

MARCH 2019

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

When I was a boy, I didn't know what Lent was. I thought it was the stuff that came from your belly button. My Roman Catholic friends made a big deal about what they were going to give up for Lent. Trying to fit in, I would say that I was giving up brussels sprouts (not a sacrifice for me.)

Lots of people try to get into the spirit of Lent, (The 40 days from Ash Wednesday until Easter not counting Sundays) It can be a useful time of reflection and repentance in preparation for Easter. Traditionally, people give up something pleasurable like chocolate or donuts or TV. That may help some prepare. I always had a hard time equating chocolate and crucifixion. Any simple pleasure seemed to pale in comparison with the sacrifice that the Lord made on our behalf. He gave up everything. And his sacrifice accomplished something; our salvation.

So I would like to suggest a three pronged approach for this season of Lent.

First, give up something significant. Make it something that can get in your way of connecting with God. Maybe for you it will be gossip or impatience or anger or selfishness. It will be different for everyone.

Second, add something for Lent. This should be something that will enhance your relationship with the one who climbed the hill of skulls to save you. It might be something like adjusting your schedule to spend more time with family. It might be going out of your way to help someone who cannot ever repay you. It may be serious Bible study or volunteering at church or random acts of kindness. Again, it will be different for each person. These are not acts to get us into heaven. Jesus already punched our ticket. These are responses that draw us closer to the the who saved us.

And **finally**, practice listening prayer. Most of my prayer time is me talking to God. I want to learn how to turn off the comfort of noise and silence the busy chatter of my mind and learn how to listen to what God wants to say to me.

However you do it, have a thoughtful, prayerful intentional season of Lent. Then Easter will shine all the brighter.

Pastor Rick

GREETERS & USHERS – NURSERY & ACOLYTE’S
(Mark Your Calendars)

This is the only list you will receive – so PLEASE look this over & PUT A REMINDER NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR OR REFRIGERATOR!!

If the date assigned you conflicts with your schedule, **PLEASE TRADE with someone else on the list and let the church office know of this change.**

GREETERS should be at the door at 10:10 AM and the bell should be rung 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Greeters also will be responsible for having people help to receive the offering.

Please hand out the morning bulletin. Before worship – open doors into the sanctuary and close when the service begins.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTE’S</u>
March 3 –	Bob & Loretta Coleman	Braden Tutak
March 10 –	Bill & Barb Creighton	Allyson Tutak
March 17 –	Gerry & Donna Howard	Travis Johns
March 24 -	Ryan & Sarah Scrips	MaKayla Scrips
March 31 -	Scott & Brenda Coleman	Kirsten Manarelli
April 7 -	Shawnee Hohl & Bonnie Gratzmiller	Braden Tutak



<u>NURSERY</u>
March 3 – Laurie Pritt
March 10 – Kathy Jo Scrips
March 17 – Terri Maughan
March 24 – Sheila Brumbaugh
March 31- Hannah Schrecengost
April 7 – Carmen Riggle



FLOWERS FOR MARCH
 Flower Person – Sue Quinn

COMMUNION MARCH 3, 2019
Rev. Dr. Richard Sweeney





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Colleen Cessna – 1st
Bethany Rodgers – 1st
Roman John Guerrieri – 3rd 2016
Gerald Howard – 4th
Merilyn Meyers - 7th
Jodi Flickinger – 9th
Russell Rizzo – 9th
Betsy Bertolino – 11th
Jonah Xiong – 11th on his 1st 2018
Laura Young – 12th
Isabelle Gaff – 12th
Laurie Pritt, - 15th
Charlie Thomas Quinn, 17th, 3rd (2016)
Ashley Gaff – 18th
Mike R. Schall – 19th
Andrew (Drew) Patz – 19th
Larry Highfield – 20th
Edna Wells – 21st on her 100th
Eric Schrecengost – 21st
Ella Jean Creighton – 21st, on her 2nd 2017
Tyler Rodgers – 22nd
Lance Schrecengost – 23rd
Brina Milleman – 24th
Maggie Pazich – 26th
Janey Cessna – 27th
Jade Ramer – 28th
Linnie Rodgers – 29th
Kelsey Smail – 30th
Tyler Anderson – 31st



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Brenda Coleman – 1st, on their 22th
Scott and Marilyn Clark – 13th, on their 37th
Brett and Joanie Riggle – 18th
David and Terri Maughan – 26th, on their 10th
Butch and Linnie Rodgers – 30th, on their 62nd

THE DAFFODILS

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.



Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A Poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

