



2020

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY – NEWSLETTER – 2020

Greetings from a warmer part of our country! Quite a few years ago I made a trip to FL to help out after my father-in-law's bypass surgery. It was warm and sunny-and then I had to return to PA in March. My only comfort was in the knowledge that there was warm weather out there and it was heading our way. We all know how accurate Punxsutawney Phil is at predicting the weather, but no matter what he says on the 2nd I can affirm that there is warm weather out there and it will be heading your way!

Thinking about the past, it comes to mind that there are innumerable things for which to be thankful. Aging is high on that list for me because it seems as we age we become more and more aware of how very blessed we have been through no doing of our own. We need to take time every day to thank God for all of those blessings!

We take so many things in life for granted. The food we eat each day is only grown by God's grace. We might plant, fertilize and water the seeds, but it is God who makes them grow! Some might feel like they have "earned" their daily bread, but the Apostle Paul instructed "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat" (2 Th 3:10) and set the example for them. (2 Th 3:7-9) Instead of feeling like we "earned" our daily bread, we need to thank God that he has given us the ability to work to attain our needs.

Grace is often defined as God's Riches at Christ's Expense. There are many verses that attest to this. Christ gave up his riches to become poor so we might become rich. (2 Cor 8:9) In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. (Eph 1:7) It is by grace you have been saved. (Eph 2:5-7) It is the gift of God. (Eph 2:8)

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Heb 4:16)

I leave you with one of my most cherished Bible verses:

God made him who had no sin to be a sin offering for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor 5:21)

What amazing Grace!
Lois Brown

GREETERS, NURSERY & ACOLYTE'S (Mark Your Calendars)

This is the only list you will receive – so PLEASE look this over

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 – 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).

NEW Please lock the front doors into the church. Pull to make sure the door is latched, use the small “key” found on the window ledge, insert it into the bar of the door and turn until the bar pops out. The handicap door will remain unlocked until 10 minutes into service (Cassie will take care of this.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
February 2	Dave and Kris Hilty	Mia Scrips
February 9	Scott and Brenda Coleman	Travis Johns
February 16	Tom and Sue Quinn	MaKayla Scrips
February 23	Rod and Kathy Burns	Jordan Freeman
March 1	Joe and Patti Scrips	Liam Scrips



NURSERY LIST

February 2	Laurie Pritt
February 9	Carmen Riggle
February 16	Hannah Schrecengost
February 23	Kathy Jo Scrips
March 1	Terri Maughan

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

Flower Person- Sue Quinn

February 2 – Sue Quinn
February 9 – Sue Quinn
February 16- OPEN
February 23- OPEN



Blanket Sunday

Presbyterian Women
will sponsor Blanket Sunday
March 1, 2020



THE FOLLOWING ARE
SCHEDULED TO SHARE THE
WORD OF THE LORD WITH US
IN FEBRUARY

February 2 – T.J. Spencer
February 9 – Jeff Hartung
February 16 – Randy Stear
February 23 – Arlene Schwietzer



Communion will be held during
worship service
February 23, 2020



FEBRUARY 2, 2020
is 'Souper' Bowl Sunday.

Please join us downstairs
after worship service
for a Soup Luncheon.

Free will offering will go to the
'Souper' Bowl Offering
which remains here for our food bank!

Youth will be at the doors for your donation
if you don't plan on staying for the meal.

SPONSORED BY CHRISTIAN LIFE!

The following letter was received from Rev. Sweeney on January 3, 2020
(You can also read the letter on the front vestibule bulletin board)

To my beloved congregation, grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

December 29 was one of the happiest days of my life. Your gifts and the dinner were wonderful. But the title of pastor emeritus was the greatest honor I could ever imagine. It feels like a positive affirmation of my years of ministry. It is all the more special that it comes from you. This is my home church. The bonds of love that we share will last forever.

Thank you seems to be inadequate to express how much this means to me. It is more than just a piece of paper and a title. It is a symbol of all the years we have shared in ministry. I am remembering parties at the manse, precious times at Jumonville, weddings and baptisms and picnics. I am remembering saints who have gone on to glory but have left their indelible mark on our church and on me. But I am also remembering the Sunday worship services and the confirmation classes and the new members and the candles at Christmas. I am remembering mission trips and sleep overs and gorilla visits.

My thanks are not just for the gifts and the very special emeritus designation. My gratitude is for all of these precious memories and more. I will miss you greatly. But my gratitude is also for all of the great years that are yet to come. I will cherish every report of good ministry in Elderton that is to come.

Though I will not be available for any pastoral leadership, I will always be your friend. I will always pray for your continued health and happiness and growth in spirit.

