

EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

SEPTEMBER, 2025 PEACHBLOSSOM PRESS NEWSLETTER

Mission Statement

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

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



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Rev. Jody E. Gunn, Pastor



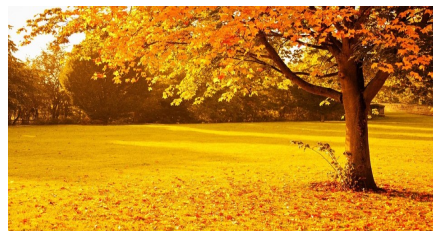
Since I was a child, September has always been one of those months to start something new or begin again. Historically, September has been a time when school is beginning, which always has motivated me, even as an adult. In the church, September brings an excitement to gather together. On September 7, Sunday School resumes at 9:30 AM (2 adult classes) and we go back to worship at 10:45 AM.

This year we are fortunate to welcome to worship Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) Unit #338 on Sept. 14. Each of the participants will be sharing a little about their BVS project and we will have a fellowship meal following worship. As a former BVSer, I remember how important it was to be with church people plus be able to eat all of their good food! So, we hope you will join us on that Sunday to meet some of these young adults doing big things in our world!

On Sept. 21, we will observe the International Day of Peace. The theme is “Cultivating a Culture of Peace,” which will be incorporated into the worship created by Bruce Butler, Wanda Baynard, and Ellen Wile. Amy Bachand will be singing “Peace, O God” for our special music. It will be a morning where we will hear some of the history of peace and justice work the Easton congregation has participated in, but also looking forward to what we can do now for justice and peace.

During Sept. 18-29, I will be finding some time for rest. During those 10 days, I will see family, but will be participating in a Deep Breath Clergy Retreat in Middleton, WI at Holy Wisdom Monastery. I have spoken to the clergywoman in charge of the retreats and she said to me, “Jody, I don’t think you need to read any books for your retreat. I think you need to spend time hiking our property and in our arts and crafts room.” It made me laugh, but also allowed me to think how God could speak to me in nature or the art I create. I will have times of quiet plus meet three times a day for prayer with the faith community. I ask for your prayers for me during this time and know that I will be praying for all of you. I pray you find time to walk in the forest, sit by the water, play a game, pray quietly, spend quality time with your family, and to reflect on all we have been graciously given by our loving God.

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, Mike Hiner, Waylon Edward Cole, Howard Miller, Carol Segar, Debbie Mahoney, Carolyn Lane, Alycia Walbridge, Paul Shortall, Chuck Schnaitman, Lynn Butler, Vicky Johnson, Norma Trax, Jay Lister, Tim Fluharty, Steve O'Hearn, Connie Griep, Betty Sanger, Cecilia Stephenson, Morgan Harvey, Nadia Schlotzhauer, Dean Clutts, Nora Quidas, John Trax, John Evans, 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, Bruce Butler, Jimmy & Loretta Lohr, Adele Pogue, Caitlyn Bussey, Theresa Durnbaugh, Billy Harding, Larry Fike, 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, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Roundtop Church

Carry-in Meal—Sunday, September 14

Hospitality Team # 2 will be in charge. Chicken and drinks are provided. All other items will be needed.



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 September 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.



SEPTEMBER

birthdays

- 1 Sallie Griswold
- 2 Alex Malaney, Janet Golt, Billy Loscomb, Chris Lyons
- 4 Amie Lednum Sharp
- 6 John Trax, Kai Kelly
- 7 Gary Faulkner
- 8 Ellen Sherwood, Zachary Kinsey
- 9 Chuck Davis, Betty Sanger
- 10 Mat Baynard, Jane Marshall, James David Booth
- 11 Dylan Faulkner
- 13 Brandt Wooters, Londyn Honeman
- 14 Jaxon Fox, Joel Lohr
- 16 Charles Schwaninger
- 17 Jim Lohr, Adeline Grace Kelley
- 18 Bill Schuyler
- 20 Robyn Glass
- 21 Makayla Mullikin, Katelynn Miles
- 22 Jamie Crannell
- 23 Eric Harvey, Sarah Price
- 24 Kip Wood, Darin Jones
- 25 Sarah Scaglione
- 26 Kelsey Basel, Greg Mullikin
- 28 Josie Berkey, Tammy Haddaway
- 29 Cameron Edsall, Ladainian Jones



SEPTEMBER

anniversaries

- 2 Randy & Susan Walbridge
- 6 David & Joy Phelps
- 9 Bill & Laurie Schnaitman
- 19 Mark & Tammy Miller
- 20 Les & Marlena Groves
- 24 Geoff & Lee Ann Fox
- 26 Tom & Janet Golt
- 27 Emerson & Karen Tarr
- Adam & Julie Schwaninger
- 30 James & Sallie Griswold
- Walt & Cheryl Hoevenaars

Sunday School begins September 7



Sunday school classes will begin on Sunday, September 7 at 9:30 a.m. Come join us to "feed" in God's Word. There will be two classes:

1. A Guide to Biblical Studies will meet in the church library. We will be studying this first quarter - "Judah from Isaiah to the Exile."
2. The Pathfinders Class will meet in the classroom across from the women's restroom. They will continue a video on Biblical Studies.
3. Beginning on Sunday, September 28, Bruce Butler will lead a class on Peace. Two books for this class are: "A Call to Peace", by Jim McGinnis and "Peace is Possible, from the Center for Teaching Peace. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those interested.

