

# EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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## Mission Statement

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



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## AUTUMN

Although I like each season,  
There's none I hold more dear  
Than in these bright blue-amber days  
When Autumn time is here.

The hills are flaunting red and gold  
To mark October's day;  
A view that is so dazzling  
It takes our breath away.

The tawny leaves so peaceful,  
The harvest gathered in,  
Our barns and bins now overflow  
With God's good gifts again.

The Sugar Maple trees aflame  
'Neath sky of sapphire blue;  
A picture only God can print  
And send each year anew.

I count all seasons beautiful,  
Each one our Lord has blessed,  
But none uplifts my heart so much  
As Autumn's ean caress.

—*Kay Hoffman*



## Special music for October

October 1      Choir  
 October 8      Ellen Wile  
 October 15     Cheryl Dayton  
 October 22     Hand Bells  
 October 29     Choir



The Leadership Team will meet on Monday, October 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the library.



The Congregational Business meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m. following lunch. Please bring a bag lunch...drinks and desserts will be provided. Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline to submit material for the packet is Wednesday October 4, for distribution to the congregation on Sunday, October 8.

The HOW of being people worth listening to is by letting our lives be filled with God himself.

The WHY of being people worth listening to is because we are his, and he wants us to radiate him.    **--Carol Mayhall**



- 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
- 13     Doris Schwaninger
- 14     Jared Schreckengast
- 15     Jean Brodie
- 17     Mike Starkey
- 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



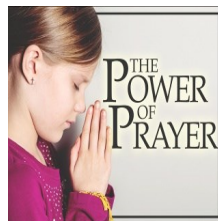
- 1      Dana & Penny Walbridge
- 6      Brian & Terri Tarr
- 10     Bob & Shari Davis
- 18     Jim & Anna Harvey
- 22     Terry & Cheryl Dayton
- 23     Jay & Sharon Lister
- 28     Brian & Alycia Walbridge





# 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, Camp Mardela and administrator Jennifer Summy, Rick Scott, Jack Wheatley, Chuck Davis, Leroy Miller, Lynn Butler, Jeanette Miller, John Merceron, Mike Moore, Brenda Wooden, David Hutchison, Mary Lou Segar, Frances Morse, Scott Baynard, Bruce Butler, Jimmy & Loretta Lohr, 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.***



Congratulations to Sara and Casey Booth on the birth of their son, James David Booth.



James made his appearance early in the wee hours of Sunday September 10th, 2023 at 12:06 AM. He weighed 8lbs 12 oz and was 20 inches long. Sara, Casey and Ella are over the moon in love with this sweet babe and have enjoyed these extra days with him in the world.

## Gathered as one body

On World Communion Sunday, observed this year on October 1, Christians across the globe gather at the Lord's Table for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lord's Table stretches around the entire earth. Catholic Christians, Coptic Christians, Orthodox Christians, Reformed Christians, Evangelical Christians, Lutheran Christians, Baptist Christians, Anglican Christians, Methodist Christians, Christians who worship in churches bearing names that are unfamiliar to us — all join in worship and do what Christ asked his friends to do: remember him!

“Do this in remembrance of me,” Jesus said during the Last Supper with his disciples. Then he broke bread as a reminder of his sacrificed body and lifted the cup of wine representing his blood. The sacrament is a vivid symbol of Christ's sacrifice, love and forgiveness for each of us.

As we gather as Christ's family around that table of grace, remember that we are united in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world. “In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth” (John Oxenham).

Thank you, Lord!

*Newsletter Newsletter*

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Join us for worship on Sunday, October 1, as we observed World Communion Sunday. Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m. Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. We will gather in the fellowship hall; Love feast and communion will be part of worship. Pastor Jody will be leading the service.

## 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 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 will be October 19.** Two volunteers are needed for three shifts. The meal is covered for October. Please sign-up in the narthex.

