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## Mission Statement

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



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## Pastor's Page

*“The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but the thankful heart will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings.”*

— American minister Henry Ward Beecher

Sometimes at youth camp we'll go around a circle as we close a session in prayer and invite everyone to share one thing for which they're thankful. Often they share things like “friends” or “campfires” or even “good camp food.” Occasionally it's something broader, like “this place where we can all come together” or “my church.”

We don't require everyone to share, but I've always been glad that nobody has ever said, “Nothing.” I'm sure people have bad days at camp, and I know some of the kids come from challenging homes and backgrounds, but it feels like everyone finds *something* good to hold on to. I always hope those moments sustain them in some small way after they go back home. And I hope camp creates an environment that helps them look for such moments in everyday life.

Cultivating an ability to find gratitude is an important skill for all of us. As the quote above from 19<sup>th</sup> century Congregationalist clergyman Henry Ward Beecher reminds us, we often tend to find that which we seek. All these decades later, his words still ring true, especially during a year that has been filled with a cornucopia of challenges.

It can be hard to be thankful in the midst of a pandemic that has upended our lives in many ways and might scramble our holiday plans. It can be hard to be thankful as our country grapples with job losses, racial disparities, political rancor, and natural disasters. It can be hard to be thankful when our denomination is dealing with division in its midst. It can be hard to be thankful as days grow shorter and colder.

While all that swirls around us, I've been so impressed and inspired by our congregation's two oldest members, who have kept their spirits up and their faith strong even in these difficult times. When I saw Ellen Walbridge the other month, after outdoor “porch” visits had become possible, she was radiant, talking about what she's been doing to stay busy and all the people who find ways to stay in touch. And when Doris Schwaninger suffered through back surgery and complications afterward, forcing her to spend two-plus weeks in rehab that spanned her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday, she reveled in the cake, cards, and calls that came, and said, “Honey, I'm doing the best I can, and that's all any of us can do.” She often says, “I'm so blessed it's scary.”

Time gives us some perspective, but for these two and others I think it's more than that, too. It's the foundation of faith within us that reminds us, in the words of the old hymn: “Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, ‘It is well, it is well with my soul.’”

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, and in every month, what is it for which YOU are thankful? May your souls experience the true blessings of thanksgiving.

Pastor Walt 😊

# SERMON & SCRIPTURES

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Nov. 1**

"Bitter Battles and Better Beginnings"

Ps. 43; Lev. 24:19-20; Matt. 5:38-48

**Nov. 8**

"Good Eggs and Odd Omelettes"

Isa. 43:16-19, Acts 10:1-18

**Nov. 15**

"Unless..."

Ps. 8; Gen. 2:8-9, 15-17; Romans 10:14-17

**Nov. 22**

Thanksgiving Sunday

Joe Gamble, Sheriff for Talbot County

**Nov. 29**

"A Special Season: I Believe"

First Sunday of Advent

Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; Mark 13:33-37; Heb. 10:32-11:2

## MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER

**Nov. 1** "This is My Song"

**Nov. 8** "Wind Upon the Waters"

**Nov. 15** "Touch the Earth Lightly"

**Nov. 22** Peach Blossom Bells

**Nov. 29** "Believe"

**Pastor Walt will be on vacation  
Nov. 17-23 and Dec. 25-Jan. 1. If  
you need care during this time or  
have an emergency need, please  
contact your deacon.**

## 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 Sue Dyott, Amelia Gunn and Chad Whitzel (BVS),



Doris Schwaninger, Gloria Buzi and family, Brenna (a college senior at Bridgewater with cancer), Geoff Fox's friend Andre (battling cancer), Barrett Schar-

ner, John Evans, Isabelle Halliday, Wyatt Ewing, Jack Wheatley, Jim & Loretta Lohr, 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.

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Worship will remain at 10 a.m. through November, 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 preparing study resources each week, available in your bulletin.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 7 Russell & Jennifer Miles
- 8 Rick & Jane Marshall
- Billy & Karen Rathell
- Gene & Betty Lednum
- 26 Dan & Paula Ulrich
- 27 Wade & Patty Miller



## With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Sue Dyott. Sue passed away on October 9 at the Hospice House. We will remember Sue and her dedicated service to the Guiding Eyes for the Blind and her training of the Guide Dogs. Our prayers for Christ presence and love to Sue's family and friends.



## Special dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2020
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 1, 2020
- Election Day, November 3, 2020
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2020
- Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020
- First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020

Next Leadership Team meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please wear your mask and maintain social distancing.

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### Minutes from the October Meeting

- Dale & Judy's report match.
- Pastor Walt had a written report.
- Calling Team Report-will be presented at CBM.
- Harrison Street rental will have work done before renters move in.
- 2019 Audit is being done.
- AA groups have resumed meeting at the church. Following our COVID guidelines.
- Bequest Gift Policy (draft copy) will be presented at CBM.
- 2021 Proposed Budget will be presented at CBM.
- Ministry Teams gave brief reports.

