

# EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

## NOVEMBER, 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

### Celebrating 20 Years of Ministry

On November 19, 2005, the Easton Church of the Brethren was the site of a milestone in my life and faith journey: my ordination to set-apart ministry in the Church of the Brethren. It's hard to believe that twenty years have passed since that special day!

Over these two decades, I have been blessed with incredible opportunities to learn, grow, and serve. I completed both the Training in Ministry program and my Master of Divinity degree, served two congregations, and spent meaningful years as a chaplain at Talbot Hospice. Each experience has shaped my understanding of ministry and deepened my compassion for others.

None of this would have been possible without the loving support of this community. You have surrounded me and my family with prayers, encouragement, tuition assistance, and countless acts of kindness. Thank you for walking beside me through the joys and challenges of ministry. The past 20 years have been quite a ride — and I continue to look forward with gratitude and hope for what God has in store next!

To celebrate this anniversary, to express my thankfulness to all of you, and to celebrate Ruth's birthday, we'll gather for a **luncheon after church on Sunday, November 30**, in the fellowship hall. There's no need to bring anything—just yourselves! (unless you want to bring a pie ;) ) I hope you'll join us for food, fellowship, and thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do among us.



- 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, the family of Mike Hiner, the family of Don Saballus, Pete Fox, Les Groves, Howard Miller, Carol Segar, Debbie Maloney, Alycia Walbridge, Paul Shortall, Lynn Butler, Vicky Johnson, Norma Trax, Jay Lister, Tim Fluharty, Connie Griep, Cecilia Stephenson, Morgan Harvey, Nadia Schlotzhauer, Dean Clutts, Nora Quidas, John Evans, Ellen Hill, Holly Hill Jones (Larry Fike's stepdaughter), Cheryl Dayton, Chris Lyons, 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,  
November 19,  
7:00 p.m. at  
Roundtop Church



Tidewater Singers practice every Monday from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Handbells practice every Thursday from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Choir practice every Thursday from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

## 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 Yvette Robinson, Interim Executive Director, 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 November 19. Volunteers are needed this month. The meal is taken care of. 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).



# NOVEMBER

*birthdays*

- 2 Emily Holmes, Zachary Correa
- 3 Hunter Moore, Eric Gunn,  
Ryleigh Miller
- 4 Aaron Schreckengast
- 5 Anne Harvey, Walt Wiltschek
- 7 Andrew Deregowski, Sharon Lister
- 8 Dorothy Stichberry
- 10 Delia Faye Mullikin, Dawn Best
- 11 Tyler Miller, Linda Evans,  
Heather McWilliams
- 13 Madison Elsie Tarr
- 15 Alexander Crannell
- 16 Cindy Allen
- 17 Carson Phelps, Joy Miller,  
Nancy Fluharty, James Young
- 20 Morgan Pierce
- 22 Ruth Gunn
- 24 Coulby Miller, Sharon Caldwell,  
Carly Pearl Miller
- 26 Naiobi Turnage
- 28 Trey Haddaway
- 29 John Stichberry Jr.
- 30 Charles Eugene Schwaninger



# NOVEMBER

*anniversaries*

- 7 Russell & Jennifer Miles
- 8 Billy & Karen Rathell
- 26 Dan & Paula Ulrich
- 27 Wade & Patty Miller



## Leadership Team

*meeting*



The Leadership Team will meet on Monday, November 3 at 2:00 p.m.

*The Mid-Shore Community Band will perform a free concert in Thompson Park during the Waterfowl Festival on Saturday, November 15 at 1:30 p.m.*

*The Mid-Shore Community Band is under the direction of Matthew Fullerton.*

*Liz Wildasin and Kevin Wile are part of the band.*



Congratulations to Christopher and Katie Fox on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor (Elly) Joyce. Elly was born on October 2 at 2:06 a.m., weighed 7lbs., 9 oz. Elly was welcomed home by her big brother, Carter. Congratulations also to Elly's grandparents, Geoff & Lee Ann Fox and Mom Mom, Pete Fox.





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

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



- ♦ **Birding Retreat** - October 31-Nov 2: Deadline to register October 17
- ♦ **Roller Skate Night** - November 14 - 6-8pm: \$10/person
- ♦ **Service Day** - November 15 - 9am-5pm. To-do list - painting, Christmas decorating, wood splitting, camper Christmas cards, etc
- ♦ **Christmas at Camp** - December 12 & 13 - 6-8pm: Admission by donation
- ♦ **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.

