

**APRIL 2019**

## PASTOR'S PAGE

***It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon while the sunlight failed; and the curtain in the Temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."***

Luke 23: 44-46

Students have asked me why we call it Good Friday when such a terrible thing happened. It's a good question. And the answer as to why we think of it as good is found in the result of that terrible day.

Jesus had come preaching salvation, healing the sick and showing humanity the way to live in love. But the ones who were in power cut him down. They thought they were in control of the situation. But there was a greater power that was in control. A heartbroken Father looked at His son giving his life for humanity. Jesus was the sacrifice that once and for all allowed us to be in communion with God. Did you notice that part about the curtain in the Temple? It was what separated the Holy of Holies, the place where God was separated from the rest of humanity. Now that separation was gone.

Make no mistake, Jesus suffered greatly. The Romans had invented crucifixion as the ultimate method of painful execution. The word excruciating was invented to describe the pain that Jesus went through. But through it all, Jesus knew who was in charge. He knew that his Father would receive him into his loving arms and honor the sacrifice that Jesus made.

It is Good Friday, because if it had never happened, we would be lost to sin and death. All of humanity would live in hopelessness and fear. Every year we think about it again. We feel it again. We think about how horrible a price Jesus paid for us. And we think about the life of joy and purpose and the life eternal that are ours because of what happened that Friday; the GOOD Friday. And of course we know that this is not the end of the story. On Sunday morning.....

## **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.

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>GREETERS</u></b>	<b><u>ACOLYTE'S</u></b>
April 7 -	Shawnee Hohl & Bonnie Gratzmiller	
April 14 –	Dave Smail & Alissa Meyer	
April 18 –	Joe & Patti Scrips (Maundy Thurs.)	Travis Johns
April 21 –	John & Helen Bowser (Easter)	Makayla Scrips
April 28 –	Barb Spangler & Jeanne Speer	Kirsten Manarelli
May 5 –	Kris & Dave Hilty	Braden Tutak
May 12 –	Tom Spencer & Chet Schall	Allyson Tutak



### **NURSERY**

April 7 – Carmen Riggle  
April 14 – Laurie Pritt  
April 21 – Kathy Jo Scrips  
April 28 – Terri Maughan  
May 5 – Sheila Brumbaugh  
May 12 – Hannah Schrecengost



### **FLOWERS FOR APRIL**

Flower Person – Sue Quinn



## **April Birthdays**

Jodi Beers – 3rd

Alex Ramer – 3rd

Dan Zelenski – 3rd

Jeanne Speer – 4th

Brandi Orr – 4th

**Evann Gubitose – 4<sup>th</sup> on his 3rd (2016)**

Dan Brumbaugh – 6th

Allyson Tutak – 6th

Alice Graham – 7th

**Chuck Foster – 8th, 1926**

Aubrey Lasser – 9th

Miranda Schrecengost – 10th

Marcia Elgin – 11th

Benjamin Hankey – 12th

rynn Salley – 13th

Adam Cessna – 13th

Janet (Mrs. James) Rearick – 14th

Martha Dyott – 15th

Janelle Brumbaugh – 15th

Kara Boyer – 16th

Doris Howard – 18th

Lois Brown - 18th

Pam Flickinger – 21st

Julie Tutak – 21st

Nathan Johns – 22nd

Cody Robert Cribbs -22nd

Mia Rae Scrips – 22nd

**Reed Alan Shaffer – 23<sup>rd</sup> on his 3<sup>rd</sup> (2016)**

Amanda Mudd – 25th

Travis Johns – 25th

Liam Roy Scrips – 30th



## **April Anniversaries**

James & Ashley Filler - 2<sup>ND</sup> on their 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

Michael and Krista Johnston – 26th on their 22<sup>ND</sup>

Mark and Cassie Clowser – 30th on their 26<sup>TH</sup>

## ***Spring's Arrival***

***I didn't hear a bugle blow  
When spring arrived the other day,  
Nor did I hear the whole world shout  
Along the springtide way.  
Instead I heard the trilling sound  
Of song birds everywhere,  
The gentle breezes, humming bees,  
The wild geese in the air.***

***I didn't see a big fanfare  
When spring came by our way,  
Nor did I see a festive feast  
To mark this gladsome day.  
Instead I saw rebirth of life,  
A world of blossoming;  
Oh, yes, I saw the power of God  
In this first day of spring.***

*Louise Pinkerton Fritz*

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*The Elderton Presbyterian Church Choir*

*& Drama Cast presents .....*

***"BOW THE KNEE"***

*A Dramatic Musical For Easter*

*"Bow The Knee" -*

An encounter with Jesus always leaves one with two choices- to deny His deity and reject His offer, or to respond to His invitation and bow to His sovereignty. This was true when He walked the earth and it's still true today..



