

# EASTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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## Mission Statement

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



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## Pastor's Page

I've only visited a few haunted houses over the years, but a part of me always wonders, “Why do people DO this?” Why would you pay money to have people do their best to scare the wits out of you? The houses are typically dark and maze-like, full of weird noises and creepy things. Some people even seek out “extreme” haunted houses, where the level of terror is ratcheted up several notches.

Then there are horror movies, which offer another route to your inner fears and darkest nightmares. I once (for some reason) cringed through one with some friends who assured me afterwards, “Oh, that’s a mild one.” Yet in 2019, such films took in about \$750 million at the US box office.

“Some people just love to be scared,” as one article bluntly summarized it.

But while fictional fear-inducing moments might be exciting for a certain group, very few like to live in fear in real life. In this strange year that we’ve been dealt, though, that seems to be a regular occurrence: a virulent pandemic, lost jobs and shuttered businesses in a turbulent economy, election uncertainty, issues of racial injustice, protests and riots, natural disasters, and—for many of us—significant changes to the routines that usually ground us.

What do we do with all that?

I wish it all were as easy as some Halloween attraction, where we could flip on the lights and laugh. “Look, it was just actors in masks and fake cobwebs and sounds being piped in through an audio system! Nothing to worry about here!” But what we’re facing right now is all too real.

Faith does not offer a magic wand that makes everything go away. It is not a panacea. What it does tell us, however, is that we do not face the scary things of life alone. We travel those troubling roads—even the valley of the shadow of death—with God at our side, and with the community of faith surrounding us. That’s what a verse of “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” proclaims: “I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.”

It’s natural to feel frightened sometimes. Otherwise we wouldn’t hear God reminding people again and again throughout scripture, “Fear not” and “Do not be afraid ... I am with you.” Life is scary, some times more than others. But our fears don’t have to control us.

While watching a (non-horror!) movie recently, I was struck by words spoken by one of the characters—words originally attributed to John Lennon: “Everything will be okay in the end. If it’s not okay, it’s not the end.” As followers of Christ, those words ring out for us, too. It’s hard right now. It’s not okay. It’s scary. But it’s not the end.

—Pastor Walt

## SERMON & SCRIPTURES

### OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Oct. 4

"Command Performance"

Psalm 19; Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26

Oct. 11

"Pressing On"

Psalm 23; Phil. 3:4b-14, 4:8-9

Oct. 18

"Don't Have a Cow"

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Oct. 25

"Descendants"

Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Deut. 34:1-12

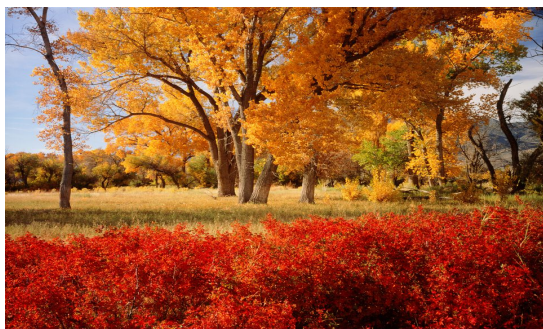
## MUSIC FOR OCTOBER

October 4, "The Heavens Are Telling"

October 11, "My Shepherd will Supply My Need"

October 18, Lawrence Henry Tyler, Jr. sings

October 25, Robert McGee sings



## 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 Executive, Gene Hagenberger, for all those who have been affected economically, for Camp Mardela and interim camp manager Curtis Hartman, the family of Julie McGee, Gloria Buzi and family, Brenna (a college senior at Bridgewater with cancer), prayers to the family of a former student of Bridgewater who committed suicide last week, Geoff Fox's friend Andre (battling cancer), John Evans, Isabelle Halli-



day, Wyatt Ewing, Jack Wheatley, Jim & Loretta Lohr, Lee Willis, Kathy Spurry, Lillian Sefcik, Ginger Brady, Beth Lockwood, Judy Haddaway, Jean & Don Saballus, Richard Scott, Billy

Harding, Chuck Davis, Annabel Young, Larry Fike, Childlene Brooks, Alan Segar, Bruce Butler, Pat Lewis, Ellen Walbridge, Lee Roesti, Norman Harding, Gene & Betty Lednum, GraceWay CoB, Nancy Scheffler, Roger Plagge, JK Rider, John Nalley, Bobby Hopkins, Kurt Kline, Dee Candel, Mary Ann Kiser, Lois Schall, Natalee Jones, Jeff Wright, continuous prayers for our church family in Nigeria, continued prayers for Comfort Amos, Barbara Taylor, Leo Truban, Emerson Fike, Katelyn Howard, Christine & Kenny Fike.

Pray for leaders & people that are working towards peace. Please phone the church to add or remove persons on our prayer list.

