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ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you will say, how shall we return?" Malachi 3: 7

We are in the season of "back to..." Kids go back to school. Summer vacations are over and we go back to work. Some people go back to church. I think back to... time would be a great time for all of us to go back to God.

Now it is clear that some have never left. The church has been pretty full on most Sundays this summer. And I know you well enough to know that many of you have never really turned aside from God. But even the most faithful of us have a need once in a while to consciously return to our relationship with God who is always there waiting for us to come back. We are called to be in a close relationship with the Lord. But sometimes we just begin to take God for granted.

I want to propose that we make this fall a time to turn back to God. When God tells the people of Israel to turn back to the Lord through the voice of the prophet Malachi, they ask how they can do that. So here are seven suggestions for ways we might deliberately return to God or strengthen our relationship with the Lord.

Prayer: Being in constant communication with God includes both speaking and hearing. We can adopt a running conversation with God that goes on all day. But was also benefit from a set time of prayer that is uninterrupted.

Hunger for the Word: The Bible is not easy to understand. The Adult Bible school class meets every week. It is a great place to be "fed" by the Word. Individual study and devotion is also helpful.

Worship: Make a commitment to attend worship regularly. There you will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit through the songs and the readings and the preaching. But you will also experience the joy of joining with others who also love the Lord.

Sabbath: God is pretty clear that we are to take time to rest and revival of our spirits. It does not even have to be Sunday. It can be any time that you can regularly set aside your own activities to rest and be renewed.

Strengthen family ties: Relationships take work. We need to invest time in our parents, our children our spouses and our friends who are like family to us. Even if those ties are strong, do not neglect to return to stronger relationships

Concern for the needy stranger: They may be next door or in the city or at the border or on the other side of the world. Our relationship with God is strengthened by our concerned actions on behalf of the "least of these our brothers and sisters.

Introspection: I tend to roll along for periods of time and fail to take account of where I am spiritually. There is never a bad time to take stock. How are you doing as a disciple? Where do you need to improve? You only have to ask God to show you, and then the Lord will help you in that area.

So there are seven suggestions as to how to make this fall a season for coming back to God. Let me know how it works for you.

Pastor Rick

GREETERS, 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. Please hand out the morning bulletin. Before worship ó open doors into the sanctuary and close when the service begins. They should also get the collection plates before the service begins and find two people to help take up collection. The collection plates are on the first pew in the back section of the church (in the black cloth bag).

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
September 1	Blair & Lois Brown	Jordan Freeman
September 8	Jamey & Sheila Brumbaugh	Liam Scrips
September 15	Pam Flickinger & Jeanne Speer	Jonah Scrips
September 22	Cheryl Hankey & Jeff Schrecengost	Emily Johns
September 29	Gerry & Donna Howard	Alexandra Maughan
October 6	Sharon Aikins & Betsy Bertolino	Mia Scrips

NURSERY LIST



September 1 Terri Maughan
 September 8 Sheila Brumbaugh
 September 15 Hannah Schrecengost
 September 22 Carmen Riggle
 September 29 Laurie Pritt
 October 6 Kathy Jo Scrips

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Flower Person- Sue Quinn
 September 1- Nancy Schrecengost
 September 8- Nancy Schrecengost
 September 15-
 September 22 ó Rick & Vanessa Milleman
 September 29 - Rick & Vanessa Milleman



The session has decided to lock the doors of the church about 10 minutes after the service has started.

This is in response to several shootings at places of worship.

While we trust the Lord, we are required to take precautions that might avert a tragedy.

Thanks for your understanding.

Helping Hand
September 12, 2019
10:00-3:00

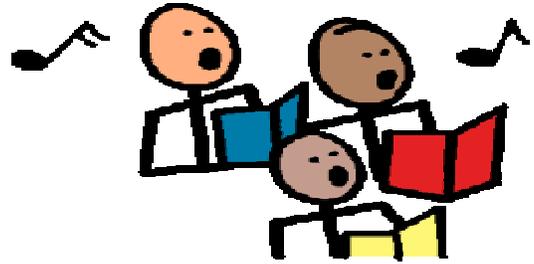
See Peg Rowan if you are interested
in volunteering for this mission.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Gerald Howard

August 20, 2019

"In my Father's house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you."



CHOIR REHERARLS BEGIN

The choir will be starting up again!

Practice starts September 8 at 8:15 am.

The first Sunday the choir will sing is
September 15 during worship service.

New voices are always welcome!
Please join us and sing praises
To the Lord!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
HELLO – ALL ADULTS!**

(Single, Married, Young or Old)

ōThe Young at Heart Classö will be firing back up on
Sunday mornings at 9:15.

Mark Schreengost is the leader, offering a strong
Bible based class and has you coming back for more.

The fall lesson plan will revolve around the book,
People of the Old Testament. If you would really love
to learn more about the Bible and the people in it,

**This is an open invitation to you!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



Join us for
Sunday School

(Starting Sunday, September 8th)

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Elderton Presbyterian Church

115 N. Main St., Elderton, PA 15736

Breakfast and Corn Hole Tournament FOR ALL AGES!
Sunday, September 29th starting at 9:00am
Come join the fun!!

Church service starts at 10:30am. All are welcome!

All children, ages 2 to teen are welcome!
Adults are welcome too!!

We are pleased to have Hannah Schrecengost and Carmen Riggle
back as our leaders this year for the children!

Grades 5 and up, come join us for our Jr. Youth Group session!