"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11

**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 -- COOKIE SOCIAL AFTERWARDS**

**Anyone wishing to donate cookies, please drop them off beginning Friday afternoon April 12.**

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**April 7, 2019**  
**Rev. Alfred Kimmel**

On Palm Sunday the Session met  
with the communicants.

The family of Edna Wells is hosting an open  
house in honor of her **100<sup>th</sup>** birthday. It will be  
held on Saturday, **May 25** in Fellowship Hall  
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.



On Easter Sunday the Elderton Presbyterian Church  
welcome the following new members:

Travis Johns  
Grant Johnston  
Jaden Klonowski  
Kirsten Manarelli  
Emma Orr  
Brynn Salley  
Makayla Scrips  
Braden Tutak  
Allvson Tutak



## **EASTER EVENTS**

**APRIL 12, 13 & 14 – 7:00 P.M. - CANTATA**

**APRIL 14 – 10:30 – WORSHIP -Palm Sunday**

**APRIL 18 –7: 00 P.M. – MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

**Communion**

**APRIL 21- 7:00 A.M.- EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

**Breakfast following – Please bring a covered dish to share.**

**9:15- Children's Egg Hunt with light breakfast**

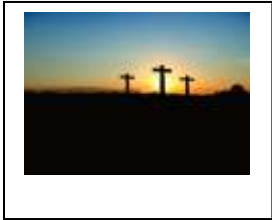
**APRIL 21 – 10:30 – WORSHIP**

**Reception of new members**



**Maundy Thursday  
Communion Service –**

**April 18 – 7:00 PM**  
Here at our Church!



**EASTER SUNDAY – April 18**

**SUNRISE WORSHIP**

**7:00 AM - Weather Permitting-will begin  
outdoors and proceed to Fellowship Hall.**

**Breakfast will follow – ‘bring a covered dish to share’.**



**9:15 AM-  
Easter Egg Hunt/Party**  
for children's Sunday School  
Classes thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade!



**10:30 AM – Worship**

**Special Easter Offering –**  
Envelopes will be available  
in your bulletins and the  
amount received will be used  
for those in need in our  
surrounding communities!

**HALLELUJAH!! HE IS RISEN!!**



# Butterfly Hill Preschool

Spring is finally here and everyone is looking forward to warmer weather and lots of sunshine. Looking forward to the spring flowers coming up in the flower garden in front and the side entrances of the church. Everyone is ready for some warmer temperatures.

The first week of April we are expecting our Easter Candy orders to be delivered by the Clark Candy Co. This was a fundraiser for preschool to pay its annual insurance premium.

On April 3 the Pre-K classes have been invited to the Elderton Senior Citizen's Center to share some songs and poems with the seniors. Since the senior's area is smaller than at the Towne Hall, this will be an event for preschoolers and teachers only. The AM and PM children will be attending in the morning. We will be walking to the center. Let's hope for NO RAIN!

April 12 will be a No School day for preschool. It is the weekend of the Easter Cantata. It is preschools way of cooperating with other church functions. We will also have a No School day on April 19 for Good Friday.

Many activities for the month of April. Pre-K will have lessons in 5 Senses, Easter, Bus Safety, Kindergarten Preview and Farm. Caterpillars will have some of the same topics (5 Senses, Easter Story, Easter Fun, and Zoo). Toddler Time will have Easter and Noah's Ark. All classes will beginning Review on things they have learned all year. Pre-K classes will also be having a Field Trip to the Kindergarten classroom here at the Elderton Elementary. Plans for that are underway. Also plans are being made for Field Trips: Pre-K to Vale Wood Farms and Caterpillars to Living Treasures Wild Animal Park.

Registrations are open for the 2019-2020 preschool year. Classes are filling up. Call for availability in Pre-K, Caterpillar and Toddler Time classes.

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



**"Happy Easter to everyone!"**







Due to relocating to a new residence, Mary Kowaluk has submitted her resignation as the church secretary.