Please also pause this week to respond to the issues of racism, injustice, anger, and violence happening across our country with prayer and appropriate action. In difficult times, may we represent the best of what the church can offer.

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Worship will remain at 10 a.m. through October, with no Christian Education classes, as we continue to follow the protocols of the current health situation. We'll provide updates as we receive them. The Christian Education team is working on having email/print Bible study resources available for those who would like them.

## THE STORY OF SARAH (as told by Misti Green)

*I was waiting at the school bus stop for my granddaughters when a neighbor walked up with the cutest puppy. I said to her, "I want your puppy!" She replied, "All the puppies were adopted, but the mother is up for adoption."*

*I went to the website "Wags and Wishes" of Cambridge. Her name was Sarah. She was the most pitiful-looking dog. I filled out the application and waited.*

*On June 8, 2016, Sarah was mine. The organization told me she was 3 years old, but she had to have an eye operation, and the doctor said she was 7.*

*We joined "Pets on Wheels," an organization that allows a person and their pet to visit nursing homes, etc. Every week, once a day, Sarah and I would visit The Pines and Bayleigh Chase convalescent homes. I would dress Sarah in seasonal costumes that I had made.*

*Sarah would get excited when we visited the dementia unit at The Pines. I don't know why. We also*



*visited Ellen Walbridge at Dixon House, and the residents there enjoyed seeing her, too. (Because of COVID-19, all the visiting has stopped for now.)*

*Sarah knows the days; I don't know how, but she does. Tuesdays were our visits to the nursing homes, and Sunday is church. And Sarah has become a real social butterfly due to Sunday church!*

## Our "70th" Anniversary

On Sunday, Oct. 25, we will mark the 70th anniversary of the first worship service in our building with a brief tribute during our worship time. If you have any historical items that might be displayed that day, please contact the church office.

Next Leadership Team meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please wear your mask and maintain social distancing.

Congregational Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 18 after church. We will remain in the Sanctuary following worship for the business meeting. Masks must remain on and continue to maintain social distancing. Thank you!



### Church Leadership





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 3 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 Wooters, Lindsay Cappa
- 22 Leo Truban, Lisa Mann
- 23 Natalee Lyons
- 24 Morgan Davis, John Fike
- 25 Richard Foreman
- 26 Rusty Curling
- 30 Kelley Mixon
- 31 Amelia Gunn

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

## Congratulations to the Happy Couple

*Congratulations to Josh Miller and Sherry Coulbourne, who were married Saturday, September 19. Josh is the son of Wade & Patty Miller and Missy & Jeff Callahan and grandson to Ron & Elisa Miller. Congratulations to everyone!!!*



## With Deepest Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy to Robert McGee and family in the passing of Robert's mother, Julia McGee. Mrs. McGee passed away on September 18 in Naples Florida. Our condolences to Robert, Lukas, Sophie and the entire McGee family. May Christ presence and love be with the family.*



## O CANADA!

Canadian Thanksgiving falls on the second Monday of October—Oct. 12 this year—so what better time to celebrate all things Canadian? (Is there ever really a bad time to celebrate Canada?) Try your hand at the Canada trivia below. Hopefully it won't drive you loonie!

1. Who is the current prime minister of Canada?  
Brian Mulroney   b. Donald Trump   c. Justin Trudeau   d. Don Cherry
2. How many provinces are there in Canada?  
a. 12   b. 10   c. 13   d. 50
3. What city is Canada's capital?  
a. Montreal   b. Toronto   c. Vancouver   d. Ottawa
4. In what year did Canada officially become an independent country, celebrated on Canada Day?  
a. 1892   b. 2018   c. 1909   d. 1867
5. How many National Hockey League teams call Canada home?  
a. 7   b. 12   c. 5   d. 10
6. What is Canada's national symbol, adorning its flag?  
a. Moose   b. Hockey puck   c. Maple leaf   d. Mountie
7. Which of these celebrities was NOT born in Canada?  
a. William Shatner   b. Jim Carrey   c. George Clooney   d. Dan Aykroyd
8. How many US states border Canada?  
a. 10   b. 13   c. 19   d. 48

**Answers:** 1-c; 2-b (There are also three territories); 3-d; 4-d; 5-a (It also has one NBA team and one Major League Baseball team); 6-c; 7-c; 8-b (although a couple of those don't have a land crossing).



# Camp Mardela News

Please be in prayer for Camp Mardela as the board works through the process of calling a new administrator for the camp. Interviews will take place this fall. Gieta Gresh, who has served there for the past 15-plus years, will be continuing in a part-time role alongside part-time interim manager Curtis Hartman while she also serves as interim pastor at Denton Church of the Brethren through the end of 2020. She and her family are in the process of moving to Johnstown, Pa.

