

**MARCH**

**2022**

# ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MARCH– NEWSLETTER – 2022

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### PASTORS PAGE

## “God is Real”

How do you know God is real? What has convinced you that God exist? If you have journeyed with Christ even a little while, you may have had these questions. Well, you are not alone. Others have considered this question and we have an answer in the Larger Westminster Catechism.

Q. How doth it appear that there is a God?

A. The very light of nature in man, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God; but his word and Spirit only do sufficiently reveal him unto men for their salvation.

Rom. 1:19-20; Rom. 2:14-16; Psa. 19:1-3; Acts 17:28.

All humanity has certain knowledge of God by looking at nature. There is also the consciousness of moral law in the hearts of all humanity. Most of us know that there is something higher and greater than ourselves. Without the Word of God and Spirit the unregenerate humanity will never come to faith, because spiritual things are spiritually discerned. We can never totally rely on nature to teach us that God exists. We can somewhat discern that God does exist but never to its fullest. The Christian emphasizes that God is real through the revelation of the scriptures. The works of nature are inadequate to reveal God.

Why is this message of the light of nature and the works of God inadequate for mankind's spiritual needs? This natural revelation of God and of his will is insufficient for mankind's spiritual needs, in his present fallen and sinful condition, for two reasons.

(a) When mankind fell into sin, his spiritual need changed. He now needs more than he did when he was created. Man now needs salvation from sin by divine grace through a Mediator. But the light of nature and the works of God have nothing to say about salvation from sin. They reveal no gospel suited to the sinner's need.

(b) Man's fall into sin changed his capacity to receive and understand even the message which the light of nature and the works of God do bring to him. Man's heart and mind became darkened by sin (Rom. 1:21-22).<sup>1</sup>

The fuller revelation of God we have is the Old and New Testaments which God opens to us through the Spirit of God. True faith is also necessary, which is the gift of God, to understand who God is. Think about this for a moment. You and I have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit, and True Faith to know who God is. We have also been gifted with certain experiences in our Christian lives that have provided knowledge of the Holy One. This catechism should encourage us to understand that God has revealed himself to us and continues to show how good he is to us through his self-revelation.

Yours Brother of Jesus,

Angel

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<sup>1</sup> Johannes Geerhardus Vos. Westminster Larger Catechism: A Commentary (Kindle Locations 276-278). Kindle Edition.

# **GREETERS & ACOLYTE'S**

## **(Mark Your Calendars)**

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

If the date assigned to 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; the collection plates are on the first pew in the back section of the church (in the black cloth bag).

**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 6	Gary and Leandra Saltsman	Mia Scrips
March 13	Bob and Loretta Coleman	Liam Scrips
March 20	Nate and Jennifer Johns	Aaron Quinn
March 27	Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips	Travis Johns
April 3	Tom and Phyllis Popp	MaKayla Scrips

### **FLOWERS FOR MARCH**

March 6 and 13 – Shirley Schall  
March 20 and 27 – open  
April 3 and 10 – Sue Stitt

Joanie Riggle is the contact person for the flower calendar. If anyone wishes to request a date for chancel flowers or for an organ or table arrangement, please schedule with Joanie 724-954-1671.

Mandated Reporter  
Training

Kids count on you!

**March 22, 2022**  
**5:00 pm in the Upper Room**

If you are in need of this training,

please see Jeanne Speer or  
call the church 724-354-3117 to sign up.

## Blanket Sunday

**Presbyterian Women  
will sponsor Blanket Sunday  
March 6 through March 27**

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



## ELDERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL



**Friday, March 4, 2022  
4:00 – 7:00 PM  
(or until sell out)**

Eat in or take out  
Be sure to arrive early these dinners go fast.

**Please support our local  
fire department**



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

\$317.89 was collected.  
This money stays in our church for the food bank.  
The amount collected is reported and  
added to the national total.

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## ELDERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



**March 12, 2022  
10:00 – 3:00**

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Please join us at  
Elderton Presbyterian Church for  
Ash Wednesday worship service.

**March 2, 2022  
6:30 P.M.**

Ashes will be distributed.