*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.*

## SERVING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

	11/2/2025	11/9/2025	11/16/2025	11/23/2025	11/30/2025
Message	Pastor Jody Gunn		Pastor Jody Gunn		Jennifer Summy
Worship Leader	Jane Marshall	Kevin Wile	Wanda Baynard	Sharon Lister	Mat Baynard
Head Usher/ Sound	Lee Ann Fox	A volunteer is needed	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox
Deacons on Call	Mat & Wanda Baynard	Les & Marlena Groves	Jane Marshall & Anne Harvey	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller
Special Music	Carolyn Lane	Amanda Manning	Choir	Peachblossom Bells	Choir
Flowers	Mat & Wanda Baynard				Advent Wreath



# Ways you can SERVE

Sometimes people are looking for ways to plug in and volunteer. I thought I would share some of the possibilities from the Church of the Brethren here and beyond. We regularly receive notices from our Brethren Disaster Ministries for volunteers to help with rebuilding. Our local camp - Camp Mardela also has possibilities for people

who might be interested in volunteering.

Thank you for sharing this with your faith community or others who might be interested in these opportunities.

-Pastor Jody

**Camp Mardela:** The volunteers meet on Thursdays using their skills (carpentry, plumbing, painting, and beyond). Contact Jennifer Summy at [campmardela@gmail.com](mailto:campmardela@gmail.com) or call her at 410-479-2861. The website is <https://www.campmardela.org/>

\*\*\*Brethren Disaster Ministries is looking for people for this next week in Kentucky helping with rebuilding there. Possibility of 5 openings for Nov. 2 - Nov. 8. **Contact Ed Olkowski - [eolkowski@gmail.com](mailto:eolkowski@gmail.com) or Udo Sommerhoff - [sommerhoff@verizon.net](mailto:sommerhoff@verizon.net)**

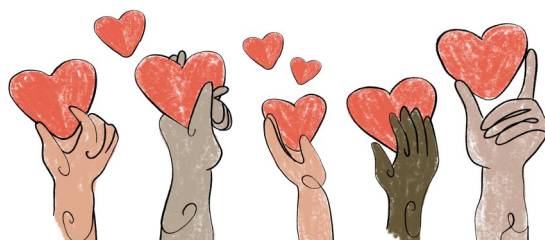
*Here is more info from our [brethren.org](http://brethren.org) website.*

**Brethren Disaster Ministries' Rebuilding Program** engages volunteers to repair and rebuild storm damaged homes for some of the most vulnerable disaster survivors, thereby easing trauma and promoting recovery. By demonstrating Christ's love and putting their faith in action as they restore damaged homes, volunteers also restore broken lives.

BDM Rebuilding projects are supported by a network of volunteers from across the country who reduce the recovery costs for homeowners by providing free construction labor. At each rebuilding project site, BDM partners with local Long Term Recovery organizations who are working with their community to identify unmet needs after a disaster, including home destruction or damage cases that BDM can help repair.

Trained construction leaders and household leaders provide volunteer orientation and instruction on the work site, as well as meals at the volunteers housing. Unskilled volunteers willing to learn are invited to work alongside those who are skilled and willing to teach. Volunteer housing is provided, often at local churches or community buildings, where weekly volunteers and leaders stay, eat and become more connected with the community.

Find out more about how and where you can volunteer to serve with the [BDM Rebuilding program](#).



## ***PEACING IT TOGETHER***

There is a natural state present in me, undisturbed and still. I find it at the core of who I am. When I quiet myself and move my focus, awareness and consciousness away from external distractions and separations, I find within me strength, calm and stability. I find a peaceful and loving essence.

I pray that I move to this place and essence often... that I let this be the source of my activities, emotions, thoughts, choices and communications.

I pray that I do this well enough so this peace and loving become contagious.

I pray that enough people share their love and that—one by one—this peace will reach to all mankind.



*Submitted by*

*Terry Tillman*

*Author, Publisher,*

*Photographer, Ski Instructor,*

*Ambassador of Peace:*

*Institute for Individual*

*and World Peace*



**Fall back, not behind!**  
**CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and**  
*join us on time for worship.*

**NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

### **From the Witness Team**

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for items needed for the Interfaith Thanksgiving meal. All items need to be taken to the Asbury Church on Higgins St. Thanksgiving morning. Time to be determined.

The committee is asking no nuts or bacon in the items. 9" pies baked fresh or store bought. Turkey needs be cooked and cut off the bone. The vegetables are to be cooked, but may be brought in cold including the stuffing. The vegetable's and stuffing are to fill a lasagna size pan.

Thanks to all who help with this project!

***Witness Team, Anne Harvey and Elisa Miller***

**Inviting All Partners**

**Friends & Family**

**Helping Loved ones**

**CARE GIVER CONNECTIONS**

**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to 12 noon**

**Conference Room at 500 Cadmus Lane, Easton MD**

**Program to include:**

**Donuts and Coffee, Blessing of Hands**

***Relaxation guided imagery demonstration***

**Caregiver Roundtable:** Discussion of “best tips” from other caregivers

**Keep Flexible:** Move, carry or lift safely, preserve energy and build strength

**Art session:** creativity and stress management

**Wrap up** – evaluations, raffles and distribution of take-home meals

**Resource Tables and Give-aways**



**Limited seating!**

**RSVP November 4<sup>th</sup> by calling  
410-820-6800**

**Brought to you by:**

**The Cancer Center at UM SRH  
UM Shore Medical Group – Palliative Care  
UM Shore Community Outreach Team (SCOT)**

**Compass Hospice & Palliative Care  
Lotus Oncology Hematology  
Maryland Oncology Hematology  
Mid Shore Pancreatic Foundation  
Talbot Hospice and Palliative Care**





CAMP MARDELA

# ROLLER SKATE NIGHT

GLOW IN THE  
DARK!

