



From left, Mia Marinucci, event co-chairman; Scott Evans, Benedictine executive director; Caren Parry, Sister Jeannette Award recipient; and Thomas Collamore, president of the Benedictine Board of Directors.



From left, Kathy Marinucci, Benedictine parent and donor; Devon Bistarkey, Benedictine Foundation; Barry Smale, Foundation director; and Mia Marinucci, Spring Benefit co-chairman.

# Benedictine's Spring Benefit raises \$217,500

**EASTON** — With the tip of a cowboy hat and the click of a few silver spurs, family, friends and generous donors of Benedictine Programs and Services helped to raise more than \$217,500 at the 2018 Spring Benefit: A Night in the Wild West, hosted April 27-28 at the Tidewater Inn in Easton.

The annual fundraising gala supports the mission of Benedictine to help children and adults with developmental disabilities achieve their greatest potential.

"When I think of the Wild West, I think about people who were explorers; people who weren't afraid to follow a different path," Benedictine Executive Director Scott Evans said. "This path came with little certainty, but

they charged forward journeying with the hope of new opportunities and experiences. When you look at Benedictine's history, the Sisters decided to follow a new path in 1959 — one that many others were not following at the time. They developed a mission that guided them on their journey and continues to guide us today."

More than 300 guests participated in the benefit weekend that kicked off Friday morning, April 27, with a board meeting that featured a staff and client panel where members of Benedictine's leadership team engaged with individuals and shared mission moments. The meeting also served to recognize Benedictine's out-

going board president, Benjamin J. "Patrick" Denihan Jr., and incoming President Thomas Collamore, as well as the appointment of Maggie Madden to vice president.

Each year, the Board of Directors honors a staff person during Spring Benefit weekend by presenting the Sister Jeannette Award during Friday's Welcome Reception. The award, established in 2012 in honor of Sister Jeannette Murray who served at Benedictine for over 30 years, represents the values and vision of the Benedictine community. This year, Caren Parry received the Sister Jeannette Award. Parry has served many roles in her 25 years at Benedictine from a

one-on-one aide, to an assistant in the speech department to now managing the organization's on campus silk printing, embroidery and promotion business.

Benefit co-chairman Cindy Doukas and Mia Marinucci, along with event volunteers, delivered an authentic Western theme for guests complete with a hitched horse on Dover Street, a lively piano playing saloon tunes and a traveling snake oil salesman and his medicine show stagecoach.

The evening of hospitality and philanthropy included a chuckwagon supper and a live auction with guest auctioneer Barry Smale, Benedictine Foundation director. Guests raised their

paddle to bid on items from a 100 percent donated auction list including several destination stays, as well as tickets to "Hamilton" in D.C. and the NFL rivalry matchup between the Redskins and Cowboys, contributing \$50,000 to the total raised for the event.

As the hallmark fundraising event for the Benedictine Foundation, the gala helps to fund specific projects like new community living options, vocational training and to underwrite ongoing support for the education and care of individuals served every day, 365 days a year. The foundation looks forward to a special Spring Benefit next year which will also celebrate the organization's 60th anniversary.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

### CELEBRATIONS

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**, Easton. Annual Missionary Day. 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6. Sponsored by the Elizabeth Breeze Missionary Society. Speaker: the Rev. Tonia Sherwood.

**ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**, 600 Cross St., Cambridge. 11 a.m., Sunday, May 6. Youth Zionettes 52nd Anniversary and Youth Day. Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Raymond Curry of New Creations Baptist Church in Christ, Pompano Beach, Florida. All are welcome.

**ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**, 600 Cross St., Cambridge. May 5 to May 9. Celebration of 15 years of pastoral service by Pastor Craig Mathies Sr. and Leading Lady Elder Clarice Mathies. Banquet dinner on Saturday, May 5, Delmarva Community Center, 2450 Cambridge Beltway, Cambridge. Tickets \$35 per person. Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Raymond Curry of Pompano Beach, Florida. Sunday, May 6, at 3:30 p.m., speaker Pastor Carlston Brisco Sr. of Kingdom Church and Ministries, Cambridge. Monday, May 7 to Wednesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Scott Sr. of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

**ST. MATTHEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY. 3:30 P.M. SUNDAY**, May 6. Guest speaker: Minister Jacquela Horsey from Bethel UMC, Federalsburg. All are welcome.

### FOOD

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Easton. Food giveaway. 1 p.m. The first, third and fifth Monday of each month. Info: 410-822-3476.

**TILGHMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Helping Hands Pantry. 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and 3 to 6 p.m. every Wednesday. Pantry needs include fresh produce, fresh or frozen meats and fish, canned tuna and pastas, dairy products, powdered milk and toilet paper. Info: 410-886-2009.

**DENTON CHURCH OF FREE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**, "Chat and Chew." 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Soup, refreshments and conversation. Info: 302-670-0574 or 410-463-6055.

**ASBURY CHURCH**, Easton. Feed Up Ministry free meals. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Every Thursday. Info: 410-822-4376.

**TRAPPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, All-you-can-eat country church breakfast. 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Second and fourth Saturday of each month. Menu includes French toast, pancakes, sausage gravy and eggs. Cost: \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for children under 12.

**SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, Stevensville. Food pantry. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Third Saturday of each month. For Queen Anne's County citizens. A photo ID is required. Info: 410-739-4363.

### ACTIVITIES

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF CAMBRIDGE**, Harriet Tubman Museum and Diocese of Easton 150th celebration. 9:15 a.m. group tours begin (southern convocation), 10 a.m. (middle convocation), 11 a.m. Eucharist of Reconciliation in the outdoor pavilion adjacent to the museum and lunch

at 2 p.m. (northern convocation). Saturday, May 5. A registration form must be completed to attend the event and must be sent to the Diocese of Easton. The registration form can be found at <https://dioceseofeaston.org/150-2>.

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND MINISTRIES**, 923 Phillips Street, Cambridge. Men's Services: 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon fellowship with Prophet Howard Hamilton, Parousia Temple of Praise & Deliverance in New Castle, Delaware. 6 p.m. An evening of fellowship with Chief Apostle James Tilghman, Holy Temple Holiness Church of Deliverance in Baltimore. Bishop Weldon M. Johnson - Presiding Prelate. All are welcome. Info: 410-221-7853.

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**, Easton. Movie night. 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5. Screening "The Bucket List." Info: 410-822-0475, eastonchurchofthebrethren@gmail.com or [www.eastonbrethren.org](http://www.eastonbrethren.org).

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST**, Scientist, at Prager Auditorium, Easton. "Prayer and Health — Is There a Connection?" 7 p.m. Thursday, May 10. Michelle Nounche will discuss "Finding God, Finding Health." There will be time for questions. Free. Info: [clerk@sceaston.org](mailto:clerk@sceaston.org).

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**, fellowship hall, Easton. Class and worship. 9:30 a.m. class and 10:45 a.m. worship. Sunday, May 13. Discussing end-of-life issues and why they matter during the class. Theme for worship is "To Be Alive." Info: 410-822-0475, eastonchurchofthebrethren@gmail.com or [www.eastonbrethren.org](http://www.eastonbrethren.org).

**SHORERIVERS AND INTERFAITH PARTNERS FOR THE CHESAPEAKE**, at Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church, Cambridge. Faithful Stewards Action Social. 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17. The mission of the evening is to connect Dorchester County congregations with community organizations that need volunteer help. Free. Food and drinks will be provided. Registration required. Info: ShoreRivers.org, 443-385-0511 or [ssullivan@shorerivers.org](mailto:ssullivan@shorerivers.org).

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**, fellowship hall, Easton. Class and worship. 9:30 a.m. class and 10:45 a.m. worship. Sunday, May 20. Discussing "The Five Wishes" and the importance of advance directives. Theme for worship is "The D-Word." Bring your lunch and join a group in fellowship hall after worship for an advance directives workshop. Info: 410-822-0475, eastonchurchofthebrethren@gmail.com or [www.eastonbrethren.org](http://www.eastonbrethren.org).

**THE RETREAT HOUSE AT HILLSBORO**, Centering prayer session. 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. Every Monday. A time of internal peace and quiet. Info: 410-364-7042 or [info@retreathousehillsboro.org](mailto:info@retreathousehillsboro.org).

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**, Chestertown. Sister to Sister. 6 p.m. First Monday of each month. Women are invited to share life experiences as they relate to women of the Bible. Info: 410-810-0054.

**NEW LIFE WESLEYAN CHURCH**, Greensboro. Women's Bible studies. 9 a.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 410-482-6897.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Easton. Morning prayer. 9 a.m. Ev-

ery Tuesday. Info: 410-822-2904.

**CHOSEN CHURCH**, Grasonville. Free movie day. Noon to 2 p.m. Every Tuesday. Free snacks and drinks. Sponsored by the youth department. Info: 410-827-7909.

**WORK IN PROGRESS MINISTRIES CHURCH**, Millington. Bible study. 7 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 410-928-6085.

**TILGHMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNEX**, Born to Be Free video series. 7 p.m. Every Tuesday. The series on addiction will be shown weekly at TUMC. Info: 410-886-1190.

