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ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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PASTORS PAGE

"Thankfulness is the Rule"

Colossians 3: 15-16

15. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

Whenever I listen to Nathan Johns preach, I look forward to his use of definitions. Taking a page from Nathan's playbook, I want to define the word "rule." Webster defines "rule" as a regulation or principle governing conduct or procedure within a particular area of activity. The word "rule" also means a code of practice and discipline for a religious community.

The Apostle Paul is handing some last instructions to the church in Colossae and he wants them to "rule" their minds with a different set of values rather than the ones prevailing in his day. Paul has been admonishing the Colossian church to seek the higher in Christ rather than only plain and ambiguous spirituality. He is reiterating how the people of the church should rule their mind during the difficulty of persecution. There are two parts of the above verses we will concentrate on. They are verse 15 "And be thankful," and verse 16 "with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms."

The Apostle Paul is directing us to let thankfulness regulate our lives while we endure the Thanksgiving season with Covid19. It is difficult to be thankful with the constant drumbeat of the Covid19 death numbers. It is difficult to regulate our hearts with thankfulness when the constant chatter is about social distancing, masks, and the washing of hands. Paul is letting us know we have to work at directing our minds to thankfulness when everything else is attempting to keep our attention.

We are encouraged by Paul to do something we all love to do for the purpose of remaining thankful. The Apostle Paul encourages us to sing. George Eliot shares the following about music, "Life seems to go on without effort when I am filled with music." Leonard Bernstein said, "Music can name the unnamable and communicate the unknowable." Listening to sacred music governs our minds activity. Listening to sacred music is as Martin Luther writes, "As long as we live, there is never enough singing."

Beloved during the difficulties of Covid19, sing in your heart. Regulate your heart with spiritual songs and hymns. Find a way to govern an amount of your thinking day to listening to your favorite hymn, contemplating its lyrics, and experiencing every note. Thankfulness is the rule for the days ahead.

Yours Because of Jesus,
Angel

As we continue to live with the COVID pandemic, the session of Elderton Presbyterian Church would like you to be aware that we continue to follow the guidelines as per the Presbytery.

- Hand sanitizer is placed at every entrance of the church; it is recommended you use the sanitizer upon entering and exiting the sanctuary. Disposable masks and gloves are also available at each entrance for your convenience.

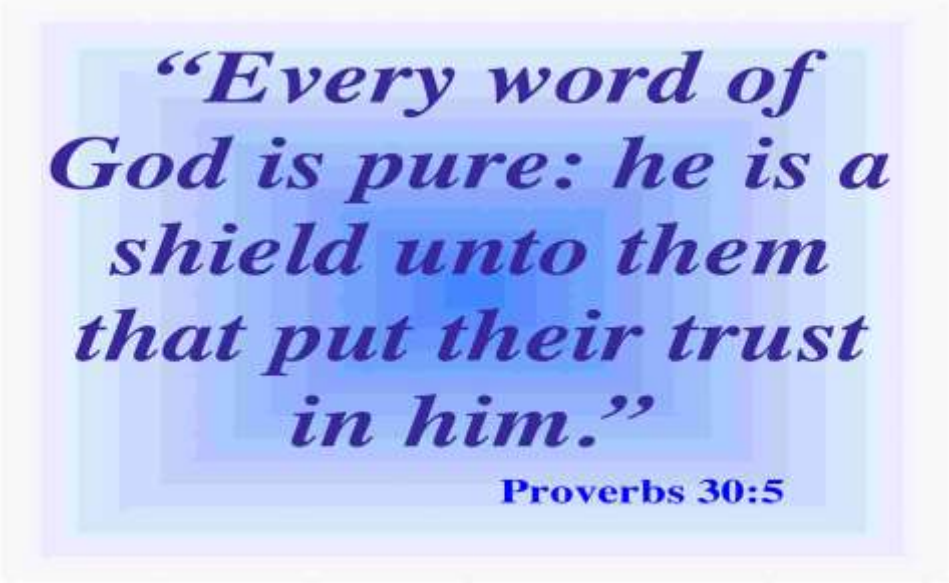
- We continue to practice social distancing during worship service.

- We also continue to follow the guidelines using hymnals. When having one service a week we are allowed to use the hymnals, as studies show the virus does not live on a surface for more than three days.

- A weekly slideshow of the bulletin can be viewed on the TVs at the front of the sanctuary should you decide you do not want to use a paper bulletin.

- We will not pass the microphones during Joys and Concerns. We ask that you speak loudly so all may here your request.

