

EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Mission Statement

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



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May...With a “Spring” in it’s Step!

As we enter the month of May, let us celebrate this gorgeous month our Creator has made. The sun is warming, the birds are cheerfully singing, the flowers are blooming, and if you planted a garden, the tender sprouts are finding their way up through the soil.

“May” is likely named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Many things are happening this month. May 1 is May Day, which marks the return of Spring where you bring in branches of forsythia, lilac or other flowering shrubs from your yard. May 14 is Mother’s Day. Don’t forget! Do you have something planned to show appreciation for your mother? Those of us whose mother’s are no longer with us, perhaps we can take some time to reflect on what our mothers have meant to us. Perhaps you might like to plant a flowering shrub or tree in memory of her.

Did you know that May’s full moon, called the Flower Moon, appears on Friday May 5, reaching peak illumination at 1:36 p.m. The moon will be below the horizon at this time, so for the best view of this full moon, you will need to step outside on the night of the 4 or 5 and look for that big, bright, shining lunar disk. Happy moon viewing!

Easter Sundays continue into the month of May with Ascension Sunday, May 21 and Pentecost Sunday (celebrating the activity of the Holy Spirit on the Church) on May 31.

May you be blessed as we enter this beautiful month of “May”.





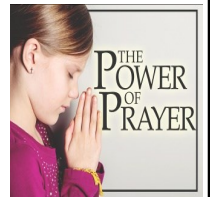
- 4 Charlene Cabrera
- 5 Matthew Ball
- 6 Elisa Miller, Cheryl Hughes, Lucy Carrion
- 7 Susan Lohr, Ken Russ, Les Groves
- 8 Dan Ulrich
- 10 Susan Walbridge
- 12 Matthew Mullikin, Gary North
- 13 Mischelle Nalley
- 14 Becca Walbridge
- 15 Doug Rathell
- 16 Dana Walbridge
- 17 Eric Plagge, Adrienne Eve Schwaninger
- 19 Christopher Fox, Brian Walbridge, Ellen Wile
- 21 Beth Fluharty
- 22 Dan Schwaninger
- 23 Terri Lednum, Virginia Turkington
- 24 Robin Valliant, Ken Cober, Gregory North, Tristan Walbridge
- 25 Sam Fike, J.D. Correa, Cathy Nalley
- 27 John Evans
- 28 CJ Grubbs
- 29 Joy Marshall, Linda Mattox
- 30 Mike Jacobs
- 31 Grant Hagenberger



- 1 Greg & Tammy Haddaway
- 6 Kevin & Kellee Kinsey
- 7 Steve & Makaran Mullikin
- 21 Brent & Melissa Johnson
Christopher & Katie Fox
- 22 Bill & Sharon Schuyler

Our Prayer List

Please pray especially for the following individuals and their families: for those who have contracted COVID-19, 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 Misti Green, Mark Johnson, John Merceron, John Eason, Dave Pyper, Mike Moore, Amy Bachand, Brenda Wooden, David Hutchison, Mary Lou Segar, Frances Morse, Scott Baynard, Bruce Butler, Bonnie Langford, Jimmy & Loretta Lohr, Sandy Showell, Ruth Gunn, Charlie Willis, Adele Pogue, Caitlyn Bussey, Theresa, (co-worker of Terri Tarr), Doris Schwaninger, Wyatt Ewing, Kathy Spurry, Billy Harding, Larry Fike, Alan Segar, GraceWay CoB, Roger Plagge, Dee Candel, Lois Schall, Natalee Jones, continuous prayers for our church family in Nigeria, continued prayers for Comfort Amos, Emerson Fike, Katelyn Howard. 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.

Special Music for May

- May 7 Liz Wildasin
- May 14 Choir
- May 21 Ellen Wile
- May 29 Joy Miller



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. **Consider bringing in your non-perishable items when church re-opens.**

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 2023 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 is May 19, 2023.** Two volunteers are needed for three shifts. The meal is covered for May. Please sign-up in the narthex.

Significance of the National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as an annual event, signifies that prayer is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning.

Like Thanksgiving or Christmas, this day has become a national observance placed on all Hallmark calendars and observed annually across the nation and in Washington, D.C. Every year, local, state, and federal observances were held from sunrise in Maine to sunset in Hawaii, uniting Americans from all socio-economic, political and ethnic backgrounds in prayer for our nation. It is estimated that over two million people attended more than 30,000 observances – organized by approximately 40,000 volunteers. At state capitols, county court houses, on the steps of city halls, and in schools, businesses, churches and homes, people stopped their activities and gathered for prayer.



In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, designating the NDP as the first Thursday in May.