Handbell practice will begin on Thursday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m.



Choir practice will begin practicing on Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. Dates

that have been announced for Choir to sing are: September 14, October 12 and October 26.

Tidewater Singers will begin their practice on Monday evening September 8 from 7-9 p.m. The Fellowship Hall will be reserved on Saturday, September 6 from 10-2p for a practice retreat.

The Leadership Team will meet on Monday, September 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Leadership Team

meeting



News about Camp Mardela, from Jennifer Summy, Camp Administrator

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

- ♦ **Family Camp**—August 29-September 1.
- ♦ **BVS Bon Voyage Party:** August 31, 2-4 p.m. After lunch join us as we celebrate our BVS volunteer, Justine as she heads into her 2nd year of service in Ireland.
- ♦ **Camp Mardela Annual Supper:** Sept. 20, 4-7p
- ♦ **Outback Steakhouse Fundraiser:** October 3, 11:00-10:00p. Flyer is needed.
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **Shop with RaiseRight/Script 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.raiserright.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.

MISSION OFFERING



"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant... just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."
~Matthew 20:26-28, NIV

Serve one another

September 14, 2025

The Mission Offering highlights how we love and service together in the Church of the Brethren with our sisters and brothers around the world.

SERVING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

	9/7/2025	9/14/2025	9/21/2025 PEACE SUNDAY	9/28/2025
Message	Pastor Jody Gunn	Pastor Jody Gunn	Wanda Baynard/ Bruce Butler	Jim Lohr
Worship Leader	Kevin Wile	Lynn Butler	Mat Baynard	Sharon Lister
Head Usher/Sound	Ron Miller	Ron Miller	Ron Miller	Ron Miller
Deacons on Call	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Mat & Wanda Baynard	Les & Marlena Groves	Jane Marshall & Anne Harvey
Special Music	Paula Colburn	Choir	Amy Bachand	Joy Miller
Flowers		Lynn Butler		



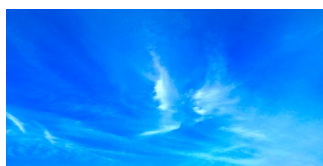
WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Camryn Phillips. Camryn passed away on July 17. Her memorial service was held on Friday, July 25 here at the church. We pray Christ presence and love to her family.

The family of Camryn Phillips shares our heartfelt gratitude and thanks for the wonderful love and support given to us by our congregation. Your expressions of sympathy on the death of Camryn have given us strength and hope. Your continued prayers are appreciated.



Jennifer and Barbara Saulsbury



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a "Grief Share Support Group" meeting this fall at Bethlehem Wesleyan Church beginning **SEPTEMBER 11th** from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The meetings will be held every Thursday evening until December 18th. All are welcome! If you know someone in need of such a support group, please feel free to help connect them to this program.

The meeting is held in the fellowship hall of Bethlehem Wesleyan Church, 5330 Bethlehem Rd. Preston, MD 21655. Phone number is 410-673-1379 and you can email pastorken.bwc@comcast.net. Please find more information or register for the group at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/273114>.



CAMP MARDELA

FAMILY CAMP

GUEST SPEAKER -
GABRIEL DODD

Hear from guest speaker Gabriel Dodd about how much God Loves You, enjoy camp activities for all ages, and faithful fellowship of a camp community.



AUG. 29-SEPT 1, 2025

301 Deep Shore Rd, Denton, MD



REGISTER TODAY!

www.campmardela.org/event-details/family-camp-4





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.