Parents, please don't feel left out! While your kids are in good hands, join
Mark Schrecengost in the adult Sunday School class, where you will learn
about the bible and grow your relationship with God.

Questions? Call the church at 724-354-3117,
Hannah Schrecengost at 724-541-3360
Kathy Jo Scrips at 724-664-4607



Butterfly Hill Preschool

Where did the summer go? Butterfly Hill Preschool is "gearing up" for the beginning of the 27th year of serving this church and community. It wasn't all vacation because there are always things that need to be done over the summer months. Working on curriculum and making improvements where needed. The teaching staff is in place and we are looking forward to another great year.

The preschool staff is as follows: Jeanne Speer, Program Coordinator; Martha Dyott, Secretary/Treasurer; Pre-K (Butterflies) Sally Fink, Monette Adamson & Carolyn Warr; 3 year olds (Caterpillars) Betsy Rearick, Carolyn Crownover & Dixie Kimmel; 2 year olds (Toddler Time) Valerie Orr & Hope Smith. The staff of preschool is a great group of women who have faith and God's love guiding them to teach these wonderful children. God is our leader! Each child is unique and different; we cannot put them in a mold. And we love each and every one of them.

Open House for each group is scheduled for September 4, 5 or 6. It is a time for parents to get valuable information about the preschool year. The children get to meet their new or old classmates and teachers, have fun in the various areas and become comfortable here. Classes begin the week of September 9. The first week will involve Welcome to School, School Rules, and Manners as lesson plans. The whole month will include Colors & Shapes. For the start of the preschool year there are currently 88 students registered.

Butterfly Hill Preschool asks for prayers from the congregation as we begin this new preschool year. The preschool depends on all of you for prayers, love and support of this very beneficial program for young children. The children come to learn all those things that children need to know to begin their public or private school educations. They also learn about God, being kind, being respectable, Bible stories, how to pray and ask God for his help. You would not believe some of the prayer requests that are heard from these children during Circle Time with Miss Jeanne. The prayer requests are usually for someone else, not themselves! These children are amazing!



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

55 YEARS

In celebration of our 55th anniversary as The Elderton Presbyterian Church
We would like to honor the charter members
September 29, 2019 during worship service.

The following are charter members; they were members in 1964 when the churches merged as one.

Russell Brumbaugh
Clarence Clark
Robert Coleman
Loretta Coleman
Alice Elgin
Betty Farster
Donald Fleming
Lois Fleming
Charles Foster
Joanne Foster
Randall Fulmer
Alice Graham
Philip Gray
Frederick Heilman
Gerald Howard
Doris Howard
Gladys Johns
Thomas Popp
Blythe Quinn Johns
Richard Rearick
Martha Perry
Roger Richardson

Donald Rupert
Nancy Rupert
Janet Rearick
Ken Schaeffer
Vivian Schaeffer
Merilyn Schall Myers
Robert Schall
Mary Jane Blaney
Nancy Schrecengost
Glennamae Shughart
Mildred Smeltzer
Martha Dyott
Edna Wells
Delone Wingard
Arlene Wingard
Vaughn Wood
Linda Shilling
Jean Quinn
Harold Rankin
Irene Rankin
John Richardson

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
<p>Cayden Mudd – 1st Owen Fleming – 3rd Gerry Howard – 4th Cindy Henderson – 6th Reese Spencer – 6th Krista Johnston – 9th Karen Schall – 11th Blair Brown – 12th Kylie Meyer – 13th Jenny Shultz – 14th John Bowser – 15th Michael Johnston – 15th Melissa Schall – 17th Charlee Pfeister – 17th Mark Clowser – 20th Andrew Plavi – 20th Haydan Lukehart – 21st Matt Cribbs – 22nd Tanner Daquilante, 22nd Mary Kowaluk, 23rd Connor Lasser – 26th Nathan Brumbaugh – 28th MaKayla Scrips – 28th Loretta Coleman - 29th Jason Freeman, Jr. – 30th</p>	<p>Jerry and Brenda Cribbs – 6th, 1975 Jon and Kara Boyer – 6th, 1997 Joe and Patti Scrips – 11th, 1976 Dan and Christie Zelenski – 18th, 2010 Eric & Susan Schrecengost – 23rd, 1989, 30 years Richard and Emily Shaffer – 25th, 2010 Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips – 28th, 2002</p>

A PERFECT DAY

God stretches out His loving hand
His blessings to bestow,
And guides us in our daily lives
Because He loves us so.

He fills our hearts with joy and peace
We're always in His care,
He knows our every need and want
And answers every prayer.

He heals all pain and solves all ills
Which often come our way,
His grace shines down upon us all
To create the perfect day.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad. Psalm 118:24

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15 - Choir 10:30 – Worship Fireman’s Festival	2 Labor Day Office Closed Fireman’s Festival 10:30 Parade	3	4 Orientation BHP	5 Orientation BHP	6 Orientation BHP	7
8 8:15 Choir 9:15 Sunday School (Bible Trivia)	9  Butterfly Hill first day of school Session Meeting 6:00 Deacon Meeting 6:00	10	11	12 Helping Hand 10:00-3:00	13	14
15 8:15- Choir 9:15- Sunday School 10:30 – Worship Guest Speaker- Mark Schrecengost Hunger Offering	16 Christian Ed Meeting 6:00pm	17	18	19	20	21
22 8:15- Choir Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 Guest Speaker- Alfred Kimmel	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 8:15- Choir 9:15- Sunday School 10:30- Worship	30					