This year we will celebrate NDP on May 4, 2023.

www.nationaldayofprayer.org

Offering & Attendance for April

<u>Attendance</u>	42	54	44	40	32	212
	4/2/2023	4/9/2023	4/16/2023	4/23/2023	4/30/2023	Totals
Distributions						0.00
<i>General (06)</i>						
Envelopes	1,915.00	1,150.00	1,350.00	2,135.00	1,470.00	8,020.00
Loose Change/ Cash	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	70.00
Total	1,915.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	2,135.00	1,490.00	8,090.00
Other Income (06)						
Harrison St. Rent	1,500.00				1,500.00	3,000.00
Washington St. Rent		1,700.00				1,700.00
Totals	1,500.00	1,700.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	4,700.00
Special Offer- ings (07)						
Hospitality In Kind						0.00
Emergency Food Need	4.75					4.75
Messenger Subscriptions	29.00		41.50	27.00	27.00	124.50
Witness Char- ities						
Emergency Food Need	100.00					100.00
Totals	1,633.75	1,700.00	41.50	27.00	1,527.00	4,929.25
Totals	5,048.75	4,600.00	1,391.50	2,162.00	4,517.00	17,719.25



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Misti Green. Misti passed away on Wednesday, April 26. There will be a remembrance gathering on Saturday, May 20. More details will

come in the next week.

We pray Christ presence and love to Misti's family and friends.

Special dates in May

- National Day of Prayer, May 4, 2023
- Mother's Day, May 14, 2023
- Ascension Day, May 18, 2023
- Armed Forces Day, May 20, 2023
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 22, 2023
- Pentecost, May 28, 2023
- Memorial Day, May 29, 2023

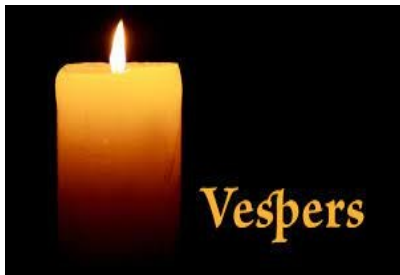
Camp Mardela News—from Jen Summy, Camp Administrator

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- ◆ There are several copies of Camp Mardela's newsletter "The Lane" in the narthex.
- ◆ **Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser: May 1, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** This event is held in Seaford, DE.
- ◆ **Camp Clean-Up Day - Saturday, May 13th, 9am-5pm:** In lieu of the church clean-up responsibilities, we will clean all of the areas of camp during this service day, in addition to any other maintenance or organization that needs to happen. Lunch will be provided at noon for all volunteers who attend. If at least 1 representative from each church can come and help lead the charge in your traditionally designated area, then we can assign the remaining volunteers who come on Saturday to those areas as needed. **Easton is responsible for cabin 1 and House of Esther.**
- ◆ **Camp's 75th Birthday: May 21, 2023 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** Join us as we kick-off our anniversary celebrations, complete with all of the traditional birthday fun! This event is free and open to all who want to celebrate with us!
- ◆ **Summer Camp season begins: June 25 through August 5.** Early bird discount receive 10% until June 1. Bring a friend: Camper and friend receive 10%, Your church pays 50%, Scholarship varies...application on website.
- ◆ **Camp's 75th Anniversary Week-end: September 1-3, 2023.** During Family Camp we will have presentations, displays, and activities celebrating 75 years. Meals and lodging will be available by registration, which will open February, 2023. **Registration will open online on May 1.**
- ◆ **Scrip Fundraiser:** We are still running our Scrip fundraising program! Order gift cards through Scrip and Camp Mardela gets a percentage of the sales. Register and order cards at www.shopwithscrip.com. Contact campmardela@gmail.com for the registration code or any other questions.

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.

Vespers will be held on Wednesday evening, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Little Roundtop. Please join us for an evening of worship, hymns and prayer.



Happy Mother's Day!

Being a full-time
mother is one of
the highest
salaried jobs...
since the payment
is pure Love.

MILDRED B. VERMONT

WWW.VIBESTQUOTES.COM

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Please post this on a bulletin board in your church. Thank you!

Special Item Donation

Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction

**Do you have a special item of high value
that you would be willing to donate to the
Disaster Response Auction on May 6, 2023?**

Such as...



Valuable Crafts



Antiques



Gift Baskets



Artwork



Destinations



Fine Woodworking

**Please call Jeff McKee at 443-547-5958 or
email a photo with description to auctionbooklet@comcast.net**

A photo and description needs to be received by February 10th to be published in the booklet!

Tidewater Singers

Ellen Wile, Artistic Director

Words to the Wise



A celebration of poetry in music from the Renaissance to the 21st century.

Friday, May 12

7 pm at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Easton

Saturday, May 13

7 pm at St. Paul's Church, Oxford

Admission \$12 at the door, \$10 if purchased at
tidewatersingers.org



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CAMP MARDELA CLEAN-UP DAY

**Saturday
May 13
9am-5pm**

WORK LIST:

Summer Camp Prep

Set-up sports equipment, clean & organize program areas.

Buildings & Grounds

Clean cabins, bath houses, pavilion, buildings & trails.

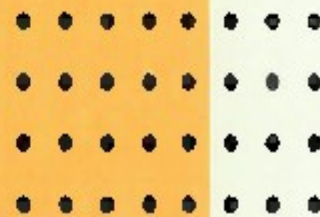
Maintenance Projects

Clear RV sites, cut wood, power wash buildings.

BYOT: Bring
your own
tools.

Lunch
Provided at
12pm

Service
Hours for
Students.



www.campmardela.org/service-days

do JUSTICE
love KINDNESS
walk HUMBLLY
with your God

Micah 6:8, NRSV



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