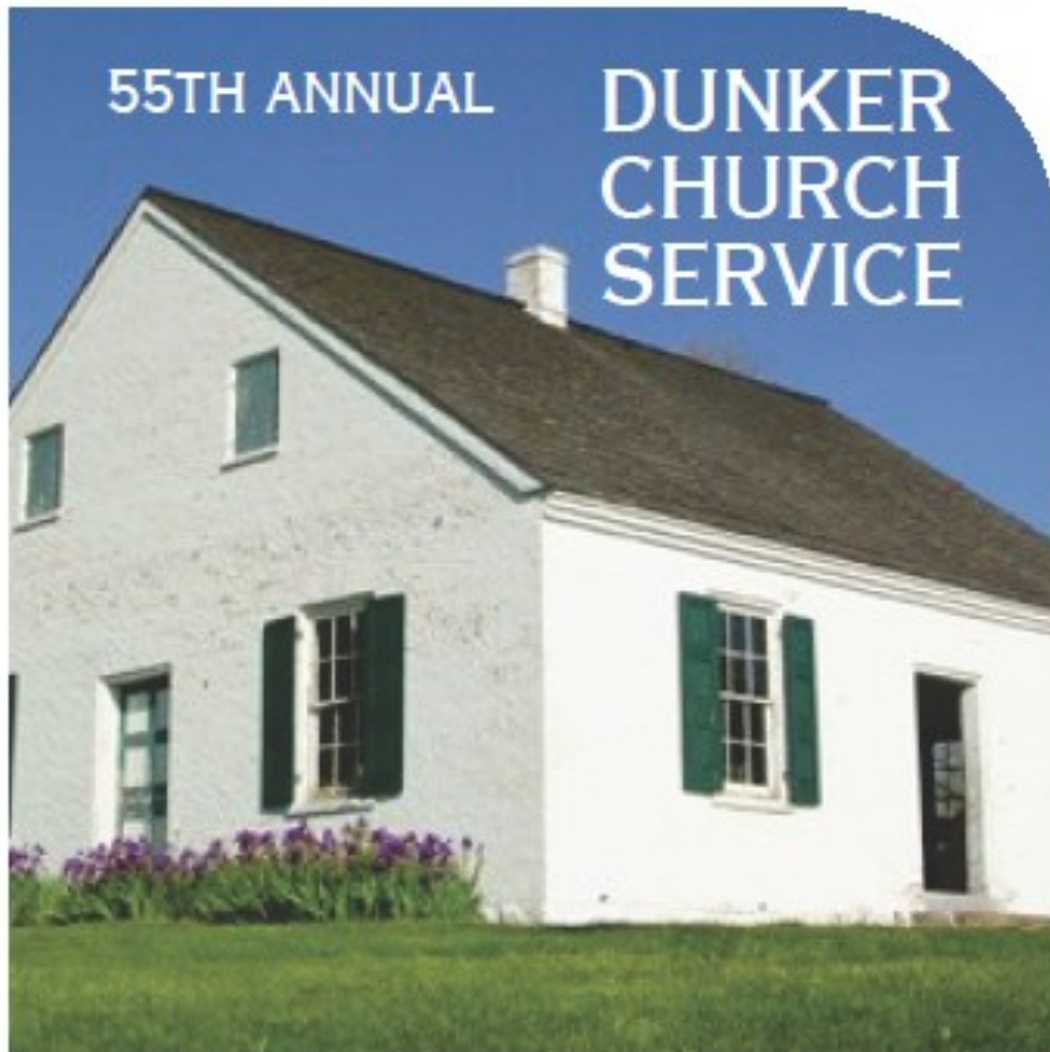
<https://www.brethren.org/news/tag/noac-2025/>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

3:00 PM

AT THE LITTLE WHITE "DUNKER CHURCH"

ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD, SHARPSBURG, MD



TRIBUTE TO REV. ED POLING, FOLLOWED BY HYMNS,
SHARING OF SCRIPTURE, SPECIAL MUSIC AND READINGS,
PRAYERS AND A MESSAGE BY GUEST SPEAKER STEVE
LONGENECKER, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, EMERITUS, AT
BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US.



CAMP MARDELA

CAMP SUPPER FUNDRAISER



\$15
DONATION
PER MEAL



MENU:

Ham, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Dressing, Coleslaw, Rolls, Desserts, Beverages

301 DEEP SHORE RD.
DENTON, MD

www.campmardela.org/camp-supper

SEPT. 20
4-7PM

PEACING IT TOGETHER



International Day of Peace Sunday

**In recognition of United Nations Resolutions
A/RES/36/67 & A/RES/55/282
Established in 1981 to declare September 21 as a**

“A Day of Non-Violence and Ceasefire”

Sunday, September 21, 2025—during worship

BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF PEACE FOR ALL





GIVE BACK WITH OUTBACK

DATE: October 3, 2025

TIME: 11:00 AM

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

PLEASE JOIN US ANYTIME BETWEEN 11AM-10PM

Join us at the Salisbury Outback Steakhouse and support Camp Mardela. Just show this flyer or mention Camp Mardela to your server, and we'll donate 10% of your check to the cause.





CENTERED ON CHRIST

58th Annual District Conference

October 10 and 11, 2025

UNION BRIDGE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
124 S. Main St., Union Bridge, MD 21791

Moderator – Sharon Linton

Moderator-Elect – Frank Lezotte

Clerk – Judy Braune

Deadline to register is September 17.



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