As we continue to navigate the ongoing health situation, Camp Mardela has opted to postpone the Camp Auction that had originally been scheduled in the spring and then tentatively moved to Oct. 3. We are looking at doing an online-only auction in some format later this fall, likely sometime in November. Please watch for updates and further information.

In other news:

The Camp Appreciation Day worship celebration featuring the music of Free Range and a message from Bethany pastor Jody Gunn is still scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 25, at 2:30 p.m. It will be a "drive-in" event at the camp pavilion.

Thank you to everyone who supported the annual Camp Supper, which was held this past weekend as a drive-through/take-out event. More than 450 meals were prepared. Thanks to Amy Hutchison and her Fair-view crew for preparing the meal, and to all the volunteers who made it possible! PRAISE THE LORD!!!

Feel free to enjoy a day at Camp walking the trails. Hiking is done by appointment only (in order to maintain social distancing). Please call for your appointment at 410-479-2861. Facilities and building will not be available.

Camp Mardela continues with their fundraiser of Scrip: What is Scrip? Buy gift cards online (all year long) at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), pay online and a rebate will be earned between 2% and 16% that will immediately go towards Camp Mardela. When your gift card arrives, use them for your everyday shopping...that simple. If you would like a copy of the instructions, contact Lee Ann and she can mail you a copy.



# Attendance & Offering for September

	Attendance	29	32	31	34	126
	9/6/20	9/13/20	9/20/20	9/27/20	Totals	
<u>Distributions</u>						
General (06)						
Envelopes	1,379.00	2,905.00	1,583.00	2,006.00	7,873.00	
Loose Change/Cash	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	
Tithes	1,379.00	2,905.00	1,588.00	2,006.00	7,878.00	
06 Income						
Building Use						
Dutchmans Lane Rent			1,155.00		1,155.00	
Harrison St. Rent					0.00	
Subtotal of Income	0.00	0.00	1,155.00	0.00	1,155.00	
Totals	1,379.00	2,905.00	2,743.00	2,006.00	9,033.00	
Special Offerings (07)						
Deacon Fund		800.00			800.00	
In Kind						
In & Out						
Round Top			300.00		300.00	
Totals	0.00	800.00	300.00	0.00	1,100.00	
Totals	1,379.00	3,705.00	3,043.00	2,006.00	10,133.00	



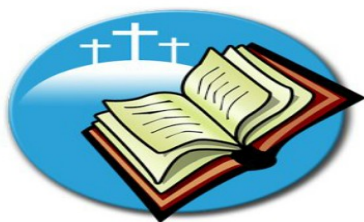
## 2021 Church Directory

Please begin submitting any corrections and/or additions for the 2021 Church Directory. Send to Lee Ann anytime at [eastonchurchofthebrethren@gmail.com](mailto:eastonchurchofthebrethren@gmail.com). Thank you!

## BIBLE QUIZ

1. How many commandments are there? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many commandments did Jesus say hung on the whole law?  
Hint: Read Matthew 22:40 \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many days did Jesus fast when he was tempted by Satan in the desert? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many fish and loaves did Jesus use to feed 5,000 people? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many demons did Jesus cast out of Mary Magdalene?  
Hint: Read Mark 16:9 \_\_\_\_\_
6. How many days did Jesus lay dead in the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many books are in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many are in the Old Testament? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many are in the New Testament? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How many demons went into the pigs that Jesus rebuked?  
Hint: Read Mark 5: 9 \_\_\_\_\_
11. How many plagues of Egypt were there? \_\_\_\_\_

*Hope you have fun and are enriched as you search for the answers to this Bible quiz.*



Christian Ed. Team





# **CAMP MARDELA** **DRIVE-IN** **APPRECIATION** **DAY 2020**



**YOU ARE  
INVITED!**

**A SOCIALLY  
DISTANCED  
EVENT**

**OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
2:30 PM**

**WORSHIP  
PROGRAM  
FEATURING  
FREE RANGE**

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# Volunteer Opportunities

## Ridgeway House Lunches

The 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month. For months that have five Fridays, lunches will be provided on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday. **Thank you to Misti Green who has volunteered to keep this service going.** Monetary and food donations (drink boxes, individual fruit cups, small bags of chips and cookies) are always welcome.

## NSC 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.**

## Interested in Serving as Worship Leader or doing the Children's Time?

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 Pastor Walt.

The volunteer opportunities listed below are currently closed due to COVID-19. Please keep these opportunities in mind when things re-open.  
Thank you!!!

## Talbot Interfaith Shelter

The 2020 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 other month. Any questions, please contact Norma Trax. **Our next date is November 19, 2020. If you are interested in providing a meal, please contact Norma Trax. (We will keep you up-dated should COVID-19 restrictions change in allowing volunteers to come to the shelter. )**

## Neighborhood Service Center

Please contact Marilyn Neal, if you are interested in volunteering at the center. Their phone number is 410-822-5015.





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