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**, Chestertown. Sons of Allen Christian men's group. 6 p.m. Second Tuesday of each month. All men with the desire to grow spiritually are invited. Info: 410-810-0054.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP AT EASTON**, book discussion group. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Second Tuesday of each month. Free. Open to the public. Info: [gayle@uifeaston.org](mailto:gayle@uifeaston.org).

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST**, Easton. Testimony meeting. Noon. Every Wednesday. Info: 410-822-1133.

**THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE**, Easton. "A Course in Miracles." 6 p.m. Every Wednesday. A guided study group for ages 21 and older. Free. Info: 410-822-0293.

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND MINISTRIES**, Cambridge. Power of Prayer and Bible study. Noon prayer and 6:30 p.m. Bible study. Every Wednesday. Free. Open to the public. Info: 410-221-7853.

**NEW LIFE WESLEYAN CHURCH**, Greensboro. Adult Bible studies. 7 p.m. Every Wednesday. Info: 410-482-6897.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP AT EASTON**, sound bath meditation. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Second Wednesday of each month. Bring pillows, blankets and yoga mats. Suggested donation: \$15. Info: 410-822-8103.

**NEW BEGINNINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Greensboro. "Sweet Hour of Prayer." 7 to 8 p.m. Every Thursday.

**NEW GREATER HARVEST MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**, Denton. "Wailing Women Prayer." 5 a.m. Every Friday. Info: 410-463-6523.

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**, Easton. Church school for children. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Every Friday. Info: 410-822-3619.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Preston. Breakfast and Sunday school. 9 a.m. light breakfast before Sunday school, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Sunday school. Every Sunday. For all ages. Info: [\[manuelleranchurch.vzwebsites.com\]\(http://manuelleranchurch.vzwebsites.com\).](http://www.im-</a></p>
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**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND MINISTRIES**, Cambridge. Adult and children's Sunday school. 10 a.m. Every Sunday. Info: 410-221-7853.

### SERVICES

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**, Tilghman. Community service. 10 a.m. Sunday, May 6. Speaker: Linda Haddaway King. Worship by At the Cross Ministries.

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**, Easton. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 6. Theme: "Rites, Rituals, and Rhythms." Info: 410-822-0475, eastonchurchofthebrethren@gmail.com or [www.eastonbrethren.org](http://www.eastonbrethren.org).

**NEW BEGINNING FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD**, meeting at the Talbot County Ag Center, Hiners Lane, Easton. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 6. Worship service with special music by Michelle Wheatley. Bible study at 9:30 a.m.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Easton. Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, May 6. Join us for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Guest preacher/presider is the Rev. Julia Hart.

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF CAMBRIDGE**, 601 Church St. 9 a.m. Sunday, May 6. Supply clergy will officiate. Refreshments in Barber Hall following the service.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Easton. 7 p.m. Thursday, May 10. Ascension Day Worship.

**THE RETREAT HOUSE AT HILLSBORO**, "Pray All Ways — A Day of Interfaith Learning and Prayer." 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12. Led by spiritual director Bill Dietrich, the program will include discussion of Islamic, Buddhist, Jewish and Christian traditions and an experience of each tradition's practice of "chant." Breakfast and lunch are included. Free, but donations are accepted. Register online at <https://rhallways.eventbrite.com>. Info: 410-364-7042, [info@retreathousehillsboro.org](mailto:info@retreathousehillsboro.org) or Facebook.com/RetreatHouseAtHillsboro.

**BAY HUNDRED COVENANT CHURCHES**, at Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels. Tent service at Community Day event. 9 a.m. Sunday, May 20. The public is invited. Free. Info: [cbmm.org](http://cbmm.org).

**EMMANUEL DELIVERANCE CENTER**, Easton. Dancing in the Spirit Dance Ministry service. 7 p.m. Friday, May 25.

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**, Easton. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 27. Theme: "Remember." Info: 410-822-0475, east-

[onchurchofthebrethren@gmail.com](mailto:onchurchofthebrethren@gmail.com) or [www.eastonbrethren.org](http://www.eastonbrethren.org).

**THIRD HAVEN FRIENDS (QUAKER) MEETING**, 405 S. Washington St., Easton. Worship meeting. 5:30 to 6 p.m. every Wednesday and 10 to 11 a.m. every Sunday. Info: [www.thirdhaven.org](http://www.thirdhaven.org).

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, Trappe. Prayer and healing service. 6:30 p.m. Every Wednesday.

