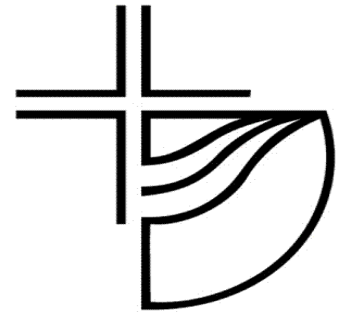


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November News 2026



Hard to believe it's already November! One word that bubbles up for me this time of year is “gratefulness.” Gratefulness is, according to a Google search, “the warm, deep state of being appreciative, thankful, and recognizing kindness or benefits received.” November is a month to reflect on the last 10-11 months. How has the year gone so far? What are my relationships like? For our church, we might ask “How have we helped to support one another or those outside the church walls in 2026? What have we appreciated and enjoyed? Have we observed kindness or been a recipient of kind actions? The Gospel of Matthew reminds us in chapter 22 what is God’s and what is not, in addition to Jesus sharing about the Greatest Commandment. So how do we stay focused on what is God’s? How do we love God, our neighbors, and ourselves each day? I am full of gratitude for the Easton Church of Brethren and the way you all keep showing up to make a difference with one another, our families, and our neighbors near and far. Loving one another is not always easy, but we keep working at it because it is what Jesus calls us to do.

Love, Pastor Jody



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



- 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
- 21 Cheynne Pearl Miller
- 22 Ruth Gunn
- 24 Coulby Miller, Sharon Caldwell, Carly Pearl Miller
- 26 Naïobi Turnage
- 28 Trey Haddaway
- 29 John Stichberry Jr.
- 30 Charles Eugene Schwaninger



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



The Leadership Team will meet on
Monday, November 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Leadership Team

meeting



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.

Vespers will be held in the church library on Wednesday evening, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.



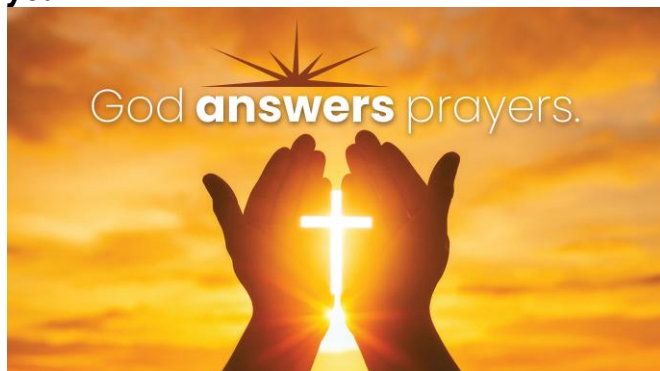
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Prayer List



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 Williams-Summy, Jenny Baldwin, Carol & Jeff Goss, Judy Musch, Mat Baynard, Joy Miller, Paula Colburn, Beau Orme, Jimmy Mullikin, Alan Boyd, Sharon Miller, Michael Anders, Jay Lewis, Terri Tarr, Ron Miller, Joyce Battle, Les Groves, Howard Miller, Carol Segar, 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, Holly Hill Jones (Larry Fike's stepdaughter), Cheryl Dayton, Chris Lyons, Ruth Gunn, Larry & Barbara McCann, Jeanette & Bob Miller, Bruce Butler, 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 names. Thank you!***



Worship Leaders Are Needed!!

We are always looking for new people to share their gifts! It does not take a lot of time--just a bit of preparation and a willingness to serve and it is only every 5-6 weeks that you will 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 us 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 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 Services of Talbot (NST)

Please contact Andy Hollis, Executive Director, if you are interested in volunteering at the center. Their phone number is 410-822-5015.

Talbot Interfaith Shelter

The 2026 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 to help make a meal. Please consider this ministry. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.**



SERVING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

	11/1/2026	11/8/2026	11/15/2026	11/22/2026	11/29/2026
Message	Pastor Jody Gunn	Darlene Dixon	Kevin Wile	Pastor Jody Gunn	Music Sunday
Worship Leader	Jane Marshall	Kevin Wile	Wanda Baynard	Jay Lister	Pastor Jody Gunn
Head Usher/Sound	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox
Deacons on Call	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Mat & Wanda Baynard
Special Music	Choir	Jennifer Summy	Amy Bachand	Handbells	Music Sunday
Flowers	Mat & Wanda Baynard				First Sunday of Adent



Congratulations to Stephen & Kaitlin Lednum on the birth of twin boys on Friday, October 23. Jacoby Monroe weighed 4 lbs., 9 oz., and Beckett Rhys, weighed 4 lbs., 14 oz. Congratulations to grandparents, Mark & Tracy Lednum and step-great grandmother, Betty Lednum.



