- 26 Bud Loscomb
- 27 Marah Basel, Kate Edsall
- 28 Paityn Phillips
- 31 Geoff Fox



- 4 Rusty & Phyllis Dodd-Curling
- 11 Robin & Linda Lyons
- 28 Gary & Wendy Faulkner
- 30 Tom & Sue Ann Brockson



- 1 Amy Brown
- 3 Renee Edsall
- 5 Dale Fike, Morgan Harvey
- 7 Chloe Grubbs, Gretchen Satchell
- 8 Jo Ann Fike
- 9 Amara Jones
- 10 Gary Fox
- 11 Gary Ball, Adam Lohr
- 12 Emerson Tarr
- 13 Lynn Butler, Adam Schwaninger
- 14 Melissa Johnson, Jed Leroy Correa
- 19 Dennis Lohr
- 21 Ryan Tarr
- 24 Gwen Wood Larrimore
- 25 Lucas Milburn, Brenda Pierce
- 26 Bonnie Wooters
- 28 Barbara Seese
- 29 Bill Zellers, Tara Blake Haddaway
- 30 Bruce Butler
- 31 Brianna Boyle



- 3 Kevin & Ellen Wile, Kevin & Joy Miller
- 4 John & Norma Trax
- 15 John & Lyn Banghart
- 19 Lee & Lynn Lyons
- 22 Corey & Nicole Edsall

# SERVING THE MONTH OF JULY & AUGUST

	7/6/2025	7/13/2025	7/20/2025	7/27/2025
Message	Wala-Neh Labala	Pastor Jody Gunn	Rusty Curling	Wanda Baynard
Worship Leader	Mat Baynard	Jane Marshall	Kevin Wile	Mat Baynard
Head Usher/Sound	Sharon Miller	Sharon Miller	Sharon Miller	Sharon Miller
Deacons on Call	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Mat & Wanda Baynard	Les & Marlena Groves
Special Music	Amanda Manning	Debra Dew	Ellen Wile	Ellen Wile
Flowers	Ann Harvey			

	8/3/2025	8/10/2025	8/17/2025	8/24/2025	8/31/2025
Message	Wala-Neh Labala	Wanda Baynard	Pastor Jody Gunn	Rusty Curling	<b>Family Camp WORSHIP SERVICE AT CAMP MARDELA</b>
Worship Leader	Wanda Baynard	Mat Baynard	Lynn Butler	Jane Marshall	
Head Usher/Sound	Judy Musch	Judy Musch	Judy Musch	Judy Musch	
Deacons on Call	Jane Marshall & Anne Harvey	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox
Special Music					
Flowers					



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Gerald Hughes. Gerald (Jerry) passed away peacefully on Monday, June 2. His service was held on Thursday, June 12. Jerry was a brother-in-law to Diane Walbridge.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Donald Musch. Donald passed away at his home in Huntsville, AL on Saturday, June 21. Donald is a brother to Robert Musch.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Lynn Shostak. Lynn passed away suddenly on June 24. Services will be private. Lynn is a sister to Marlena Groves and Sharon Miller.

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

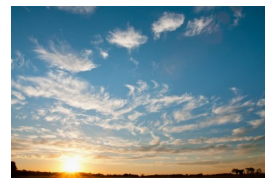
## “Summer”

'Tis summer, I know by the blue of the sky;  
By the trees' deeper green, as beneath them I lie;  
And more than all these, by the lovely wild rose  
That now in the woodland its pink blossom shows.

I feel the warm west wind fan gently my cheek  
As I sit on the grass, far too happy to speak;  
And then in the twilight I see the faint spark  
Of the fire-fly, flitting alone in the dark.

Oh! long happy days, when 'tis full of delight  
To roam in the meadows from morning till night!  
Oh! summer, sweet summer! glide slowly away,  
For I love in your warmth and your fragrance to stay.

—H.P. Nichols





# PEACING IT TOGETHER

**"Strength Through Peace"**  
**The Ideas and People of Nonviolence**  
**Center for Teaching Peace**  
**Edited by Colman McCarthy**  
**Chapter 2**

**To Reach Peace, Teach Peace**



It is quite strange, in fact, that as yet there is no such thing as a science of peace, since the science of war appears to be highly advanced....As a collective human phenomenon, however, even war involves a mystery, for all the people of the earth, who profess to be eager to banish war as the worst of scourges, are nonetheless the very ones who concur in the starting of wars and who willingly support armed combat.

Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war.

*Maria Montessorri*

**UUFE PEACE CAMP**

FREE - K-5th grade- FUN

**AUGUST 4-6 2025**  
5:00-8:00pm

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Easton. 7401 Ocean Gateway**

Explore peace  
in ourselves,  
in our  
community,  
and in our  
world

JOIN US FOR OUR FUN ACTIVITIES!

To register, scan the code or email [childrens-ed@uufeaston.org](mailto:childrens-ed@uufeaston.org)



## **National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)**

**September 1-5, 2025**

**Lake Junaluska, NC**

NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults 50 and older who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world.

### **Theme Statement**

As the Apostle Paul came to the end of his letter to the Christians living in Rome, he shared his hopes for them. He knew they were strong, if imperfect, followers of Jesus Christ. He knew the church communities had their ups and downs. He knew life was hard for Christians. He also knew that they didn't have to handle life alone. His hope for them was in the power of God which would bring joy and peace. The fuel of their faith was the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.

We too are called to be "Alive in the Spirit!" We too are called to claim the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit which empowers everything we do. When we are alive in the Spirit we live with hope, with gratitude, with power, and with joy. Our world needs to experience the transforming love of God. Let's welcome the wind and the fire of the Holy Spirit into our lives and into our Church so that we may truly be alive in the Spirit.

<https://www.brethren.org/news/tag/noac-2025/>

# NOAC 2025

We are delighted to welcome you to the wonderful world of NOAC 2025! Registration is now open at [www.brethren.org/noac](http://www.brethren.org/noac).

The schedule is listed below. A few changes this year:

- We will provide only one field trip per day this year. Seating is limited.
- We have added chair yoga for three mornings.
- The fundraising walk around the lake will be on Wednesday morning. We will raise funds for the NOAC Scholarship Fund which we will use to help make NOAC more inclusive for our non-English speaking sisters and brothers.

Room Rates in Lake Junaluska Hotels for four nights plus \$212 for all meals:

- Terrace-- Per Person Double Occupancy: \$573.58
- Lambuth Inn-- Per Person Double Occupancy: \$551.38
- Hillside Lodge-- Per Person Double Occupancy: \$462.58

The NOAC Planning Team (Heidi Berkenbosch, Deanna Brown, Bonnie Kline Smeltzer, Leonard Matheny, Don Mitchell, Karlene Tyler) has been working hard for over a year to plan a terrific and meaningful conference just for you! We hope to see you at Lake Junaluska, NC.

Blessings,  
Christy Waltersdorff  
2025 NOAC Coordinator

**Atlantic Northeast district** is hosting a bus trip to NOAC again this year and has invited surrounding Districts to participate. All details and registration information are available here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/qwj5tsq/lp/fcedb9d5-d544-4506-b27e-d3843c160d86>. The attached contains a link to the NOAC page on [brethren.org](http://brethren.org).

**SEE THE FLYER ATTACHED TO YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!**





For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of  
your right hand and says to you, Do not fear;  
I will help you.

Isaiah 41:13, NIV

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