# Offering & Attendance for September

<i>Attendance</i>		23	34	32	89	
	9/3/23	9/08/2023	9/10/23	9/17/23	9/24/23	Totals
<i>Distributions</i>						
<i>General (06)</i>						
Envelopes		6,475.51	1,760.00	1,560.00	1,540.00	11,335.51
Loose Change/Cash		0.00	40.00	25.00	43.00	108.00
Total Before Prepaid Tithes		6,475.51	1,800.00	1,585.00	1,583.00	11,443.51
	F					
	A					
<i>Other Income (06)</i>	M					
Building Use	I					
Harrison St. Rent	L	1,500.00				1,500.00
Washington St Rent	Y		1,700.00			1,700.00
Totals	0.00	1,500.00	1,700.00	0.00	0.00	3,200.00
<i>Special Offerings (07)</i>						
	C					0.00
In & Out	A					
Mission Offering	M			10.00		10.00
Round Top	P				100.00	100.00
Totals	0.00	1,500.00	1,700.00	10.00	100.00	3,310.00
Totals	0.00	9,475.51	5,200.00	1,595.00	1,683.00	17,953.51

# SERVING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

	10/1/2023	10/8/2023	10/15/2023	10/22/2023	10/29/2023
<b>Message</b>	Jody Gunn	Wanda Baynard	Jody Gunn	Jenifer Summy	Caitlin Daly
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jane Marshall	Mat Baynard	Sharon Miller	Kevin Wile	Wanda Baynard
<b>Head Usher/Sound</b>	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard
<b>Deacons on Call</b>	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Mat & Wanda Baynard
<b>Special Music</b>	Choir	Ellen Wile	Cheryl Dayton	Hand Bells	Choir
<b>Flowers</b>			Kevin & Ellen Wile		Cheryl Dayton

## Camp Mardela News—from Jen Summy, Camp Administrator

- ◆ Camp Supper was held on September 17. 425 dinners were sold and gross \$7,000. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's dinner a success.
- ◆ Bird Retreat: October 20-22
- ◆ Fall Service Day: November 11, 9-5p.
- ◆ Sights & Sounds of Christmas: December 9th & 16th
- ◆ Krabill Hall fundraiser continues. Send donations to camp or online ([www.campmardela.org](http://www.campmardela.org)/ payments).
- ◆ Brick Sale: Order bricks with custom text to put in the brick garden at the Peace Pole. 4x8 for \$75 and 8x8 for \$125. Profits from these sales will go towards heat and AC in Krabill Hall.
- ◆ 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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Contact [campmardela@gmail.com](mailto:campmardela@gmail.com) for the registration code or any other questions



## New relationships and a new heart

*By Chandler Poling, Brethren Volunteer Service Unit #204*

After graduation from high school, I decided to enter Brethren Volunteer Service. I spent a year (1992-1993) at San Antonio Catholic Worker House, an intentional community that provided hospitality to families and individuals who needed a place to live or a hot meal.



On weekdays, we cooked a hot lunch and served it to roughly 50 people. We offered four rooms for families who needed a temporary place to live. We met basic needs, but the real aim of the work was solidarity. Families and workers lived in the same house, prayed, and ate meals together. Our guests were sometimes grateful and cooperative, sometimes manipulative or aggressive. Some were mothers fleeing a violent husband. Some, with breath smelling of alcohol, came every day for lunch before returning to their spot under the bridge. The abstract idea of “the homeless” was no longer meaningful to me as I built relationships with real human beings: Cowboy, Katharine, Juan, and others.

When I was a child, my family never missed a meal or worried about where we would sleep that night. I never feared that dad or mom would come home drunk or stay out late. I never feared violence or verbal abuse. I never realized that life could be any different for other people.

Those of us who have all our needs met face a temptation when thinking about people who are “poor,” “homeless,” or “mentally ill.” We may be tempted to blame them for their situation, or dismiss them as “bums.” On the other hand, we might romanticize them as victims, and offer condescending charity. Both responses dismiss the full humanity of our struggling brothers and sisters. The “poor” are not all the same. Each is a human person made in the image and likeness of God, worthy of love, yet vulnerable to the same frailties as all of us.