WELCOME BACK

**Rick & Prudy Sweeney—Rick will be our
Interim Pastor**



VISITATION FOR MARCH 2019

Elders: Cassie Clowser
Sarah Pritt

Deacon: Nathan Johns

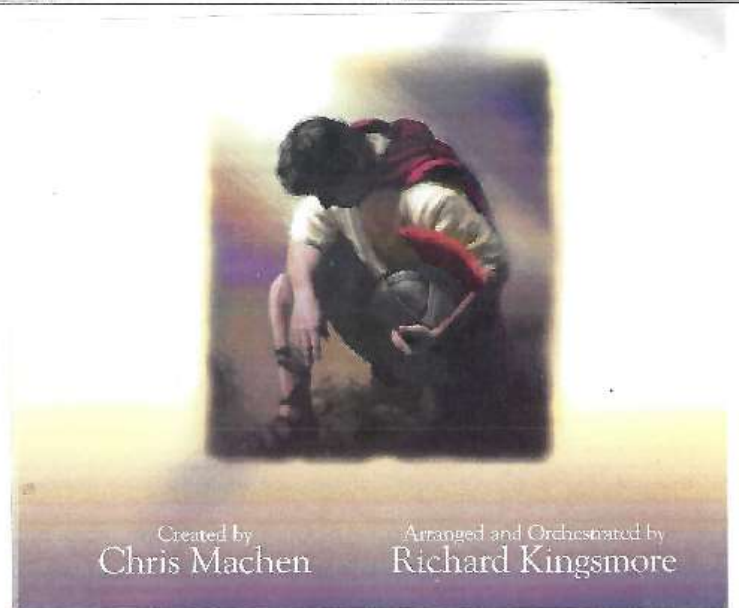
GUEST SPEAKERS

March 31, 2019- Rev. Al Kimmel
April 28, 2019 – Rev. Al Kimmel

*The Elderton Presbyterian Church Choir
& Drama Cast presents...*

“BOW THE KNEE”

A Dramatic Musical for Easter



DATES: April 12, 13 & 14 – Friday, Saturday & Sunday
TIME: 7:00 PM
WHERE: Elderton Presbyterian Church
115 N. Main St., Elderton, PA 15736
CONTACT: 724-354-3117 Church Office for Information

FREE WILL OFFERING

REVISED COMMITTEES FOR 2019

CLERK OF SESSION: DEE CRAIG

DEACON'S MODERATOR: CORY SCRIPS

1. MUSIC AND WORSHIP

ELDERS: Blythe Johns (Chairperson), Cassie Clowser, Sarah Pritt

DEACONS: Nathan Johns, Kathy Jo Scrips

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Blythe Johns

BELL CHOIR: Dee Craig

MUSIC COORDINATOR: Cassie Clowser

2. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ELDERS: Joe Scrips (Chairperson), Jennifer Johns, Susan Schrecengost

DEACONS: Terri Maughan, Kathy Jo Scrips

AT-LARGE: Hannah Schrecengost, Mark Schrecengost, Carmen Riggle

3. CHRISTIAN LIFE AND EVANGELISM

ELDERS: Nancy Schrecengost(Chairperson), Terry Johns, John Craig

DEACONS: Sue Quinn, Tom Wingard, Dave Smail

AT-LARGE: Lois Brown, Betsy Bertolino, Shirley Schall

4. STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE/MISSION

ELDERS: Tom Spencer(Chairperson), Peg Rowan, Joe Scrips

DEACONS: Dave Smail, Nathan Johns, Brian Dyott

AT-LARGE: Sharon Aikins, Eric Schrecengost, Linda Richardson

5. PERSONNEL

ELDERS: Terry Johns (Chairperson), Peg Rowan, Joe Scrips

DEACONS: Dave Smail, Tom Wingard, Gary Henderson

6. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ELDERS: John Craig (Chairperson), Sarah Pritt

DEACONS: Ryan Scrips, Brian Dyott

AT-LARGE: Jeff Elgin, Shawnee Hohl, Sandy Wingard

7. DEACONS(Subcommittees)

PROPERTY: Cory Scrips, Tom Wingard, Gary Henderson, Ryan Scrips, Nathan Johns, Dave Smail

FOOD BANK: Terri Maughan, Sue Quinn



Butterfly Hill Preschool

February gone, just like that! It seemed to pass by very quickly. Not sure about Punxsutawney Phil's weather prediction. This up and down weather sure causes problems with school cancellations and 2-hour delays. And colds, flu and other illnesses are constant.

Lesson topics for March for Pre-K are Opposites, Same/Different, Beginning Sight Words, Time, Spring and Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 2. Caterpillars will have lessons on Opposites, Space, Numbers, Letters, Spring and Review. Toddlers will do the color Brown, shape of Oval, Letters T, U & V, Numbers 11 to 20, Big/Little, Dinosaurs and Space. A lot of material to keep everyone very busy for the month of March.

Our annual Easter Candy Fundraiser with Clark Candy Company ends on March 4 & 5 when orders are due. Delivery date is either the first week of April or the second week of April. Depends on the candy company's scheduling.

Registrations are open for the 2019-2020 preschool year. Classes are filling up. In-house registrations were offered first; now registrations are open to the public. If you know any Pre-K (ages 4-5), 3 year old or 2 year old children who have families interested in coming to preschool, please have them call and ask for registration forms. The only openings in the Pre-K Butterflies are in the afternoon. Caterpillar 3 year old class openings are also in the afternoon. Afternoon classes for 3, 4 or 5 year olds run from 12:20 to 3:00 p.m. Toddler Time 2 year old class openings are Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday in the mornings (9:15 to 11:15 a.m.) Don't delay calling!

Thank you everyone who donated to the Shoe Fundraiser for Samaritan's Purse. Many pairs of shoes were collected.



"Children coming out of their cocoons and developing as beautiful Butterflies in a Christian-based preschool."



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 8:30 – Choir 9:15 -Sunday School 9:15- C class 10:30 – Worship Cantata Practice COMMUNION	4	5 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed	6 ASH WEDNESDAY	7	8	9
10 8:30 – Choir 9:15 – Sunday School 9:15 – C class 10:30 – Worship Cantata Practice	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 8:30 – Choir 9:15 – Sunday School 9:15 – C class 10:30 – Worship HUNGER OFFERING Canata Practice	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 8:30 – Choir 9:15 – Sunday School 9:15 – C class 10:30 – Worship Cantata Practice	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 8:30 – Choir 9:15 – Sunday School 9:15 – C class 10:30 – Worship Cantata Practice						

