



2020

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH – NEWSLETTER – 2020

What now? That is the question that this church has been asking for the last two years and we, as your pulpit nominating committee, have been working tirelessly to find some answers. It has been a journey mixed with moments of laughter and moments of frustration but finally we are getting closer to the answers that everyone has been patiently waiting for.

The road to finding a new pastor has been anything but smooth, especially at the beginning. We had to wait months before we could even start the process. Then we spent months writing our Ministry Information Form, or the resume for our church, and trying to make it perfect. Once we finally finished writing our MIF, we then had to wait to start receiving Personal Information Forms or the resume for the pastoral candidates.

Finally, after what felt like years, we started to receive PIF's, but that did not mean our road was finally clear. In fact, it may have had more obstacles than before. We read PIF's and watched sermon videos for many wonderful pastors... and one guy who was in his mother's basement, but that's another story. We would call many candidates that we thought could be potential pastors for our church, but we were receiving no responses. How are we supposed to make progress; how are we supposed to find answers if no one will call us back? This was the most frustrating couple of months for this committee. We were working so hard and saw so many great candidates and nothing was happening.

Finally, after close to two full years of trying to find a pastor, we have been in contact with several people and are hoping that we are finally finding answers. We hope to have more information to share with everyone in the near future.

Our road has been long and bumpy and full of twists and turns but our road has been paved by God and only He knows our destination. We as a church and as a PNC committee have to trust that, even when things aren't working out and no one is calling back, we are on the right road and eventually we will reach the destination that has been planned for us since the beginning. Let's stop asking "What now?" with sadness and impatience, let's ask "What now?!" with hope and excitement for the future.

With love and patience (lots of patience),

Your PNC Committee

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>
March 1	Joe and Patti Scrips	Liam Scrips
March 8	Blythe and Terry Johns	Jonah Scrips
March 15	Bob and Kim Anderson	Aybrah Zelenski
March 22	Jamey and Sheila Brumbaugh	Emily Johns
March 29	Pam Flickinger and Jeanne Speer	Alexandra Maughan
April 5	John and Helen Bowser	Mia Scrips



NURSERY LIST

March 1	Terri Maughan
March 8	Sheila Brumbaugh
March 15	Hannah Schrecengost
March 22	Carmen Riggle
March 29	Laurie Pritt
April 5	Kathy Jo Scrips

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

See Joanie Riggle to sign up for flowers.

Flower Person-Susan Schrecengost

March 1 – Shirley Schall

March 8 – Shirley Schall

March 15- Joanie Riggle

March 22- Joanie Riggle

March 29 -Sue Stitt

April 5- Shirley Schall





**ELDERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKE/BUCKWHEAT SUPPER**

MARCH 28, 2020
4:00-7:00

Adults \$10.00
Kids 5-12 years \$5.00
Kids 4 and under Free

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Please correct the following
numbers and names in your directory

Sarah Pritt
734-954-2345

Rodney and Kathy Burns

Sorry for any inconvenience.



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

March 1 – T.J. Spencer
March 8 – Jeff Hartung
March 15 – PJ Pfeuffer
March 22 – PJ Pfeuffer
March 29 – Jeff Hartung

Blanket Sunday

**Presbyterian Women
will sponsor Blanket Sunday
March 1, 2020**

\$10.00 will purchase one blanket.
Envelopes will be in your bulletin and
in the vestibules throughout the month of March.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
At Elderton Presbyterian Church



**JUNE 15 – 19, 2020
9:00-12:00**

SAVE THE DATE NOW!

We have started planning for VBS.
If you would like to help in any way
please see Hannah Schrecengost.

If you have access to paper boxes
please start saving them for VBS.



Children, Youth and Family Services
COUNTY OF ARMSTRONG

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January 22, 2020

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Attn: Jeannie Spear, Margie Dyott and Butterfly Hill Preschool
PO Box 159
Elderton, PA 15736

Dear Pastor, Parishioners and the Butterfly Hill Preschool:

Thank you for your donations and support of 25 children, 5 parents and 14 families through our Agency for the 2019 Christmas Season. The overwhelming response in support of some of the children and families is always so welcome when we think of the hardships some of these children and families have endured at this time of year.

In total, our Agency served 131 children for this Christmas Season. This Agency has seen an increase in referrals for children's needs being unmet that include homelessness, food assistance and general parenting to name a few.

This Agency is devoted to our central mission of protecting children from abuse, neglect or exploitation. In conjunction with that mission is our belief that family life and relationships within the family are key ingredients in promoting healthy, safe settings for children. You have supported that goal in your kind and generous efforts.

We at Armstrong County Children, Youth and Families extend our best wishes to you and your families in 2020.

Sincerely,

Taffie D. Lloyd
Administrative Assistant

Paula McClure
Agency Administrator



Easter Flower order Deadline MARCH 29
Give orders to Joanie Riggle

Your name _____

Make choice:

*Lily -- \$8.75 #ordered_____

*Tulips -- \$8.75 (choose color)

Red _____ Orange _____ Pink _____

Yellow _____ White _____ # ordered _____

*Hyacinths -- \$8.75 Blue _____ White _____ Pink _____ #ordered _____

*Mums -- \$8.75 White _____ Yellow _____ Pink _____ #ordered _____

Total # of flowers_____

X \$8.75 Total Due_____

Please circle or complete the correct category of giving:

In Memory of Loved Ones

In Loving Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

The following thank you was received from the Elderton Elementary PTA

Thank you so very much for the turkey donation
for the Elderton PTA food drive.
We were able to help two families this Thanksgiving,
and your turkey donation was a HUGE help!