I wish you all the best blessings moving forward. I know that God will continue the work that He has begun in you. I love you. Thanks again for blessing me so richly.

Your brother forever in Christ,

Rick

FRANKLIN GRAHAM

P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607

December 13, 2019

Dear Dr. Sweeney,

Thank you for the very generous goft of \$13,365 sent to Samaritan's Purse From Elderton Presbyterian Church designated for our Operation Christmas Child program. We truly appreciate your support and prayer for this ministry.

We thank God for every gift-filled shoebox that had been collected this season and the thousands of volunteers who have helped prepare them to be shipped around the world. As children in over 100 countries receive the boxes in the weeks and months ahead, please pray with us that they will come to know that God loves them and that they will put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ – God's greatest gift. *"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15).*

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and may God richly bless you,

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham

This letter was received because our Church participated in the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Mission.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

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DEACONS: Brian Dyott, Jeff Elgin

AT-LARGE: Sandy Wingard

7. DEACONS (SUBCOMMITTEES)

PROPERTY: Cory scrips, Tom Wingard, Gary Henderson, Nathan Johns, Dave Smail, Jeff Elgin

FOOD BANK: Terri Maughan



Butterfly Hill Preschool

"Happy Valentine's Day"

February is here; 5 months of preschool have gone by and they have been an exciting 5 months. No serious weather concerns yet, but, we shall see what Punxsutawney Phil and the weatherman has in store for us! It is winter!

Topics for the classes in February are basically the same, but all done in an age appropriate way. There are papers to do, books to read, crafts to make, gross motor activities and lots of music.

February monthly concept is sequencing and topics are:

- Dental Health / Groundhog Day
- Healthy Eating / President's Day
- Valentine's Day
- Letter Week's / Learning to Write Letters 3yr olds / Introducing A,B,C & 1,2,3 to Toddlers
- Dr. Seuss' Birthday / Read Across America

Registrations are open for the 2020-2021 preschool year. Currently, in-house registrations are being held until February 7. The public registrations will be opened after that. Classes are filling up fast. If you know of any families interested in sending a 2, 3, 4 or 5 year old to preschool, please contact Jeanne or Martha at the church no.

Classes available:

- Pre-Kindergarten (Butterflies) – Monday-Wednesday-Friday AM or PM
- 3 year old class (Caterpillars) – Tuesday-Thursday AM or PM
- 2 year old class (Toddler Time) – Monday-Wednesday AM; Tuesday-Thursday AM, Tuesday-Thursday, if needed

Preschool would like to send a special "Thank You" to John Morganti from Creekside. For the Christmas season, John made small wooden Christmas trees for each child in preschool to decorate. Each tree was "theirs"; all were different. It was a keepsake for them to take home. The parents were very touched that it was something they would get out year after year at Christmas time. John makes thousands of these trees to donate to organizations each year.



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

FEBURARY BIRTHDAYS**FEBURARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Emira Shipley – 1st
 John Speer – 4th
 Madilyn Silvis – 5th
 Rick Milleman – 7th
 Scott Craig – 8th
 Brian Schall – 11th
 Kai Shultz – 11th
 Matt Brown – 12th
 Joe Bertolino – 14th
 Shelby Clowser – 14th
 Nicholas Schall – 15th
 Bob Coleman - 17th
 Dave Dyott – 18th
 Aaron Quinn – 18th
 Jillian Shaffer – 20th
 Brandi Bertolino – 21st
 Janet (Mrs. Don) L. Rearick – 23rd
 Amanda Perry – 26th
 Haley Brumbaugh – 26th
 Donna Howard – 27th
 Paige Beers – 27th
 Ashton Beers – 27th
 Sarah Pritt – 28th

Melvin (Buster) and Lori Rodgers – 7th, 1981
 Paul and Merilyn Meyers – 17th, 1968



Jesus Is The Greatest Valentine

Jesus is the greatest Valentine;
 His love will never cease to be,
 His love is bigger than the world;
 I'm so glad that Jesus loves me.

Jesus is the greatest Valentine;
 His heart is bigger than the sea,
 And He always fills my heart with joy
 I'm so glad Jesus loves me.

Yes He is the greatest Valentine;
 I will rejoice eternally,
 I will lift my voice with all my heart;
 I'm so glad Jesus loves me.

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Helping Hands
2 Ground Hog Day 8:15 – Choir practice 9:15 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service “Souper Bowl luncheon” after worship	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 8:15 – Choir practice 9:15 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	10 Session & Deacons Meeting 6:00 PM	11	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 	15
16 8:15 – Choir practice 9:15 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service- Hunger Offering	17 Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 PM	18	19	20 Helping Hands	21	22
23 8:15 – Choir practice 9:15 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service Communion	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28	29