# 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:

**“SAVE THE DATES”:** November 30 through December 6, 2020 for Camp Mardela’s online auction (with a preview day of November 29). The camp is requesting each church submit a “Themed Basket” of their choosing for the online auction. They are looking for homemade items, antiques, new donated items, vacation homes/condos, dinner for 4 hosts, promise baked goods, firewood, etc... . Any questions, please see Bob Musch, Camp Rep or Pastor Walt. There will be more information in the coming weeks.

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 October

Attendance	41	34	44	41	160
	10/4/20	10/11/20	10/18/20	10/25/20	Totals
<b><u>Distributions</u></b>					
<b><u>General (06)</u></b>					
Envelopes	3,436.00	1,075.00	1,588.00	3,327.00	9,426.00
Loose Change/Cash	0.00	10.00	14.00	0.00	24.00
Tithes	3,436.00	1,085.00	1,602.00	3,327.00	9,450.00
<b><u>06 Income</u></b>					
Building Use					
Wed. Beginners		360.00			360.00
Dutchmans Lane Rent			1,155.00		1,155.00
Harrison St. Rent Deposit for 11/1		1,500.00			1,500.00
Harrison St. Rent Deposit for 11/1		500.00			500.00
Subtotal of Income	0.00	2,360.00	1,155.00	0.00	3,515.00
Totals	3,436.00	3,445.00	2,757.00	3,327.00	12,965.00
<b><u>Special Offerings (07)</u></b>					
Deacon Fund	800.00				800.00
Church Music	100.00				100.00
Camp Mardela					
Firewood		100.00			100.00
In Kind					
Communion Supplies	16.74				16.74
In & Out					
World Missions	125.00				125.00
Totals	1,041.74	100.00	0.00	0.00	1,141.74
Totals	4,477.74	3,545.00	2,757.00	3,327.00	14,106.74



## 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!



*"Now thank we all our God....!"*

*It's so easy during the holiday season (or any time of the year) to be overwhelmed with the many tasks and activities to do that we forget to stop and reflect on why we should be celebrating. Take a minute each day to stop and read these Bible verses as you meditate on all the ways God has blessed you!*

Psalm 107: 1

2 Corinthians 4: 15

Ephesians 5: 19-20

Psalm 7: 17

1 Chronicles 16: 34

Psalm 95: 2-3

Colossians 3: 17

1 Corinthians 9: 10

Psalm 100: 4

Philippians 4: 6-7

Lamentations 3: 22-23

1 Timothy 4: 4-5

1 Thessalonians 5: 8

***"Happy Thanksgiving!"  
Christian Education team***

## THANKSGIVING IN ANY LANGUAGE

Can you match the word at left with the language in which it means “thank you,” at right? Answers below:

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|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Dank je         | a. Turkish                 |
| 2. Asante          | b. Haitian Creole (Kreyol) |
| 3. Takk skal du ha | c. Dutch                   |
| 4. Mési            | d. Finnish                 |
| 5. Obrigado        | e. Maori (New Zealand)     |
| 6. Teşekkür ederim | f. Swahili                 |
| 7. Kia ora         | g. Portuguese              |
| 8. Kiitos          | h. Norwegian               |



**ANSWERS:** 1-c; 2-f; 3-h; 4-b; 5-g; 6-a; 7-e; 8-d.

## Congratulations Lee!!

Congratulation to Lee Wildasin for being inducted this year to the Easton High School Hall of Fame.

Lee played on one of the most successful girl's basketball teams, that won back-to-back state championships in 1992 and 1993.

"I think my favorite team was our basketball team, not just because we won two state championships, but because we truly came together as a unit." Lee's team was led by Kelley Gibson, a member of 2019 inaugural hall-of-fame class. "Few of us had grown up playing together in youth leagues as we had in field hockey or softball. Our team was unique. We came from different backgrounds, we even had two foreign-exchange students. But we came together as one, both on and off the court, and we had a lot of fun in doing so.

Lee earned All-Mid-Shore honors three times in basketball, and totaled 16 double-doubles in 17 games her senior season.

Lee, a 1995 graduate, also was a field hockey and softball standout.

A two-time captain and four-year starter at catcher, she earned first team All-Mid-Shore honors as a designated hitter her freshman year, then was first-team All-Mid-Shore catcher three consecutive years.

Lee was called up to the varsity team in field hockey late in her freshman year, and developed into a defensive mainstay the following three seasons, when Easton went 36-8-1. She was a two-year captain, who earned All-Mid-Shore honors three times, and was All-Mid-Shore Co-Player of the Year as a senior.

Lee was also a three-time all-state band selection, going on to the University of Maryland, where she was a member of the marching and pep bands as well as the symphonic wind ensemble.

Lee is the daughter of Ed & Liz Wildasin, members of the Easton Church of the Brethren.

FYI...This information was taken from the Star Democrat, October 4, 2020, with permission from the Wildasin family to share.



# 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.





And whatever you do,  
in word or deed,  
do everything in the name  
*of the Lord Jesus,*  
*giving thanks*  
to God the Father  
through him.

Colossians 3:17



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