FAMILY-  
FRIENDLY FUN!

\$10/PERSON



NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
6PM-8PM

301 Deep Shore Road,  
Denton, MD

Limited skates available - guests  
are encouraged to bring their own.  
Children under 16 must come with an adult. Snacks will be available!  
Pre-registration required - use the link below.  
For more information, visit [www.campmardela.org/skate-night](http://www.campmardela.org/skate-night)





# *Allegro!*

## *Women's Chorus*

**NOVEMBER 16, 3PM**

Presbyterian Church, Chestertown  
\$15 suggested donation

**NOVEMBER 22, 7PM**

Trinity Cathedral, Easton  
\$15 ticket

**NOVEMBER 23, 3PM**

St. Paul's Church, Oxford  
\$15 ticket

TICKETS AT [WWW.ALLEGROACADEMYEASTON.COM](http://WWW.ALLEGROACADEMYEASTON.COM)



TALBOT  
ARTS





Across Maryland, families are experiencing food insecurity. **What can we do about it?**

## **THE DEEPENING CRISIS OF CHILDHOOD HUNGER: A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION.**

**Tuesday,  
November 18th**

**12:30-1:30p**

**Eastern Shore  
Land Conservancy**

114 South Washington Street  
Easton, MD 21601

A coalition of faith, non-profit, business and government leaders will assess the growing crisis of childhood hunger and **potential solutions.**  
**Lunch will be provided.**

Sign up today to secure your spot!



# CHRISTMAS AT CAMP MARDELA

*Dec. 12 & 13      6pm-8pm*

*301 Deep Shore Rd, Denton, MD*

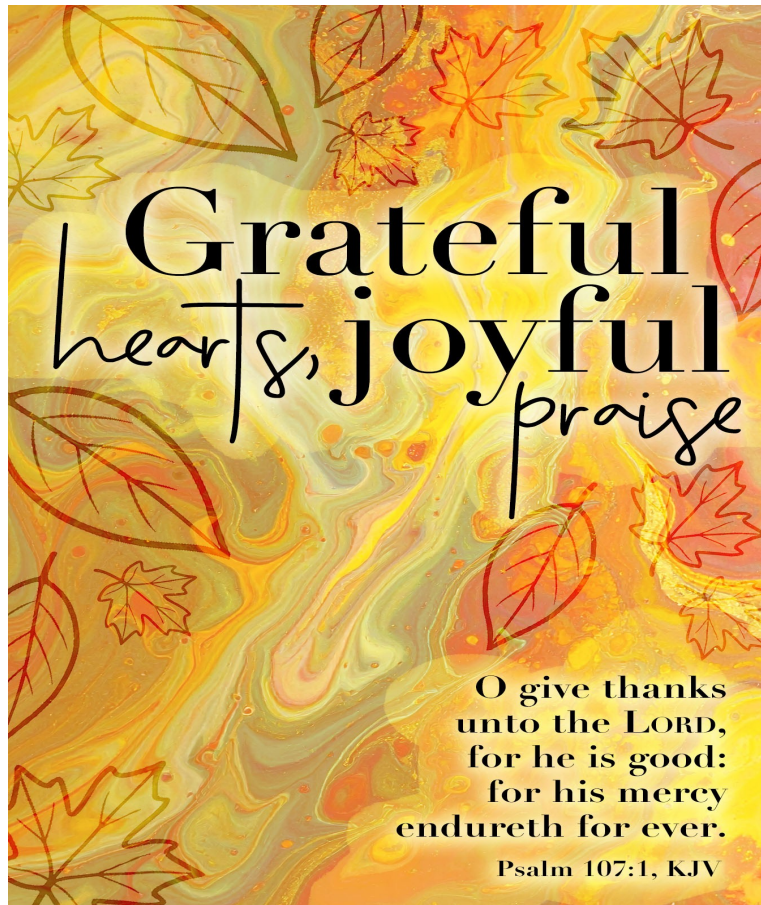


## ADMISSION - BY DONATION

*Live music - Cookie Decorating - Christmas  
Train Display - Decorations - Food - Camp Fire*

[WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG/CHRISTMAS-AT-CAMP](http://WWW.CAMPMARDELA.ORG/CHRISTMAS-AT-CAMP)





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