### **Welcome New Members**

On February 20, 2022  
We welcomed into our church family

Colton Fairman  
by reaffirmation of faith



### **BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER Joe Clark Candies**

Taking orders February 27 - March 6  
Delivery date April 4 or 5  
Please support the preschool by ordering  
Easter candy.

Brochures and order forms are in the office  
or see Jeanne Speer for more information.

## **Seeds of Faith**

### **CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

ENROLLMENT OPENING MARCH 1  
2022-2023 School Year  
K-12, K-Prep & Preschool

- Christ-Centered Education
- 10:1 Student Ratio
- Scholarships & Payment Plans Available
- Bus Routes for Indiana, Marion Center, and Armstrong school districts
- Shuttle service available for non-participating school districts
- New location, Private School Building in Creekside, PA
- Tuition will not increase for the upcoming school year

Call: 724-463-7719  
Address: 181 Hudson Road, Creekside PA  
[seedsoffraithacademy.org](http://seedsoffraithacademy.org)



# BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL



## "February Highlights"

### Fun & Fitness February

February was a busy month. Topics were: Ground Hog Day, Valentines Day, Dental Health, and Healthy Eating/Fitness. The Caterpillar class also did a unit on Space.

We started out with Ground Hog day and learned about shadows. The children in the Caterpillar class were very excited to see their own shadows!

**"One little guy commented  
"Oh Wow! I have a shadow too, just like Punxsutawney Phil."**

Our toddler class visited the Pre-K class this month.

**The 2 year olds were in awe, they were very quiet and observant.  
Even our noisy, rowdy little guy was very quiet!  
They were all very talkative when returning to their classroom.**

The Butterflies letter of the week for February 14-18 was "R". On Friday they brought something that started with the letter "R"

**Maverick came to school with Roses for all of his teachers.  
We thanked him and told him how nice that was.  
He said "Yep, that's because I really like my teachers"**

Butterfly Hill Preschool is open for registration for the 2022-23 school year. The available spots are filling up fast. Both Butterfly and Caterpillar classes are full.

**Jesus said, "If you love me, obey me." John 14:15**



**Easter Flower orders - March 13, 20, 27 and April 3  
Deadline APRIL 3, 2022**

Give orders to Joanie Riggle or place in offering plate  
Make checks out to EPC

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Make choice:

\*Lily -- \$10.50 #ordered \_\_\_\_\_ amt. due \_\_\_\_\_

\*Tulips -- \$9.75 (choose color)

Red \_\_\_\_\_ Orange \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_

Yellow \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ # ordered \_\_\_\_\_ amt. due \_\_\_\_\_

\*Hyacinths -- \$8.75 Blue \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ #ordered \_\_\_\_\_ amt. due \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of flowers \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle or complete the correct category of giving:

In Memory of Loved Ones

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**LENTEN PRAYER CALENDAR FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2022**  
**PLEASE PRAY EACH DAY FOR THE PEOPLE LISTED**

**MARCH**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Edna Wells Tom Spencer Nancy Schrecengost	<b>2</b> Vaughn & Margie Wood Mark & Pat Schrecengost	<b>3</b> Tom & Sandy Wingard Luke Schrecengost	<b>4</b> Arlene & Delone Wingard Hannah Schrecengost	<b>5</b> Bob & Sue Stitt Chet & Brenda Schall David & Jenae Popp & Reese
6 BUTTERFLY HILL TEACHERS	7 John & Jeanne Speer Alexis Stenman Peg Rowan	8 Barb Spangler Toots Shughart Amanda & Tim Woznick & kids	9 Dave & Lisa Smail Irene Rankin Miranda Schrecengost	10 Susan & Eric Schrecengost Sarah Pritt	11 Shirley & Bob Schall Jean Quinn Beth Schrecengost Rania & Chris Grimes	12 Ryan, Sarah, Makayla & Liam Scrips Twila Wassum
13 THOSE WITH ADDICTIONS	14 Cory, Kathy Jo, Mia & Jonah Scrips Gerry & Donna Howard	15 Joe Scrips Linda & Roger Richardson Brian & Adam Dyott	16 Jeff Schrecengost Cheryl Hankey Lauren Hohl	17 Gary & Leandra & Anthony Saltzman Nicole & Bob Myers & boys	18 Lanette Klonowski Jaden Klonowski Shirley Claypool	19 Val Orr Emma Orr Carmen & Ryan Myers
20 THOSE BULLIED OR PERSECUTED	21 Candy Mummert Kent Mummert Tom & Phyllis Popp	22 Butch & Linnie Rodgers Don & Nancy Rupert	23 Brenda Salley Bryn Salley Tom & Sue Quinn	24 Brett & Joanie Riggle Larry & Linda Prugh	25 John, Julie & Charlie Quinn Laurie Pritt	26 Adam, Ashley Quinn & kids Bonnie Gratzmiller
27 THOSE GRIEVING	28 Bob & Marty Perry Gladys Johns Larry Highfield	29 Paul & Marilyn Meyer Richard & Mary Orr Doris Howard	30 Terri, Dave & Alexandra Maughan Jo Foster	31 Bill & Linda Lynch Jennifer, Martin & Janessa Schaeffer		