**THE PEOPLE'S NEW HOPE CENTER**, 401 Aldergate Drive, Denton. New Location. Prayer and Bible study. 7 p.m. Every Wednesday; Sunday school. 10 a.m. Every Sunday; Worship service. 11 a.m. Every Sunday. Info: 410-822-3848 or 410-819-8678.

**NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND MINISTRIES**, 923 Phillips Street, Cambridge. Children and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship. 11 a.m. Every Sunday. Info: 410-221-7853.

**FAITH UNITY FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES INC.**, 116 Liberty Lane, Chestertown. Sunday school for all ages. 9:30 a.m.; worship service. 11 a.m. Every Sunday. New location. Info: 410-758-4370, [www.faithunityfm.org](http://www.faithunityfm.org) or [faithunityfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:faithunityfellowship@gmail.com).

**EASTERN SHORE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION**, at the Hampton Inn, Easton. Orthodox Christian worship. 9:30 a.m. First Sunday of each month. Info: 215-527-4212 or 443-385-0702.

**NEW BEGINNING FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER**, at the Talbot Agricultural Center, Easton. 9:30 a.m. Bible study; worship service at 10:30 a.m. Every Sunday. This Sunday, there will be special music by Michelle Wheatley. Info: 410-822-8309.

**TRIOPH BAPTIST CHURCH**, at Easton High School. Sunday service. 11 a.m. Every Sunday.

**VFW POST 5118**, Easton. Chapel service. Noon to 12:30 p.m. Every Sunday. Service open to veterans and the community. Casual dress. Info: 443-521-0835.

### MUSIC

**SCOTTS UMC**, Trappe, A Capella Gospel Concert featuring the Burke Family and the New Gospelites. 5 p.m. Saturday, May 5. Dinner following.

**METROPOLITAN-ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MINISTRIES OF DENTON**, annual Music Day. 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6. Guest preacher: Rev. Cornelius Berry, New Beginnings UMC and choir. All are invited.

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF CAMBRIDGE**, 601 Church St. 9 a.m. Sunday, May 6. Con-

cert Series: The Salisbury Trio will perform at 4:00 pm. This is the last in the series for this year.

**WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD MINISTRIES**, Greensboro. Pre-Mother's Day Gospel Explosion. 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 12. Guests: The Voices of Praise of Easton, The Gospel Souls of Federalsburg, The Spiritual Vessels of Hurluck, JR and Sons of Ridgeley and Born Again of Greensboro.

**TILGHMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNEX**, free concert. 6 p.m. Saturday, May 12. Shelley Abbott will sing songs from the '50s, '60s and '70s. There will be refreshments served afterward in the annex.

**ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, Hurluck. Bluegrass jam. 7 to 10 p.m. First Monday of each month. For all bluegrass musicians and fans. Donations will be accepted for the benefit of the food bank.

**CENTREVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Singing with Harmony on the Bay. 7 p.m. Every Tuesday. Women are invited to join. Info: 410-924-0013 or 410-643-3257.

### SPECIAL SALES

**EMMANUEL DELIVERANCE CENTER**, Easton. Yard sale. 7 a.m. Saturday, May 5. Sponsored by the Media CMTE.

**EMMANUEL DELIVERANCE CENTER**, Easton. Yard and baked goods sale. 7 a.m. Saturday, May 12. Sponsored by Praise and Worship.

**IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, Cambridge. Spring sale. 7 a.m. Saturday, May 19. The event will held outside, but if it rains, the event will be held inside the church. Tables: \$10. There will be a baked goods table and food available, including soups (vegetable crab, vegetable beef, chili, green lima bean with dumplings and chicken noodle) and chicken salad. To reserve table space or to order food, call 410-228-5167 or 410-228-4640.

**HOSIER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Calvert C. Cannon Education Building, Fishing Creek. 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19. Sponsored by the Hosier United Methodist Women's Group. Rain or shine. Table reservations required. Tables: \$10. Info: 443-521-5768 or 410-397-3386.

**ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Easton. Thrift shop. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Monday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Info: 410-820-7106.

**TRAPPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Yard sale. 8 a.m. to noon. Every Wednesday, and every second and fourth Saturday. Info: 410-476-4857.

**Easton Church of God**

**Sunday Services**

8:30 AM - MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL (FOR ALL AGES)

10:30 AM - MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

**OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

SUNDAY EVENING - WORSHIP SERVICE 6 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING

FAMILY TRAINING HOURS 7 PM

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Rev. Missy Rekitzke, Pastor

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8:15 am Service in Chapel

9:30 am Contemporary Service in Sanctuary - Nursery Available

11:00 am Service in Sanctuary

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