



2020

# ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MARCH – NEWSLETTER – 2020

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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

## 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.



## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Please correct the following  
numbers and names in your directory

Sarah Pritt  
734-954-2345

**Rodney and Kathy Burns**

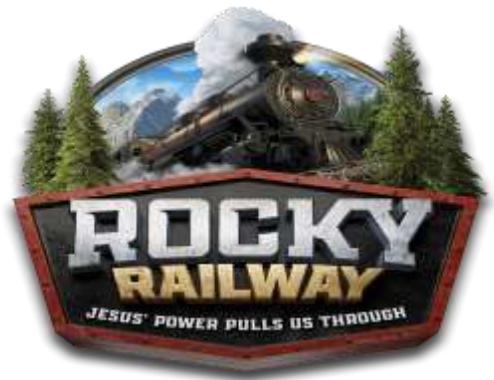
Sorry for any inconvenience.



**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

## 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**

Paula McClure, Administrator  
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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 – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Roman Guerrieri -2<sup>nd</sup>  
Marilyn Meyers - 7th  
Jodi Flickinger – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Russell Rizzo – 9th  
Betsy Bertolino – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Jonah Xiong – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Laura Young – 12th  
Isabelle Gaff – 12th  
Laurie Pritt, - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Charlie Quinn – 17th  
Ashley Gaff – 18th  
Mike R. Schall – 19th  
Drew Patz – 19th  
Larry Highfield – 20th  
**Edna Wells – 21st on her 101<sup>st</sup>**  
Eric Schrecengost – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Ella Creighton – 21<sup>st</sup>,  
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 – 18<sup>th</sup>, 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  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| <b>1</b><br>8:15 – Choir practice<br>9:15 -Sunday School<br>10:30 -Worship Service – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent<br>Blanket Sunday              | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br>Turn your clocks ahead   |
| <b>8</b><br>8:15 – Choir practice<br>9:15 -Sunday School<br>10:30 -Worship Service -2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent<br>Daylight Savings Time Begins | <b>9</b><br>VBS meeting 5:00<br>Session meeting 6:00<br>Deacons meeting 6:00 | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>Helping Hand  | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>  |
| <b>15</b><br>8:15 – Choir practice<br>9:15 -Sunday School<br>10:30 -Worship Service – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent                               | <b>16</b><br>Ch Ed meeting 6:00  | <b>17</b><br> | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br> | <b>20</b><br>Movie Night<br>Doors open at 6:15<br>Movie starts at 7:00 | <b>21</b>  |
| <b>22</b><br>8:15 – Choir practice<br>9:15 -Sunday School<br>10:30 -Worship Service – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent                               | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br>Pancake Supper<br>Elderton Fire hall 4-7<br> |
| <b>29</b><br>8:15 – Choir practice<br>9:15 -Sunday School<br>10:30 -Worship Service – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent                               | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>   |  |  |  |  |