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Mission Statement

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



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NOVEMBER: "A MONTH TO GIVE THANKS AND COUNT OUR BLESSINGS"

"O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107: 1

November's name has remained unchanged since the ancient Roman calendar, which was in use until 45BC. The Roman calendar was made up of only ten months, with November being the ninth month. November actually translates quite appropriately into "ninth month" in Latin. Once the Julian calendar was adopted in 45BC, two new months were added, which pushed November back to the eleventh month. Despite it's change in position, November was never renamed.

For me, November is the month Thanksgiving is celebrated. Did you now that Thanksgiving has been celebrated since 1621? The first Thanksgiving was a feast celebrating the first bountiful harvest of the pilgrims of Plymouth and New England. We still celebrate in a similar way, with our families coming together, enjoying a delicious meal of turkey and pumpkin pie. We gather around the table holding hands, thanking God for the delicious food and all the many blessings he has given us.

Thanking God in everything increases our connection to God and helps us to grow closer to Him by seeing just how present his hand is in every part of our lives .

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Wanda Baynard Christian Education Chair





Special music for November

November 5 November 12 November 19 November 26 Carolyn Lane TBA Choir Peachblossom Bells





- 2 Emily Holmes, Zachary Correa Hunter Moore, Eric Gunn, Ryleigh Miller
- 4 Aaron Schreckengast
- 5 7 Anne Harvey, Walt Wiltschek
- Andrew Deregowski, Sharon Lister
- 8 **Dorothy Stichberry**
- Delia Faye Mullikin, Dawn Best 10
- Tyler Miller, Linda Evans, 11 Heather McWilliams
- 13 Madison Elsie Tarr
- 15 Alexander Crannell
- 16 Cindy Allen
- Carson Phelps, Joy Miller, 17 Nancy Fluharty, James Young
- 20 Morgan Pierce
- Natalee Jones, Ruth Gunn 22
- 24 Coulby Miller, Sharon Caldwell
- Naiobi Turnage 26
- 28 Trev Haddaway
- 29 John Stichberry Jr.
- **Charles Eugene Schwaninger** 30



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

The Leadership Team will meet on Monday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m.



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, the family of Glenn Taylor, Rick Scott, Jack Wheatley, Leroy Miller, Lynn Butler, Robert & 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, Ad-



ele Poque, 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.



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 November 19. No volunteers are needed this month. Only the meal is needed. Please sign-up in the narthex.

Hello again, Friends!

Did we ever think we would be working together again in ministry? You never know with God! When I began as interim with former District Executive Gene Hagenberger back in March 2022, I never thought we would be at this point.

On Sunday, October 22, I was called to be the part-time pastor for the Easton congregation. This is new territory and yet it isn't. Many of you have known me for over 20 years and over the last 18 months or so, we have been getting a taste of what it might be like to



work as God's people together here in this place. Even in the midst of tough times, I am excited about the possibilities for the future. With faith the size of a mustard seed, a dash of hope plus love and peace, with Jesus as our example, I believe we can be a church family that continues to make a difference in our community.

My start date is December 1, at 17 hours a week and I will be preaching approximately two Sundays a month. I will still be serving as the Grief and Spiritual Care Chaplain at Talbot Hospice 20 hours a week.

I look forward to our conversations, worship, serving others side by side, and so much more.

Ben, Amelia, Jody & Eric October, 2023

Pastor Jody

SERVING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

	11/5/2023	11/12/2023	11/19/2023	11/26/2023
Message	Jody Gunn	Wanda Baynard		
Worship Leader	Sharon Miller	Mat Baynard	Jane Marshall	Kevin Wile
Head Usher	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox	Lee Ann Fox
Deacons on call	Les & Marlena Groves	Jane Marshall/ Anne Harvey	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller
Special Music	Carolyn Lane	ТВА	Choir	Handbells
Flowers	Mat & Wanda Baynard		Cheryl Dayton	

Camp Mardela News—from Jen Summy, Camp Administrator

- 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/ 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 <u>www.shopwithscrip.com</u>. Contact <u>campmardela@gmail.com</u> for the registration code or any other questions



CAMP MARDELA SERVICE DAYS

Nov. 11, <u>9am - 5pm</u>

Camp winterizing, Christmas decorating, Put Away Camp Activities, Cleaning, Organizing, etc. Some supplies provided, or bring your own!

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

Every Thursday <u>9am-3pm</u>

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

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







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