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**APRIL**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Ron & Sharon Aikins  Jane Blaney  Bernard & Kitty Boyer	2 John & Helen Bowser  Charlene & Angel De La Cruz  Dave Pletcher
3  THOSE THAT ARE DEPRESSED OR LONELY	4  Kim & Bob Anderson Travis Anderson  Barb Creighton	5  Blair & Lois Brown  Rod & Kathy Burns  Pam & Mike Flickinger	6  Mark & Cassie Clowser  Shelby Clowser Colton Fairman	7  Bob & Loretta Coleman Brittany Coleman  Connor Fairman	8  Scott & Brenda Coleman Breanna Coleman  Tyler Keith	9  Jeff & Marcia Elgin Martha Dyott  Kris & Dave Hilty  Mary Aikins
10  THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING	11  Heather, Dennis & John Bell  Betsy & Joe Bertolino	12  Nate, Jennifer, Travis & Emily Johns  Laney Johnston	13  Terry & Blythe Johns  Krista Johnston Grant Johnston	14  Shawnee & Jeff Hoh   Gary & Cindy Henderson	15  Veda & Dewey Hixenbaugh  Rod & Kathy Burns  Zane & Lizzy Clowser	16  Jamey & Sheila Brumbaugh  John & Dee Craig  Pam & Bernie Gaff
17  EASTER						

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Colleen Cessna – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Asher Quinn – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Bethany Rodgers – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Roman Guerrieri -2<sup>nd</sup>  
Merylyn Meyers - 7<sup>th</sup>  
Jodi Flickinger – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Russell Rizzo – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Betsy Bertolino – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Jonah Xiong – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Laura Young – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Isabelle Gaff – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Laurie Pritt, - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Charlie Quinn – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Ashley Gaff – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Mike R. Schall – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Drew Patz – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Larry Highfield – 20<sup>th</sup> -  
**Edna Wells – 21<sup>st</sup> on her 103<sup>rd</sup>**  
Eric Schrecengost – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Ella Creighton – 21<sup>st</sup>,  
Tyler Rodgers – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Lance Schrecengost – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Janey Cessna – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Jade Ramer – 28<sup>th</sup>  
Linnie Rodgers – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Kelsey Smail – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Tyler Anderson – 31<sup>st</sup>

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Brenda Coleman – 1<sup>st</sup>, 1997 -**25 years**  
Scott and Marilyn Clark – 13<sup>th</sup>, 1982 – **40 years**  
Brett and Joanie Riggle – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2000  
David and Terri Maughan – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Butch and Linnie Rodgers – 30<sup>th</sup>, 1957 – **65 years**



## March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 – Ash Wednesday Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4:00-7:00 – Fish Fry at Elderton Fire Hall	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:15 – Sunday School 9:15 – Confirmation Class 10:30 –Worship Service	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:00 – Deacons Meeting 6:30 – Session Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00-3:00 – Spring Craft Show at Fire Hall
<b>13</b> 9:15 – Sunday School 9:15 – Confirmation Class 10:30 –Worship Service	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  St. Patricks Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:15 – Sunday School 9:15 – Confirmation Class 10:30 –Worship Service	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:00 - Mandated Reporter Training	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 – Christian Ed meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:15 – Sunday School 9:15 – Confirmation Class 10:30 –Worship Service	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		