

EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Mission Statement

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



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CAMP MARDELA—75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Camp Mardela, a Church of the Brethren camp was established in 1948 and sits next to Martinak State Park. The camp owns approximately 120 acres of land. Camp Mardela has always sought to provide children and adults with opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and recreation in a setting that deepens their appreciation of God’s creation.

As a camper, I remember having wonderful experiences at Camp Mardela. I remember going to morning watch and singing praise songs to begin the day and then walking down the trail to Moss Hill for evening vespers. During the day, campers would gather into small groups. Each “small group” would clear a space out in the woods which would be our woodsy home during the week. We learned to lash limbs together to make a table, made sit-upons out of newspapers and enjoyed grilling hotdogs, eating Hunters stew, and roasting marshmallows for s’mores. A week at Camp Mardela during the summer was indeed a growing experience for me. I could tell you more, but may not have the space.

Camp Mardela continues to provide children and adults with a wonderful camping experience, in the surroundings of God’s awesome creation. Although the camping program is somewhat different from when I was a camper, it continues to provide the camper with an opportunity for Christian growth through relationships between leaders and counselors, Bible study, outdoor activities, etc.. .

Camp Mardela's 75th Anniversary Weekend is the weekend of September 1-3. Come join others at Family Camp as we celebrate this event with special presentations, activities and more. Come celebrate with the whole camp family!

Wanda Baynard





- 1 Sallie Griswold
- 2 Alex Malaney, Janet Golt, Billy Loscomb, Chris Lyons
- 4 Amie Lednum Sharp
- 6 John Trax, Kai Kelly
- 7 Gary Faulkner
- 8 Ellen Sherwood, Zachary Kinsey
- 9 Chuck Davis, Betty Sanger
- 10 Mat Baynard, Jane Marshall
- 11 Dylan Faulkner
- 13 Brandt Wooters, Londyn Honeman
- 14 Jaxon Levi Fox, Joel Lohr
- 16 Charles Schwaninger
- 17 Jim Lohr, Adeline Grace Kelley
- 18 Bill Schuyler
- 20 Robyn Glass
- 21 Makayla Mullikin, Katelynn Miles
- 22 Jamie Crannell
- 23 Eric Harvey, Sarah Price
- 24 Kip Wood, Darin Jones
- 25 Sarah Scaglione
- 26 Kelsey Basel, Greg Mullikin
- 28 Josie Berkey, Tammy Haddaway
- 29 Cameron Edsall, Ladainian Jones



Special music for September

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| September 3 | Family Camp |
| September 10 | Joy Miller |
| September 17 | Choir |
| September 24 | Cheryl Dayton |

Choir and Handbells start practices on Thursday, September 7, Bells @ 6:30p, Choir @ 7:30p. All are welcome! Practices will be in Fellowship Hall.



- 2 Randy & Susan Walbridge
- 6 David & Joy Phelps
- 9 Bill & Laurie Schnaitman
- 19 Mark & Tammy Miller
- 20 Les & Marlena Groves
- 24 Geoff & Lee Ann Fox
- 28 Tom & Janet Golt
- 29 Emerson & Karen Tarr, Adam & Julie Schwaninger
- 30 James & Sallie Griswold, Walt & Cheryl Hoevenaars



The Leadership Team will meet on Monday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the library.

Witness Team collecting Hygiene Items

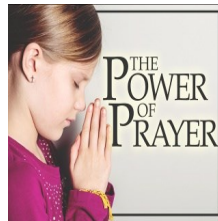
From September 17 through September 24, we are collecting hygiene items to be taken to District Conference. Items needed are: 1 gallon zip-lock bag, 1 hand towel, (15x 28" to 16" x 32", no fingertip, bath, dish or micro-fiber towels), 1 washcloth, 1 6" wide tooth comb (No pocket combs or picks), 1 fingernail file or toenail clippers (remove from package), 1 toothbrush in original package, 10 standard size band-aids.

All items will be packed during an assembly workshop, during conference, Saturday, October 7.

Any questions please see Anne Harvey, Witness Team 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, Camp Mardela and administrator Jennifer Summy, for the family of Nathan Scott Kelley, Chuck Davis, Leroy Miller, Lynn Butler, Jeanette Miller, John Merceron, John Eason, 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.***



With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to Pat Harvey and family in the passing of Pat's father, Alan "Pete" Lovelace. Mr. Lovelace passed away on July 14. A celebration of life was held in Cody Wyoming on Monday, August 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the Valley Ranch on the Upper Southfork. Interment and fellowship will be held at Old Wye Church in Wye Mills, Maryland on September 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. We pray Christ presence and love to Mr. Lovelace's family and friends



Our deepest sympathy to Camryn Phillips and her family at the death of their beautiful Nathan Scott Kelley. Nathan passed away on Saturday, July 29 at the age of 3. Nathan's service was held on Friday, August 3 in Tilghman. Please continue your prayers for the Phillips, Saulsbury/Scott family. We pray Christ presence and love to Nathan's family.

Thank you note from Barbara Saulsbury

Our hearts were saddened on the death of my great-grandson, Nathan Scott Kelley, on July 29, 2023. He was the son of Camryn Phillips and grandson of Jennifer Saulsbury. A memorial service for family was held on August 3rd in Tilghman and on August 11th a candlelight vigil was held in Denton in memory of Nathan. On behalf of our family, please know your prayers, as well as expressions of sympathy, love and support are so much appreciated and will help to carry us through this season of sorrow. Nathan will live on in our hearts and we are thankful he is safe in the arms of Jesus.