Please know your safety in Elderton Presbyterian Church is of utmost importance. We are taking every precaution necessary so that we may continue to worship together. And remember, we want to share the gospel not the germs!



GREETERS, NURSERY & ACOLYTE'S

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, 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.

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.)

DATE	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
November 1	Terry and Blythe Johns	Travis Johns
November 8	Charlene De La Cruz	MaKayla Scrips
November 15	Chet Schall and Mark Schrecengost	Liam Scrips
November 22	Presbyterian Women	Jonah Scrips
November 29	Martha Dyott and Heather Bell	Emily Johns
December 6	Tom Spencer and Dave Smail	Mia Scrips

NURSERY LIST

November 1 – Laurie Pritt
November 8 – Kathy Jo Scrips
November 15 – Terri Maughan
November 22 – Sheila Brumbaugh
November 29 – Laurie Pritt
December 6 – Kathy Jo Scrips

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with nursery, please contact the church office 724-354-3117.

Communion will be held Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2020 During worship service.

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

Flower Person- Sue Quinn
November 1 and 8 – Sue Quinn
November 15 - open
November 22 - open
November 29 - open
December 6 – open

You are always welcome to stop in the church office to visit with Dr. Angel, however, if you would like to have him visit you in your home, please call the church office 724-354-3117 Susan will get you scheduled.

Elderton Presbyterian Church continues to have the following online options for services:

Streamed live on Facebook.

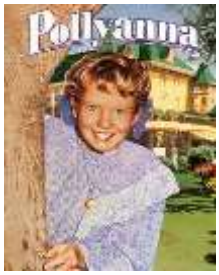
A video recording of the service is posted to YouTube after worship service.

An audio recording of the service is posted to the church website after worship service.

Family Movie Night

November 13, 2020

Doors open at 6:30 - Movie starts at 7:00



Please join us for this Disney movie about a young orphan named Pollyanna, who believes life's most difficult problems can always be surmounted by a positive attitude.

But when she moves in with her aunt, she is introduced to a range of disheartened folks who challenge her upbeat outlook. Not to be discouraged, she sets to work spreading hope and good cheer.
However, when an inspired doctor leads the community in a campaign in opposition to her aunt, Pollyanna's goodwill is strained.

Popcorn, soft pretzels, movie candy and water is available for $1.00 each at the concession stand until the start of the movie.
The proceeds will go to the Heifer Project.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Angel will lead a Bible study during the six weeks of Advent.

Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15, Dec 22, Dec 29 and Jan 5

Tuesday's 12:00 – 1:00 pm.
or
Tuesday's 5:30-6:30 pm.

Please call the church office to let us know which time works best for you.

We will study from the book "Simply Jesus: A New Vision of What He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters"

Please join us for this exciting time to learn more about Jesus.
We will serve pastries, coffee and tea.

If you are interested in attending please contact the church office **NOW** so we can have enough books ordered. 724-354-3117

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Judith A. Allison
September 24, 2020

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."

Christmas Poinsettias

Orders taken November 8, 15 & 22

Christmas poinsettias are used to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

The price is $8.75 for a 6 ½ in. pot with 4 – 6 blooms.
The color choices are

Red, Pink or White

Please place your order form with correct information and money (checks made out to Elderton PC) in an envelope and give to Joanie Riggle or place in the offering plate.
Orders must be paid for when placing an order.

Poinsettia Order

Your Name_____

Please circle color choice
Red Pink White

Please circle or complete the correct category of giving:

In Memory of Loved Ones

In Loving Memory of:_____

In Honor of:_____

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

This time last year we started discussing the restoration of our stained glass windows with an expected cost of $31,000.00.
We asked you to make donations to minimize the effort on our financial outlook.
Thanks to your effort, we were able to collect $9000.00 towards the project.

Last year we lost several members in our church and many contributions were made in their names totaling over $10,000.00. The session decided to use those memorial funds towards the improvement of the windows and notified the families of how their contributions would be used.

This summer the window restoration was completed.
They are beautiful and will continue to be there for generations to enjoy.

We made the last payment for the window restoration; however, the payment had to be taken out of the general budget, which had not included the money needed for this project.

At this time, we are approximately $11,000.00 short of our goal of $31,000.00.

We are asking you to support the windows project by making any additional donations you can to this project above and beyond your normal offering.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Donald E. Rearick
October 14, 2020

"I am the resurrection and the life,
he who believeth in me,
though he die, yet shall he live."

