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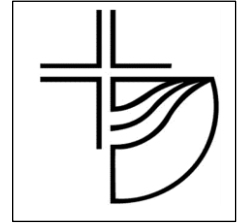
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OCTOBER 2026

WHY LOVE FEAST AND COMMUNION?

On Sunday, October 4, we will be holding a service of Love Feast and Communion in our Fellowship HALL. So why do Brethren find this ordinance so important? If baptism is a symbol of faith, transformation and separation from a sinful world, the Love Feast is a celebration of the purity, unity, and continuing regeneration of the saints. It was and is, without a doubt, the sacred climax of Brethren worship and devotion.

During the early years of the Church of the Brethren, Love Feast consisted of series of services, beginning on Saturday morning and ending the following day. Saturday began with a preaching service, followed by dinner. The dinner typically consisted of beef, bread and butter, apple butter, pies, and coffee. This would last for a couple of hours. Eventually, they would move into a time of "examination" during the late afternoon where they would prepare their hearts for Love Feast. During a final hymn, the brothers and sisters would congregate at separate tables. The washing of feet occurred in the "double mode" with two Brethren leading off...one washing and the other drying. When the feet washing service was completed, the Lord's Supper which consisted of beef (or mutton) and sop (broth) were eaten. This was a solemn, spiritual, time of reflection and meditation. More hymns would be sung while tables were cleared for the Communion Service of bread and grape juice. When the unity and harmony of the Brethren had been sealed with a "holy kiss", Communion could begin.

For us Brethren today, the Love Feast continues to be a central, sacred act and symbol of the church's life. This sacred event continues to remind us of the events of Jesus' final week with his disciples, and relationship of all disciples to one another and to the Christ we serve



Wanda Baynard
Christian Ed, chair

"Sharing the love and blessings of God with all."



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

The **Leadership Team** will meet on Monday, October 5 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 at Roundtop Church on Wednesday evening, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.



CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Following worship in the Fellowship Hall. All material for CBM needs to be into the office no later than Thursday, October 8.

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, the family of Debbie Russ, Paula Colburn, Beau Orme, Jimmy Mullikin, Lee Wildasin, 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) (Effective 9/1 – new name)

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 October 19. Volunteers are needed to help make a meal. Please consider this ministry. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.**



SERVING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

	10/4/2026	10/11/2026	10/18/2026	10/25/2026
Message	Love Feast & Communion	Wanda Baynard	Pastor Jody Gunn	TBA
Worship Leader	Jane Marshall	Mat Baynard	Kevin Wile	Lynn Butler
Head Usher/Sound	Mat Baynard	A volunteer	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard
Deacons on Call	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Mat & Wanda Baynard	Les & Marlena Groves	Jane Marshall/ Anne Harvey
Special Music	Love Feast & Communion	Peachblossom Bells	Choir	Carolyn Lane
Flowers			Kevin & Ellen Wile	Cheryl Dayton

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



All are welcome to join!



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Debbie Russ. Debbie passed away on September 1. A memorial service was held at the Fairview Church of the Brethren on Thursday, September 17.



PEACING~IT TOGETHER

WHAT IS KINDNESS?

Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, considerate, and helpful toward others.

Here are the core meanings of kindness:

- **As a Trait (Uncountable):** A gentle and caring disposition or state of mind.
- **As an Action (Countable):** A helpful or generous favor done for someone else.
- **Intentionality:** Going beyond just being "nice," kindness often involves a voluntary, selfless choice to support someone in need without expecting a reward

As we are approaching the months of Thanksgiving and the Christmas holiday, let us all remember that being kind to one another is important. God wants us to show kindness through active love, thoughtful words, and compassionate deeds that reflect His grace to everyone, even to those who are difficult to love.





Roman's 14:10-13

10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." 12 So then, each one of us will be held accountable. 13 Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother or sister.

Conference Emblem by CJ Bowman

2026 Mid-Atlantic DISTRICT CONFERENCE

October 9 & 10

CAMP MARDELA

301 Deep Shore Rd., Denton, MD 21629-3408

FRIDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE

Campfire Songs • Inspirational Stories • S'mores!

More information to follow as available



CAMP SUPPER SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

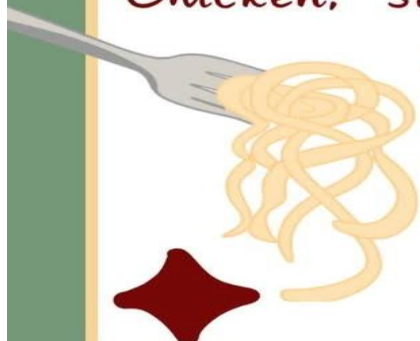
**November 14, 2026
4-7 PM**

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Per person

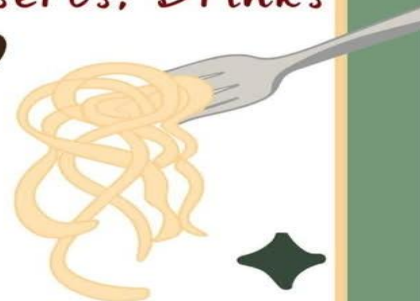
MENU:

Spaghetti, Tomato or Alfredo Sauce, Beef or Chicken, Salad, Garlic Bread, Desserts, Drinks

DINE-IN OR TO-GO



New Date
New Menu
Same Beautiful Place
**301 Deep Shore Rd
Denton, MD**



GRAB 'N' GO!



EASY & QUICK

Grab a meal and go—
no questions asked.



SENIORS 60+

Meals available for
Seniors 60 and older.

Meals provided by

Eat Sprout



EVERY TUESDAY

from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
or until we run out!



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Upper Shore Aging
Respect | Independence | Purpose

*Let the peace of
Christ rule in your hearts ...
and be thankful.*

COLOSSIANS 3:15, ESV



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