Handbell and Choir practice continues Thursday evenings. Handbells at 6p and Choir at 7p.



All are welcome to join!



November 1,
2026

PEACING~IT TOGETHER

Long ago in a quiet valley nestled between rolling green hills, there lived a small village of farmers and foresters.

For many seasons, the community had known tension—disputes over the river's edge, divided opinions on the harvest, and weary hearts from long, hard winters.

On the eve of late autumn, as the frost began to silver the golden leaves, an old traveler named Thomas arrived at the village square. He carried no gold, only a wooden lute and a heavy clay pot.

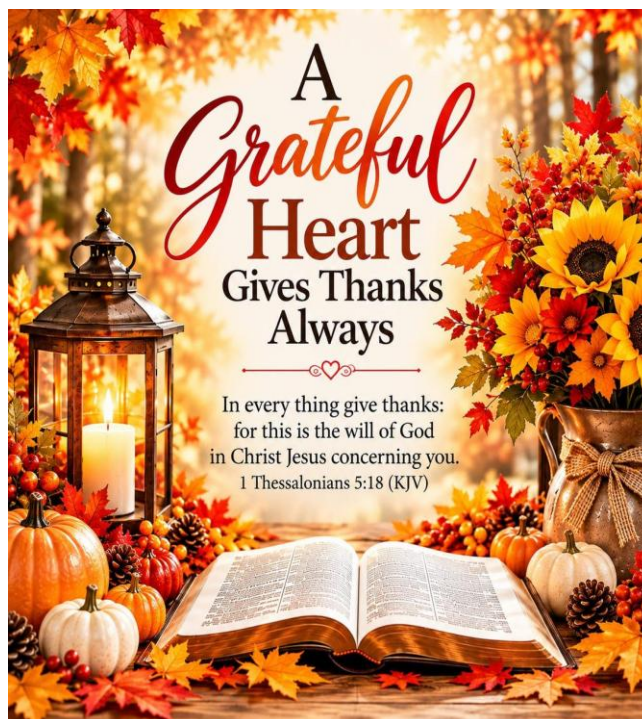
Thomas gathered the villagers around the central oak tree. Instead of asking for food or shelter, he built a small fire and set the clay pot over the embers, dropping in nothing more than a smooth, washed river stone and a handful of wild herbs.

"This is the stone of quiet minds," Thomas said softly. "It makes a wonderful broth, provided everyone adds a small offering of what they have plenty of."

Curious, the baker stepped forward and dropped in a handful of crushed grain. The miller brought a pinch of salt; the gardener added a bruised sweet onion; a child tossed in a handful of dried cranberries. By sunset, the pot bubbled with a rich, fragrant stew that filled the crisp air.

As they sat side by side on the wooden benches, sharing wooden bowls and breaking warm bread, the arguments of the past year melted away. They laughed about the weather, thanked the soil for its stubborn yield, and looked across the table at neighbors they had avoided for months.

That night, the valley grew still. The wind whispered through the pines, carrying no anger or worry—only a deep, steady quiet. From that day on, the villagers set aside one late autumn evening to gather under the great oak, empty their hearts of grievances, and fill their bowls—and their lives—with peace and thanksgiving.





Grateful Farewell – New Beginning

*Sharing news of Administrative transition
Effecting November 30th, 2026*

When I began this job in 2021, this community put a lot of faith in me to carry Camp Mardela through a challenging time. I did not take that responsibility lightly and did my best to help serve camp and this community. Through this, I have had the honor of witnessing amazing growth, life change, and community support at Camp Mardela. I have learned so much here, and I am so grateful for the time I've spent here.

God is now leading me in a new direction, and I will be resigning from this position effective November 30th, 2026. I am looking forward to a new opportunity to work in outdoor ministry and learn even more, and I know this opportunity would not have been possible without the lessons and community I gained here.

I am also hopeful for the future of Camp Mardela. There is such a strong community here supporting this camp, and in my absence, I know God will bring the right person to lead Camp Mardela into this next season. I ask that you join me in prayer and support for Camp Mardela during this time of transition. Thank you for allowing me to serve here for the past 6 years. It has been an honor.



With deepest gratitude,

Jennifer Williams-Summy

From generation to generation

When my church sponsored a late summer outing on a paddlewheel riverboat, everyone seemed a bit giddy to be together. That's understandable, since opportunities to be in person had been sorely limited for so long.

While the number of people who climbed aboard was more than I expected, even more surprising to me was the age range—from two to more than ninety-two, with just about every decade between. Who knew that a tranquil cruise up our local river would have such broad appeal?

Nowadays, church is one of the few places where all the generations belong to the same community. Babies are snuggled by older adults. Teenagers play with toddlers. Young adults counsel campers. Mentors pair up with mentees. Even the National Older Adult Conference is multigenerational, with an age range of some forty years. In a world where individuals sometimes feel separate from each other, a place to belong is a true treasure.