HELPING HAND SCHEDULE

November 14
November 24
December 16
Please consider helping with this mission.
Contact Peg 724-354-3399

We extend our congratulations to
Gabe and Kim Creighton on the birth of their son,
Emmett William,
born October 5, 2020
in Baltimore.
Emmett weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long.
He was welcomed home by his
big brother Elijah and big sister Ella.
We also congratulate grandmother, Barb Creighton.

BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL
WREATH / GRAVE PILLOWS
FUNDRASER

Cost: $20.00 per wreath with a bow
$30.00 per grave pillow
with bow & Christmas balls

NEW $12.00 per window sill boughs

Orders due: November 17
Orders turned in to Jeanne or Martha
Make checks payable to: Butterfly Hill
Delivery date: December 1st - 9am -3pm

Name_____

Quantity Ordered:

Wreaths @ $20/each #_____ = $_____

Grave
Pillows @ $30/each #_____ = $_____

Window Sill Boughs # _____ = $_____
@ $12 / each

Total Order = $_____

"Angel Tree 2020"

Elderton Presbyterian Church &
Butterfly Hill Preschool
"Christmas Angel Tree"
through Children & Youth Services
November 22 through December 10

Our church and preschool is offering everyone the chance to participate in a "Christmas Angel Tree" for children & families in need from Armstrong County. Helping these children have a wonderful Christmas is our goal. Last year's Angel Tree was a huge success.

The "Christmas Angel Tree" will be located in the Upper Room with ornaments. On the back of each ornament is a child's name, age, sizes and gift(s) for you to purchase.

- Please pick up an ornament starting November 22 when the tree is put up and the Angels are hung on the tree.
- Sign the Angel Tree Register (match Angel # with the # in the Register)
- Purchase the gift(s)
- Return the gift(s) ***"unwrapped"*** in a ***Christmas gift bag*** with the ***ornament attached to the bag*** by ***December 10*** **(earlier, if possible for check-in purposes)**
- Make sure to "check off" your Angel # in the Register before you leave.

- *Example* of Angel Tree Register –

Angel #	Name / Family	Buyer	Check-Out	Check-In
#23	Brandon (family #1)	Jeanne Speer	11-26-20	12-10-20
#64	Jamey (family#2)	Martha Dyott	11-30-20	12-11-20

Butterfly Hill Preschool

Where has the time gone? October just seemed to "fly" by! The children have been having so much fun learning, playing and being with their friends. The back door drop-off and pickup is working great. Teachers as well as parents, grandparents & babysitters are happy with the ease of drop-off and pickup.

Many things are going on in the month of November. Wreath Fundraising orders are due by Nov. 17 or before with payment to Butterfly Hill Preschool. See order form in this newsletter. Wreath, grave pillow, or window sill boughs delivery date is December 1st.

Thanksgiving also brings our Annual Thankful Food Bank Collection for the church Food Bank and runs from Nov. 2 – 13. The children bring in food items to donate to the Food Bank to further enhance the lessons taught about being thankful for what they have.

The Preschool children have been collecting change to benefit The Heifer Project. See the separate article within this newsletter about the collection and total amount collected.

The Annual Angel Tree through CYS begins on November 22. See the separate article in this newsletter.

"Happy Thanksgiving!"
from Butterfly Hill Preschool Staff & Children

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

PASS ON THE GIFT
HEIFER®
INTERNATIONAL

Butterfly Hill Preschool Mission Project 2020

Butterfly Hill Preschool finds a mission project to support each year. In the past, it has been Samaritans' Purse Christmas Shoe Box Project. Since last year was the last year for this project in this area – which was very successful – preschool needed to find another mission project.

The Heifer International helps impoverished families worldwide. This is the mission project that was selected. Money raised will be used to give families animals – like sheep, goats, cows, pigs or rabbits. They care for these animals and start their own businesses selling eggs, cheese and more.

Butterfly Hill Preschool came up with the idea of sending individual clear cups with a lid home for the preschool children to collect loose change. They were to place it on their counter top/ table and drop any extra change their family had into it. When it was full, they were to bring it back to preschool and empty it into a big bucket in the classroom area. The cup then went back home to collect more change. Each time they brought their "coin cup" in it helped towards our goal of buying animals for needy families

We had no clue as to how our idea of a "coin cup" would work out. We were overwhelmed by the results. The preschool children were told what they were to do and why we were doing it. They were excited to have their own little "coin cup". Each class had a different animal picture on their cup.