BVS allowed me to build relationships with people I never would have met, and this changed my heart, making me more aware of the value of each person. As Jesus said: “Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” When we listen and share our lives with those who are in need, we encounter Jesus, and our hearts are transformed.

*Chandler Poling lives in Vermont with his wife, Stefanie, and three children: Elias, Mariam, and John. He teaches music and works in a non-profit whose goal is to end homelessness.*

*This reflection was originally featured in the summer issue of “The Volunteer,” a publication by Brethren Volunteer Service. Learn more about this Core Ministry of the Church of the Brethren and upcoming opportunities to grow in relationships and be transformed at [www.brethren.org/bvs](http://www.brethren.org/bvs). Support BVS today at [www.brethren.org/giveBVS](http://www.brethren.org/giveBVS).*

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# Halloween

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- GHOST
- SCARY
- BATS
- CHILDREN
- CANDY CORN
- TREATS
- JACKO LANTERN
- FALL
- WITCHES
- FUNNY
- LEAVES
- SPIDERS
- COSTUMES
- PUMPKIN
- HAPPY
- BROOM
- EYEBALLS
- DECORATIONS
- MIDNIGHT
- GOBLINS
- BOO
- TRICKS
- MONSTERS





# Keeping Krabill COOL!

Krabill has been the coolest place at camp for many years. We want to help make it even COOLER (literally and figuratively). These are our plans to make Krabill even cooler for years to come:

- Ductless Heat & Air Conditioning
- Repair/replace old refrigerator units
- Improve insulation of the building
- Improve plumbing



Fundraising Goal:

\$50,000.00

18% of our goal!

\$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

Make a donation at  
[www.campmardela.org/payments](http://www.campmardela.org/payments)  
or send donations to  
P.O. Box 460, Denton, MD 21629

June 11 - \$9,127.00





*Left window panel drawings submitted by the children of the Manassas and Fairview congregations.  
Right window panel drawings submitted by the children of the Friendship congregation.*

Mid-Atlantic District 2023

# District Conference

Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7

Manassas Church of the Brethren

<http://www.madcob.com/districtconference/>

## We Are All God's Children

1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 25-27

Saturday morning Bible Study - Jody Gunn

Friday Evening Concert - Please Share Your Musical Gifts

We are seeking individuals or groups who would like to share their vocal or instrumental music selections with us either in person or via a recording. If you're a musician or part of a church music group, please send your submission for our Friday evening concert. Please follow this link to a letter sent to churches earlier this year that explains the details.

[Call for Friday Night Concert Performances](#)



**CAMP MARDELA**

# *Birding Retreat*

**OCT. 20 10AM - OCT. 22 5PM**

Directors:

Doug & Sally Ruby

Activities:

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge

Little Creek

Ocean City Inlet

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

Blackwater National Refuge

Registration  
due by Oct.  
13th, 2023 at  
[campmardela.  
org/camp-  
programs](http://campmardela.org/camp-programs)





# CAMP MARDELA SERVICE DAYS

**Nov. 11,  
9am - 5pm**

Camp winterizing,  
Christmas  
decorating, Put  
Away Camp  
Activities, Cleaning,  
Organizing, etc.

Some  
supplies  
provided, or  
bring your  
own!

**Every Thursday  
9am-3pm**

Maintenance,  
Organizing, Painting,  
Cleaning, Repairs,  
Yard/Garden Work,  
Lumberjacking, etc.

**Lunch provided  
on all service  
days!  
12:00pm-1:00pm**

There are many ways to  
support camp, but one of our  
biggest needs are service  
volunteers to maintain the  
camp property.



CAMP MARDELA

DEC

9 & 16

5pm-8pm

# Sights & Sounds of CHRISTMAS

FEE

\$5/car

All activities  
included



Live Music - Christmas Lights - Crafts - Tree Auction - Food

**301 Deep Shore Road, Denton, MD**

[www.campmardela.org/christmas-22](http://www.campmardela.org/christmas-22)

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

Colossians 3:15



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