

# EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**OCTOBER, 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

The month of October truly reminds me of the season of Fall, of changing leaf colors...brilliant colors of red, yellow, and gold. We enjoy cool, crisp breezes and observe farmers busily bringing in the harvest before the onset of winter. We are also reminded of Halloween: Jack-O-lanterns, witches and goblins...and yes, Halloween goodies. Even now, the stores are stocked with all Halloween candies young minds can almost imagine.



This coming October 5, congregations from around the world will be celebrating World Communion Sunday. We all know about and have experienced this first Sunday in October, but do you know where it originated? According to the website of the National Council of Churches, World Communion Sunday began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940. Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration of Christian unity.

The key word for World Communion Sunday is communion or unity; It is a day when we mark the almost universal practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering the night of Jesus' betrayal when Jesus instituted what we now call Love Feast and Communion (or Last Supper), as a lasting remembrance. Let us come together on this special day to celebrate Christian unity.



**Wanda Baynard**  
**Deacon and Christian Ed. Chair**

# 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, Les Groves, Mike Hiner, Waylon Edward Cole, Howard Miller, Carol Segar, Debbie Maloney, 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 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, 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, October 22  
at 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 October 19. Volunteers are not 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).



- 3 Ella Ann Booth, Julie Langford
- 4 Loretta Lohr
- 6 Jay Lister, Laurie Schnaitman
- 8 Landon Johnson
- 9 Sharon Miller, Olivia Miles, Philip Decker
- 11 Russell Miles
- 12 Rose Cesal, Rachel Ulrich
- 14 Jared Schreckengast
- 15 Jean Brodie
- 20 Pat Lyons, Elsa Marie Schwaninger
- 21 Krista Seese, Lindsay Cappa
- 22 Lisa Mann
- 23 Natalee Lyons
- 24 Morgan Kemp, John Fike
- 25 Richard Foreman, Cherry Wood
- 26 Rusty Curling
- 30 Kelley Mixon
- 31 Amelia Gunn



- 1 Dana & Penny Walbridge
- 6 Brian & Terri Tarr
- 7 Gavin & Candi Miller
- 10 Bob & Shari Davis
- 18 Jim & Anna Harvey
- 22 Terry & Cheryl Dayton
- 23 Jay & Sharon Lister
- 28 Brian & Alycia Walbridge



## Leadership Team *meeting*



The Leadership Team will meet on Monday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m.

The October Congregational Business meeting will take place on Sunday, October 19 following lunch. Please bring a bag lunch, with drinks and desserts available. **Hospitality Team 3 will be in charge.**



All information for the CBM needs to be into Lee Ann by Thursday, October 9, for distribution on Sunday, October 12.

**NO** written reports are needed from Ministry Teams.

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 5

Sunday school (9:30 a.m.) and worship (10:45 a.m.) will be held in the Fellowship Hall for everyone.

During Sunday school, there will be a zoom meeting featuring a special guest, "Eugenia from Ukraine" (Eugenia Dolankina-Dremina).

As a vlogger, Eugenia chronicles the renewal of Christian life in Ukraine and will share practical wisdom on faith, dignity and civic courage—and how we can stand in solidarity.

Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

All are invited to attend!



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

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

- ♦ **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](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.



*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.*

### INTERESTED IN VISITING HISTORIC ST. MICHAELS?

With the fall approaching, it's a great time to bring your members to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in historic St. Michaels.

Experience maritime history and the distinctive culture of the Chesapeake Bay. Understand changes of the waterway as primarily a place to work to a place where people come to play. Take part in interactive exhibits while enjoying scenic views of the Miles River. Tour a working shipyard and discover the stories of the people who sailed, raced, used, designed and built boats.

Walk through 12 exhibition buildings, climb to the top of [Hoop-er Strait Lighthouse](#), step aboard [PATRIOT](#) for a narrated cruise on the Miles River, and the town of St. Michaels surrounding, with its boutique shopping and delicious dining, there's something for all to enjoy.