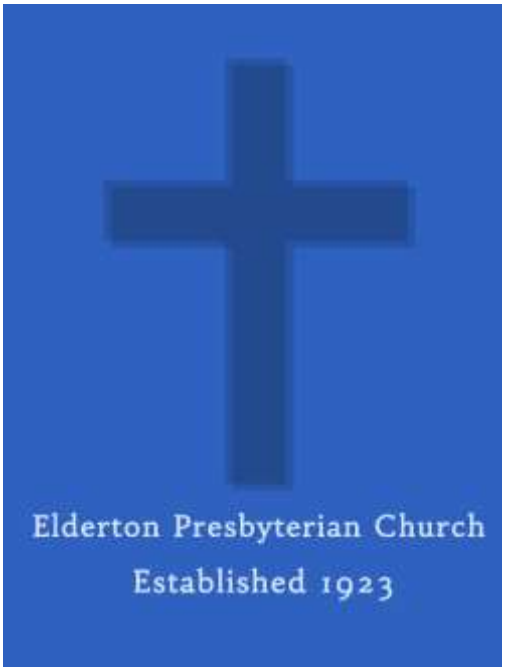
Each and every day for the past month, they would come in the door and proudly say "I have money in my cup" with the biggest smile on their face. They were excited about this project, and the excitement spilled over to all the teachers.

The cut-off date was October 22, and you will not believe what these preschoolers and their families donated in that little coin cup, filling it up every time they took it back home. What a valuable lesson has been taught to these 2, 3 and 4 year old preschoolers.

Are you ready for the grand total collected? **$1,161.55 !!!!**

Elderton Presbyterian Church Clothing Sale!

Front Chest Pocket Area



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Name: _____

T-Shirt- $15.00

Quantity _____ Size _____ Kid/Adult

Long Sleeve T-Shirt- $18.00

Quantity _____ Size _____ Kid/Adult

Hoodie- $25.00

Quantity _____ Size _____ Kid/Adult

Sweatshirt- $20.00

Quantity _____ Size _____ Kid/Adult

Sizes XXL and larger +$2.00. Any questions please see Hannah or Susan Schrecengost.

Please return order by November 22nd with payment. Checks payable to EPC.

Sponsored by the Christian Education Committee with all proceeds going to the Heifer Project.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Larry Prugh – 1st Kyle Beers – 2nd Maryanne Xiong – 2nd Travis Anderson – 3rd Luke Ramer – 5th Emma Cessna – 6th Gabe Creighton – 8th Alexandra Maughan – 8th Crystal Peffer – 9th Ethan Rearick – 9th Chester Schall – 11th Cheryl Hankey – 11th Debbie Keeler – 12th Jaylin Freeman – 12th Veda Stephens – 13th Margie Wood – 13th Charlene De La Cruz – 14th Kristy Dickman – 16th Bethany Smith – 16th Dean Howard – 17th Gary Henderson – 18th Devin Creighton – 18th Bills Krebs – 19th Lucy Creighton – 20th Brian Dyott – 21st Leah Tatsak – 22nd Kathy Jo Scrips – 22nd Adam Howard – 23rd Butch Rodgers – 26th Brenda Salley – 26th Alissa Meyer – 26th Beth Schrecengost - 29th Joanie Riggle – 30th Julie Perry – 30th	Tom and Phyllis Popp – 1st , 1963 Gary and Cindy Henderson – 3rd , 1973 Sally and Ed Fink – 12th , 2016 Don and Marion Kunkle – 15th , 1958 Kurt and Gyennie Flickinger – 15th ,2008 Bob and Loretta Coleman – 24th , 1961 Dave and Kris Hilty – 24th , 1990 – **30 years**

GIVE *thanks* TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

-1 Chronicles 16:34

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **8:30** – Choir Practice **9:15** – Sunday School **10:30** -Worship Service Daylight savings time ends	**2**	**3** 	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**
8 **8:30** – Choir Practice **9:15** – Sunday School **10:30** -Worship Service -	**9**	**10**	**11** 	**12** **6:00** Deacons Meeting **6:30** Session Meeting	**13** Movie Night - Doors open at 6:30 Movie starts at 7:00	**14** Helping Hand
15 **8:30** – Choir Practice **9:15** – Sunday School **10:30** -Worship Service – BHP special music	**16**	**17** BHP Wreath orders due	**18**	**19** **6:30** Ch Ed meeting	**20**	**21**
22 **8:30** – Choir Practice **9:15** – Sunday School **10:30** -Worship Service – Communion	**23**	**24** Helping Hand	**25**	**26** 	**27**	**28**
29 **8:30** – Choir Practice **9:15** – Sunday School **10:30** -Worship Service -	**30**					