We truly thank Mary for her dedicated service and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

The personnel committee is seeking applicants to fill this position that will begin on June 1, 2019. If you are interested in applying please contact Terry Johns at 814 935-2786 or [tjohns@comcast.net](mailto:tjohns@comcast.net) by April 15, 2019.

A **Big Thank You** to all who donated from Elderton Church to Camp Lambec. \$1000.00 was collected.



#### **HELPING HAND**

**April 2**  
**April 25**  
**May 4**  
**May 16**

**We thank Peg Rowan for overseeing this project. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Peg.**

#### **ATTENTION GRADUATES:**

If you will be graduating High School or College  
Please contact Martha Dyott to get an information  
sheet. [marthabtrfly@hotmail.com](mailto:marthabtrfly@hotmail.com).

Life is wild...God is good!

ROAR! The 2019 Vacation Bible School is coming closer! Save the dates June 24-28 and plan to bring children from your family or your neighborhood to learn that God is good! From 9 am to Noon each day, the children (ages 3 – potty-trained – through completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will learn that even when life is unfair, or scary, or changes, or is sad...God is good! They will also learn that when life is good...God is good then also! The closing program for friends and family will happen at 6 pm on Friday, June 28.

But, we can't make this happen without you! We currently need the following helpers:

1. Station Leader: "Stampede Sports" leader and helper: The leader will organize the equipment and choose the games from the booklet provided (or make up some of his/her own). The leader will explain the games to the children and help to direct the activities. The leader will also work in the Bible point and theme of each day while laughing, talking, and cheering on the children. The helper will fill in on teams if the numbers require it, may show the way through obstacle games, and will help the leader with equipment placement and stowing each day.
2. Station Leader: "KidVid Cinema" operator: The operator will run a DVD player/smart TV combination to show a movie to the children in each group. The operator will then engage the children in a conversation that helps them to apply the Bible point and lesson to their lives. The script for the suggested conversation starters is included in a guide book, and the movie is on a prepared DVD. The operator will be responsible for turning lights on and off and operating the provided equipment while in the "cinema" with the children (helpers can be incorporated!).
3. Station Leader: "Crewleaders": The crewleaders will help to chaperone the safari groups as they travel from room to room during each day's program. We encourage one adult per crew, and added helpers that have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade or higher, so that we have at least one leader per five children. Each station has a leader and helper, but crewleaders are encouraged to help at each station so that the whole crew is immersed into the story/craft/game/etc.
4. "Donors/Lenders": A list will be coming out with requests for supplies to be donated or borrowed. If you are interested in donating or lending an item on the list, please register that with the Shelocta Church (or by taking the appropriate donation tab from the flyer) and provide the items before June 15.

If you would like to be part of the station leadership, please contact Hannah Schrecengost (Elderton PC) or Rev. Kathy Nice (Shelocta CPC) ASAP! Vacation Bible School takes a village! Thank you for being part of our village!

# Spring

BUDS  
DAFFODILS  
FLOWERS  
GRASS  
RAIN

RAINBOW  
SEEDS  
SPRING  
TULIPS  
UMBRELLA

G F S Q O I I S L S U R  
E D U R Y G N D M B K V  
B T A P T I Q E K D I F  
S K N F A G H E H P B C  
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## April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7</b> <b>8:30- Choir</b> 9:15-Sunday School 9:15 – C. Class 10:30 Worship  6:00 P.M.-Cantata Practice	<b>8</b> 6:00 P.M. Deacons	9	10	11	<b>12</b> <b>CANTATA</b> 7:00 P.M.	<b>13</b> <b>CANTATA</b> 7:00 P.M.
<b>14</b> 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship Session to meet with communicants <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Music & Worship Mtg.  CANTATA 7:00 P.M.	<b>15</b> 6:00 P.M. Session Mtg.  Work Night Cantata Props tear down	16	17	<b>18</b> <b>MAUNDY THURS.</b> 7:00 P.M.  <b>COMMUNION</b> 	19	20
<b>21</b> <b>7:00 A.M. Sunrise Service-Breakfast</b> <b>9:15 – Egg Hunt &amp; light breakfast</b> <b>10:30 - Worship</b> <b>Reception of New Members</b>  <b>HAPPY EASTER</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>28</b> 8:30 – Choir 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 - Worship	29	30	 			