Come for an hour or stay for the day! From 15 to 100, we have group packages to fit your needs. Please take a moment to review the attached information to begin planning your next excursion. Reach out to me with any questions, or to discuss date availability

#### Elaine Phillips

Group Sales Coordinator  
Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum  
213 N. Talbot Street, St. Michaels,  
MD 21663  
Main: 410-745-2916 |  
Office: 410-745-4966



Congratulations to Corey and Nicole Edsall on the birth of their daughter, Delaney Jean. Delaney was born on September 19 at 5:46 p.m., weighed 8lbs., 10 oz. and was 20.5 inches. Delaney was welcomed home by big brother, Joey and big sister, Kate. Congratulations also to Delaney's Grammie, Renee Edsall and Mom Mom, Pete Fox.



### Witness Team

Witness is collecting Halloween Candy and Halloween decorations for the Talbot Inter-faith Shelter. They will be using the candy for the Talbot Humane Trunk or Treat in October. There will be a box in the Narthex for these items October 12th and October 19th.

# SERVING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

	10/5/2025	10/12/2025	10/19/2025	10/26/2025
Message	Pastor Jody Gunn	Tom Hill	Pastor Jody Gunn	Wanda Baynard
Worship Leader	Jane Marshall	Jay Lister	Kevin Wile	Mat Baynard
Head Usher/Sound	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard	A volunteer is needed
Deacons on Call	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox
Special Music	Amanda Manning & Peachblossom Bells	Jennifer Summy	Choir	
Flowers		Anne Harvey	Ellen & Kevin Wile	



## Love Has No Borders: Immigration Issues, Deportation and Today's Church Workshop

Phyllis Dodd will be doing a workshop with the Illinois Wisconsin District Church of the Brethren on Saturday, **October 4<sup>th</sup>** (by Zoom) and hope you may be interested .

The topic is **IMMIGRATION AND DEPORTATIONS**. Phyllis will be sharing stories about families with whom she has worked with over the years, discussing how they have been affected, and addressing the ongoing changes in law today, as well as what your church can do to help.

This online Zoom event will take place from 11:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time (10-11:30 a.m. Central Time)

Please see the flyer in your newsletter.

Phyllis is a social worker and Church of the Brethren member from Greensboro, Md., who has worked extensively in the fields of immigration and deportation cases for many years and wrote the book "Love Has No Borders: True Stories of Desperation as Seen by a Social Worker." A graduate of Juniata College, she has also served as refugee resettlement coordinator for Mid-Atlantic District and is a talented musician who plays bass with a local band.

There is no charge for this event, and anyone is welcome to attend. *Clergy can receive 0.15 CEU's for participating.* To register and receive the Zoom link, please contact the IL/WI District office at [iwdde@outlook.com](mailto:iwdde@outlook.com).

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

## Virtual Coffee Hour

Eugenia from Ukraine



Born in the final days of the Soviet Union and raised in the hard-hit Dnipro region, Jane is an internally displaced believer serving in Lviv. Through her vlog [Eugenia from Ukraine](#), Jane bears witness to the renewal of Christian life amid war—while advocating for freedom of conscience, resilient hope, and everyday acts of love in the Body of Christ.

October 5, 2025  
09:30 a.m. EST / 16:30 p.m. Kyiv



<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84686673122>  
Meeting ID: 846 8667 3122

For more information please contact B. Farbo at [bfarbo@gmail.com](mailto:bfarbo@gmail.com)