The apostle Paul, a mentor to young Timothy, celebrates the way faith is passed down from one generation to another: “I am reminded of your sincere faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you” (2 Timothy 1:5). This is so important that we know the names of Lois and Eunice.

One of the littlest ones on the riverboat cruise was Fae, not yet four years old. She and her siblings were there with their parents and grandparents. For some reason, she remembers me as her friend, even though we've barely met and she hasn't seen me for at least the length of a pandemic. But I'm thrilled to be Fae's friend and to see that her church family makes her smile.

Even congregations that don't have multiple generations within their walls have other generations nearby. Even those of us who aren't teachers or mentors or counselors can engage in the “work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 1:3). We belong to each other. Let's not miss the boat!

***This is one of the notes from Wendy
McFadden's book, "Notes to the Church"***

Wendy McFadden recently retired on July 31 as publisher of Brethren Press and executive director of Communications for the Church of the Brethren, after almost 45 years of service to the denomination.





Camp Mardela Dairy Queen Fundraiser

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Mon, Nov. 9th, 5pm-8pm

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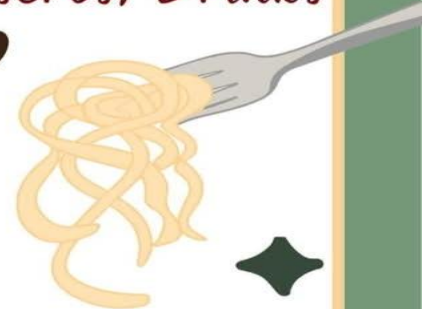
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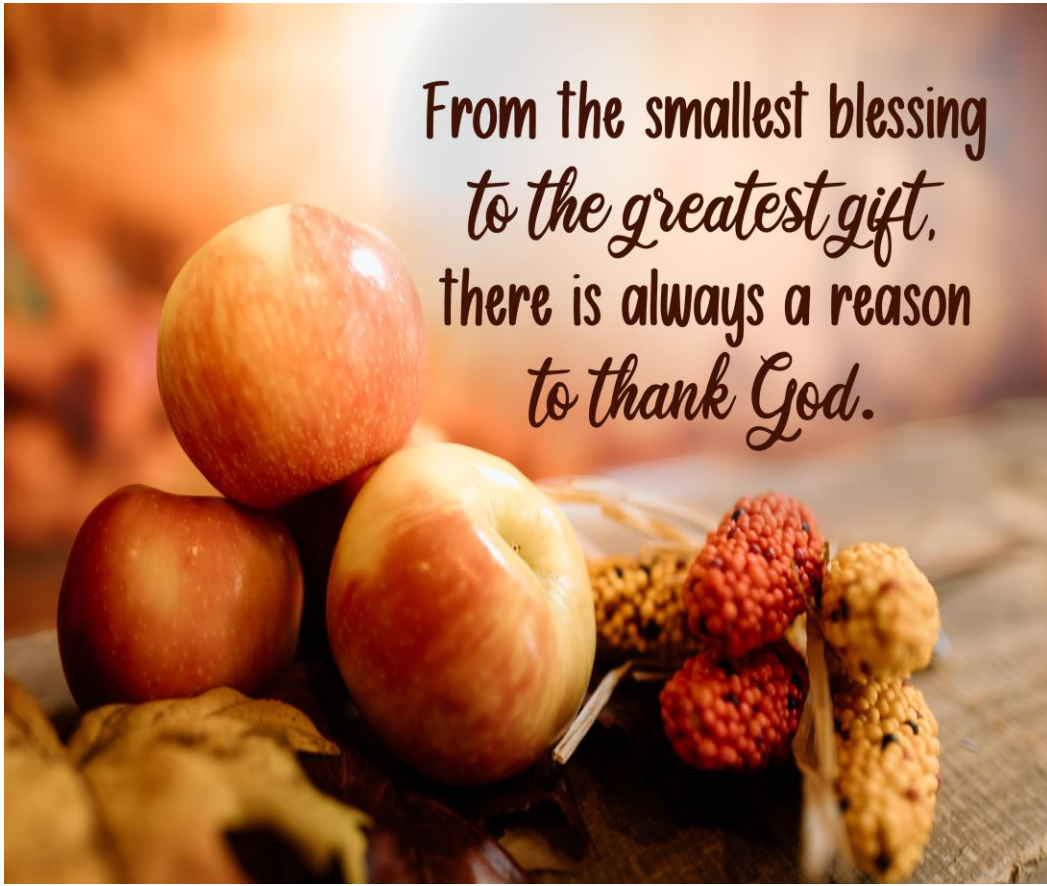
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