Barbara Saulsbury

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

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

Offering & Attendance for August

<i>Attendance</i>	33	30	27	26	116
	8/6/23	8/13/23	8/20/23	8/27/23	Totals
<u>Distributions</u>					
<i>General (06)</i>					
Envelopes	9,155.61	7,785.61	8,285.61	995.00	26,221.83
Loose Change/Cash	0.00	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00
Total Before Prepaid Tithes	9,155.61	7,830.61	8,285.61	995.00	26,266.83
<i>Other Income (06)</i>					
Building Use					
Wednesday Night Beginners			720.00		720.00
Harrison St. Rent	1,500.00				1,500.00
Washington St Rent		1,700.00			1,700.00
Totals	1,500.00	1,700.00	720.00	0.00	3,920.00
<i>Special Offerings (07)</i>					
Totals	1,500.00	1,700.00	720.00	0.00	3,920.00
Totals	12,155.61	11,230.61	9,725.61	995.00	34,106.83

SERVING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

	9/3/2023	9/10/2023	9/17/2023	9/24/2023
Message	Family Camp	Pastor Jody Gunn	Peace Sunday	TBA
Worship Leader	No service	Wanda Baynard	Jody Gunn	Cheryl Dayton
Head Usher/Sound	No service	Ronnie Miller	Ronnie Miller	Ronnie Miller
Deacons on call	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox	Mat & Wanda Baynard	Les & Marlena Groves	Jane Marshall/ Anne Harvey
Special Music	No service	Joy Miller	Choir	Cheryl Dayton
Flowers	No service			Anne Harvey

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE/WORLD PEACE DAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Two decades later, 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate the day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire. The day is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. Never has our world needed peace more.



Our world needs peace—now more than ever. Yet conflict, rising inequalities, persistent injustices, humanity’s war on nature and a global financial system that is outdated, dysfunctional and unfair, are blocking the path to peace.

This year’s International Day of Peace will focus on “Actions for Peace” and how the sustainable development goals are essential to preventing conflict and maintaining peace.

Peace Sunday September 17, 2023

Please join us on September 17 for Peace Sunday. Our worship will be built around peace and a short video (sermon) will be shown. We encourage everyone to attend this service. Worship service will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Camp Mardela News—from Jen Summy, Camp Administrator

Camp Mardela News Camp Mardela News from Jen Summy:

- ◆ **Camp's Anniversary Week-end: September 1-3, 2023.** During Family Camp we will have presentations, displays, and activities celebrating 75 years. Registration is now open. Bruce and Stacey Layton will be directors for this years family camp.
- ◆ **Camp Supper:** September 16 from 4-7p.
- ◆ **Bird Retreat:** October 20-22
- ◆ **Fall Service Day:** November 11, 9-5p.
- ◆ **Krabill Hall fundraiser continues.** Send donations to camp or online (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. Contact campmardela@gmail.com for the registration code or any other questions.

We had an amazing summer at Camp Mardela! We were very excited to see many campers: new and old, coming to join us for these weeks of camp. Here are the statistics:

- ◆ 38 winter retreat campers.
- ◆ 110 summer campers
- ◆ Approximately 40% of those campers were first-time Camp Mardela campers.

There are still two camps coming up in the fall; Family Camp and the Birding Retreat. Overall, the camp ministry is recovering from the slow down from the pandemic, and we are getting to minister to many new people, and continuing to nourish relationships with past campers as well.

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.



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
or send donations to
P.O. Box 460, Denton, MD 21629

June 11 - \$9,127.00



FAMILY CAMP

**75TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION!**

History | Games | Camp Activities | Music | & more!

Register Online: www.campmardela.org/camp-programs



CAMP
MARDELA

Camp Supper

FUNDRAISER

Sept. 16th, 2023

4:00 PM - 7:00PM

301 Deep Shore Rd,
Denton, MD

\$12 - *minimum
donation*

Menu

Ham	Dressing
Turkey	Coleslaw
Mashed potatoes	Rolls
Green beans	Desserts
Sweet potatoes	Beverages

***Dine in or carry out
First come first serve***





Mid-Atlantic District

Deacon Retreat

Saturday, Sept. 16th 10:00am-3:00pm

Union Bridge Church of the Brethren

124 S Main St Union Bridge MD

*Open to any deacons/church leadership seeking
a better understanding of the role of a deacon.*

Zoom option will be available.

Lunch will be included for those attending in person.

Details to follow

53rd Annual

Dunker Church Service



September 17, 2023, 3:00 PM

at the little white "Dunker Church" on the
Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD

Guest Speaker

Carol Scheppard

"Being the Church on a Battlefield"

Dr. Scheppard is on the faculty of Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA, in the Department of Philosophy and Religion. She also served as Moderator of the Church of the Brethren in 2016-2017.

The service this year is on the actual date of the Battle of Antietam, September 17, 161 years ago.

All are welcome to worship with us.



*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



EVERY DAY
I WILL
BLESS YOU
AND PRAISE
YOUR NAME
FOREVER
AND EVER.

PSALM 145:2

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