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Eugenia from Ukraine



**SUPPORT JANE  
AND  
THE NETTERS  
WITH  
A  
COFFEE**



<https://buymeacoffee.com/eugeniaukraine>



# PEACING IT TOGETHER

## Believing in Someday

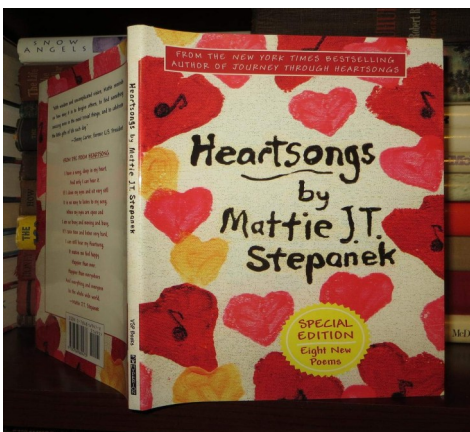
Maybe,  
Someday,  
We will all join hands  
And live together...  
Helping each other.  
Loving each other.  
Maybe,  
Someday,  
We will all make the world  
A much better place...  
And be like a gigantic,  
Smoothly rushing river of peace—  
A loving circle that nothing can break.  
Maybe,  
Someday,  
We may start with just one person,  
And one permanent peace agreement  
Within one's self, within one's world.

Personal peace can then spread  
Within and between the families,  
Then within and between communities,  
And then within and around the  
whole world.

Maybe,  
Someday,  
We can become  
A close to perfect  
As anything and anyone can get.  
Let us each join our own Heartsong  
With this old song of the heart, and  
believe...  
"Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me."

"Heartsongs"  
Written by Mattie J.T. Stepanek

August, 2000







# 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.



# LOVE has no BORDERS

Immigration issues, deportation, and today's church



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OCTOBER



10-11:30 a.m. CDT

Free

To register and receive  
Zoom link, email  
[iwdde@outlook.com](mailto:iwdde@outlook.com)



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Phyllis  
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# **CENTERED ON CHRIST**

58th Annual District Conference

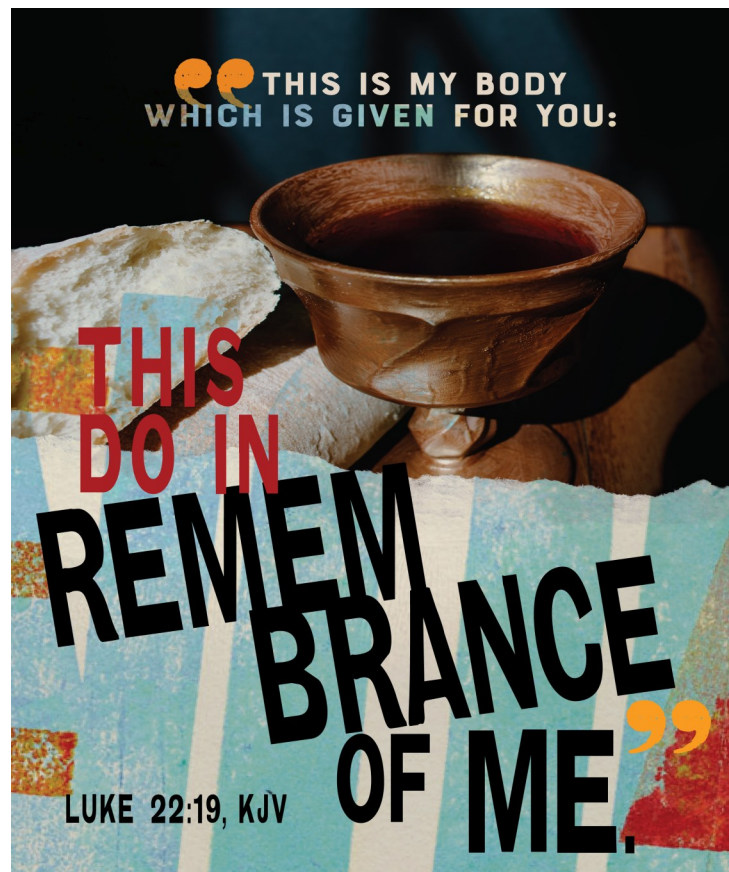
October 10 and 11, 2025

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Moderator-Elect – Frank Lezotte

Clerk – Judy Braune



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