Celeste Newhouse, secretary
Elderton Elementary PTA

THANK YOU

Harmony Grove Lutheran Church would like to say thank you
for our donation following the devastating arson fire on February 26, 2019.
They have completed rebuilding and held their first service on
Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, the anniversary of the fire.

There is an open house on Sunday March 1 from 12-3.
Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.



Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Thank you to the Christian Life Committee
for planning the soup luncheon held on February 2, 2020.
Thank you to those who donated soup and pies.
Everything was delicious!

\$367.83 was collected.

This money stays in our church for the food bank.
The amount collected is reported and added to the national total.



Please join us
MARCH 20, 2020
At Elderton Presbyterian Church
Doors open at 6:15 pm
Movie starts at 7:00 pm

“OVERCOMER”

Overcomer is 2019 American Christian
drama film directed by Alex Kendrick.

High school basketball coach John Harrison and his team face an uncertain future when their town’s largest manufacturing plant shuts down unexpectedly.

As hundreds of people move away, John reluctantly agrees to coach cross country, a sport he doesn’t even like. His outlook soon changes when he meets Hannah Scott, an unlikely runner who pushes herself to the limit.

Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend,
John starts to train Hannah for the biggest race of her young life.

The Sunday school children will have a concession stand
with popcorn, chips, candy and water.
The proceeds from the concession stand will go to the Heifer Project.



Butterfly Hill Preschool

 *"Happy St. Patrick's Day"* 

 *"Welcome Spring"* 

February GONE! Just like that! The month seemed to pass by very quickly. The weather has been "yucky" and children & teachers have had their share of colds, flu, etc. So far, only one day of school cancelled!

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

March's monthly concept is Opposites and topics are:

- ❖ Dr. Seuss' Birthday / Read Across America – all classes
- ❖ Toddler Time – The Bible / Jesus
- ❖ Time – Pre-K classes
- ❖ Ocean – 3 year olds
- ❖ St. Patrick's Day – all classes
- ❖ Spring / Easter – Pre-K classes & 3 year olds
- ❖ Toddler Time – Spring/Easter/Weather
- ❖ Letter Week's – Pre-K / Learning to Write Letters 3 year olds
- ❖ Introducing A,B,C & 1,2,3 to Toddlers

Registrations are open for the 2020-2021 preschool year. The public registrations have been opened. 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 PM only
- ❖ 3 year old class (Caterpillars) – Tuesday-Thursday PM Only
- ❖ 2 year old class (Toddler Time) – Monday-Wednesday AM; Tuesday-Thursday AM, Tuesday-Thursday, only if needed

Preschool would like to send a special "Thank You" to Dr. Fetchko, the local dentist in Elderton. Each year Dr. Fetchko donates a new toothbrush for each preschool child to take home. Each February we have a unit on Dental Health. The children are very excited to get the toothbrush, which is shaped like an animal and very colorful. Thanks, Dr. Fetchko.



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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Colleen Cessna – 1st
Bethany Rodgers – 1st
Roman Guerrieri -2nd
Marilyn Meyers - 7th
Jodi Flickinger – 9th
Russell Rizzo – 9th
Betsy Bertolino – 11th
Jonah Xiong – 11th
Laura Young – 12th
Isabelle Gaff – 12th
Laurie Pritt, - 15th
Charlie Quinn – 17th
Ashley Gaff – 18th
Mike R. Schall – 19th
Drew Patz – 19th
Larry Highfield – 20th
Edna Wells – 21st on her 101st
Eric Schrecengost – 21st
Ella Creighton – 21st,
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, 1997
Scott and Marilyn Clark – 13th, 1982
Brett and Joanie Riggle – 18th, 2000
David and Terri Maughan – 26th, 2009
Butch and Linnie Rodgers – 30th, 1957

My happiness lies in sharing all that I possess,
that it may bring to others a bit of happiness.
My happiness lies in caring for someone who needs
the hope that I may give them in love, and words, and deeds.
My happiness lies in knowing that when my day is done
I have sought to help someone find their place in the sun.

Laura Baker Haynes



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15 – Choir practice 9:15 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service – 1 st Sunday in Lent Blanket Sunday	2	3	4	5	6	7 Turn your clocks ahead
8 8:15 – Choir practice 9:15 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service -2 nd Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 VBS meeting 5:00 Session meeting 6:00 Deacons meeting 6:00	10	11	12 Helping Hand	13	14
15 8:15 – Choir practice 9:15 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service – 3 rd Sunday in Lent	16 Ch Ed meeting 6:00	17 	18	19 	20 Movie Night Doors open at 6:15 Movie starts at 7:00	21
22 8:15 – Choir practice 9:15 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service – 4 th Sunday in Lent	23	24	25	26	27	28 Pancake Supper Elderton Fire hall 4-7 
29 8:15 – Choir practice 9:15 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service – 5 th Sunday in Lent	30	31				