



ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTOR’S PAGE

“Shortcomings”

2 Peter 1: 5-7

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

Isn't it easier to see the fault of others rather than your own? We are very quick to point out the shortcomings of others rather than look at ourselves and realize we need a lot of work.

Our text for October is important because Peter instructs the people of faith to seriously consider adding virtue to their faith. The word “virtue” is defined as the excellence of a person or thing that enables it to achieve its end or purpose. This definition of "virtue" concerns moral excellence.

God is teaching us that we should intend to have moral excellence. Living out the gospel every day is the Christian's life purpose. We are to commit ourselves daily to the pursuit of gospel morality with sincere hearts. God gives us the power to live virtuous lives through the Holy Spirit. Our lives are supposed to stand out in the crowd because of the way we live. Commit yourself to being intentional about living a morally excellent life.

To live a virtuous Christian life, we must add faith. The life we live should drip with faith. Faith is a strong confidence in the ability of someone greater than yourself. This is the moment to make certain decisions that commit us to the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the moment we conclude certain staples of faith that are not up for negotiation. Living in faith is the standard.

While we may see others' faults or shortcomings, it is very important that we turn our eyes inward and develop an intent to change for the glory of God.

Your brother, because of Jesus,

Angel

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

IF THE DATE ASSIGNED TO YOU CONFLICTS WITH YOUR SCHEDULE,
PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE ON THE LIST
AND NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE OF THIS CHANGE.

As a greeter, you should arrive at the door by 10:00 a.m. Please distribute the morning bulletin.

You will ring the bell 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 a.m.

Close all of the doors when the service begins.

You will also collect the offering. Please retrieve the collection plates before the service starts; they are in the black cloth bag on the first pew in the back section of the church.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
October 4	Sue and Aaron Quinn	Ava Quinn
October 11	Scott and Brenda Coleman	Cooper Grantz
October 18	Pam Gaff and Isabelle Gaff	Emily Spencer
October 25	Ryan and Sarah Scrips	London Smith
November 1	Barb Spangler and Pam Flickinger	Sophia Pinkerton



CHANCEL FLOWER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 4 and 11 – Joanie Riggle

October 18 and 25 - open

November 1 and 8 - open

If anyone wishes to request a date for chancel flowers, an organ arrangement, or a table arrangement, you must call the church office at 724-354-3117 or see Susan to secure the date you would like to donate flowers.





As we celebrate this special month, we want to take a moment to genuinely express our deep appreciation for all that Dr. Angel does. His sermons are not only thought-provoking but also incredibly uplifting, providing us with the inspiration we need to strengthen our faith.

His leadership is a true blessing to our congregation, guiding us with wisdom and compassion. We are especially thankful for his unwavering dedication to spreading love and kindness!

Dr. Angel De La Cruz exemplifies the spirit of what it means
to be a pastor and spiritual mentor.

Please join us in sharing your appreciation for him this month!





Thank You to Terri Maughan



This month, we want to take a moment to
express our gratitude to Terri Maughan for
her dedicated oversight of the Elderton
Presbyterian Church Food Bank.

Terri consistently demonstrates her commitment
by organizing the inventory, checking expiration
dates, and distributing food to those in need
once a month. The food bank serves individuals
facing food insecurity in our surrounding community.

Terri has been involved with the food bank since 2016.

*Please take the time to thank Terri
for her valuable work with this mission.*



FALL PAINTING @ THE CHURCH

Come & join us to
paint a fall themed
canvas

WHEN: OCTOBER
3, 2026

NOON-2PM



Bring a snack if
you'd like.

Apple cider will
be available

\$5 PER PERSON

GIVE TO PAM GAFF

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



The Men's Fellowship meetings will be held at Crouse's Café in Shelocta,
on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM.

The fellowship time is open to men of all ages.
Please prayerfully consider this invitation.

For more information, please contact
Mark Schrecengost at 724-599-6984.



WE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Alexis (Stenman) and Troy Birch
were united in marriage
on September 5, 2026,
at the Ever After Barn in Shelocta, PA

Alexis and Troy's address is
744 Anderson Creek Road
Kittanning, PA 16201

Please pray for God's guidance as they begin their lives together.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES
Grant Johnston - 2nd Heather Bell – 7th Terri Maughan – 10th Sonnie Wissinger – 10th John Quinn – 10th Tom Quinn – 11th Mark Schrecengost – 11th Doug Klingensmith – 12th Tom Spencer – 16th Bob Griffin – 16th Roger Richardson – 18th Jeff Elgin - 18th Alexis Stenman Birch – 20th Vaughn Wood – 21st Barb Spangler – 24 th London Smith – 24 th Conner Fairman – 25th Jane Blaney – 30th	Chet and Brenda Schall – 1st, 2016 Don and Nancy Rupert – 9th, 1954 Bob and Shirley Schall – 10th, 1964 T.J. and Tandi Spencer – 11th, 2013 Joe and Karen Schrecengost – 11th, 2025 Eric and Amber Pinkerton – 22nd, 2016

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 12:00 – 2:00 Fall Painting at the Church
4 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship Service World Communion Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship Service	12	13	14 1:00 – Circle Meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's home	15 6:00 – Session meeting 6:00 – Deacons meeting	16	17
18 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship Service	19	20 10:00 - 2:30 – Helping Hand 11:00 – Men's Fellowship at Crouse's Café in Shelocta	21	22	23	24
25 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship Service	26	27	28	29 6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting	30	31 9:00-12:00 – Helping Hand