
November
2026

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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PASTOR'S PAGE

"ENCOURAGING WORDS"

Proverbs 15:23

A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *it is!*

There is a contagious illness called hand, foot, and mouth disease that commonly affects young children, but there is another kind of "hand, foot, and mouth" that can affect us all. We often use the expression "putting our foot in our mouth" when we speak without thinking, say the wrong thing, reveal a secret, or make a comment that hurts someone's feelings. Unlike a viral illness, this kind of sickness comes from our words and can affect people of any age. Once our words leave our mouths, we cannot take them back, and the damage they cause may last long after the words are spoken. We must remember to think before we speak, choosing our words carefully and asking ourselves whether what we are about to say is helpful, kind, and loving. After all, our words have the power either to hurt others or to offer encouragement, comfort, and grace.

I don't know whether the wise writer who penned our verse for this month's reflection was familiar with hand, foot, and mouth disease, but I do know that he understood the power of words. The writer of our passage recognized how meaningful words can be to a soul in need of encouragement.

We experience joy when we receive good counsel, and we find comfort when someone encourages us during difficult times. As we journey through Thanksgiving and look ahead to Advent, we have wonderful opportunities to share an encouraging word, offer good advice, or give someone a much-needed verbal pick-me-up.

Think about someone who might need an encouraging word from you today. Perhaps you could call your son or daughter and share a kind word. Maybe you could tell your grandma or grandpa how much you love them. Or call a friend and let them know how much their friendship means to you. There are countless ways to encourage others through our words during this season of Thanksgiving and Advent.

Good words, spoken at the right time, build people up, give them strength, and nourish the soul. So, instead of putting your foot in your mouth, use your words to lift someone's spirits. You never know how much a simple word of kindness might mean to someone. And who knows? When you offer encouragement, you may find someone has an encouraging word waiting just for you!

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.

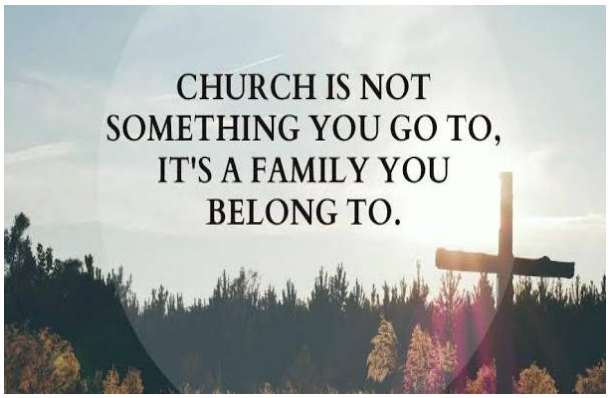
DATE	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
November 1	Pam Flickinger and Barb Spangler	Sophia Pinkerton
November 8	Emily Johns and Mia Scrips	Jonah Scrips
November 15	Mathew and Hope Smith	Zachary Smith
November 22	Presbyterian Women	Ava Quinn
November 29	Joe and Karen Schrecengost	Cole Marsh
December 6	Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips	Nolan Taylor



CHANCEL FLOWER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 1 and 8 - open
November 15 and 22 – open
November 29 – open
December 6 and 13– Joanie Riggle

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.



NOVEMBER 8, 2026

During the worship service, we will be accepting new members into the Elderton Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office at 724-354-3117 or see Susan before November 4.

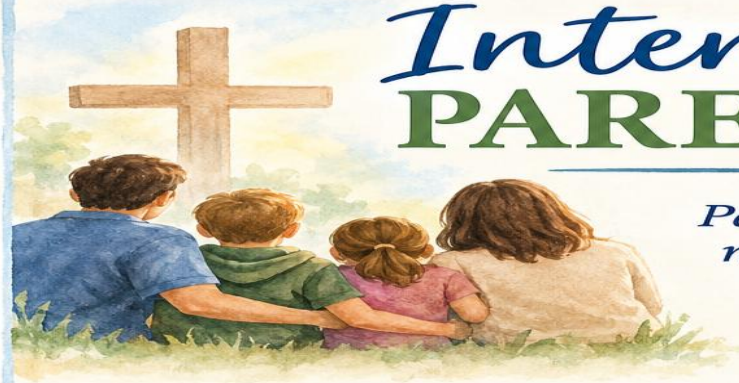


With Grateful Hearts

We would like to express our gratitude to *Nancy Schrecengost* for her dedication to our flower gardens. The flowers she plants and cares for beautifully enhance the appearance of our church.

In addition to her work with the gardens, Nancy also serves as the moderator for Presbyterian Women. She organizes a monthly Bible study at her home for the women who attend and actively participates in Presbyterian Women gatherings through both the Kiskiminetas Presbytery and retreats at the Synod level.

Please take a moment to thank Nancy for all her contributions to our church.



Intentional PARENTING

Parenting is one of the most important jobs we will ever have, and nobody must do it alone.

Join us at the church during the Sunday school hour beginning **November 8, 2026**, from **9:30 to 10:20**, for six weeks of sessions where parents, grandparents, and caregivers can share, learn, and encourage one another.

Using Scripture and the *Nurturing Skills for Families* program, we will talk about child development, discipline and rewards, empathy, daily routines, and raising independent children.

All are welcome!

Parents, grandparents, and caregivers— come share, learn, and grow together!

Contact Kris Longwell at 724-599-8691 for more information.

We received the following from the Kiskiminetas Presbytery.
The per capita amount for 2027 will be due in January.
Please use the special blue envelope in your 2027 offering envelope box.



Behind the Numbers
2027 Per Capita

ABOUT PER CAPITA

Per capita is the amount constitutionally required of each church per member to enable the work of the PC(USA) on the local, synod, & General Assembly levels. This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that allows us to work with churches within the Presbytery & others around the country to further the mission of Jesus Christ here in the United States & across the globe.

Here are some examples of what per capita supports:

- It pays for the General Assembly gathering every two years where Presbyterians gather together to worship & to discern the mind of Christ for the church.
- It pays for producing the Book of Order & the Book of Confessions, including in Spanish, Korean, & Braille.
- It helps to fund the Presbyterian Historical Society, which preserves & shares the Presbyterian experience.
- It funds the preparation, administration, & grading of standard ordination examinations for seminarians.
- It pays for annual training events for presbyters, stated clerks, & others help lead our work & mission.

We do not believe in being lone rangers in the PC(USA). We need each other as we work together to share the good news of Jesus Christ. As we benefit from the gifts, skills, vision, & ministry of our Presbyterian siblings here in our Presbytery, we also benefit from an even wider array of gifts & ministry of our siblings across the country. Per capita pays for the programs, training, & resources that help us to work together & discern the will of Christ for the PC(USA).

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION PER MEMBER

$45.00

PRESBYTERY OF KISKIMINETAS

$29.56

to the presbytery to support the mission & ministry of our 71 congregations.

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY

$2.40

to the Synod, which consists of 15 Presbyteries across Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia and Ohio

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

$13.04

to the Office of General Assembly, which supports our Synods, Presbyteries, and over 10,000 congregations

WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO

Sarah (Pritt) and Rich Rachkowski
who were united in marriage
on October 3, 2026
at Old Carter Barn, Tunkhannock, PA

Rich and Sarah's home address is
612 Lehman Outlet Rd
Dallas, PA 18612



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Larry Prugh – 1st Travis Anderson – 3rd Alexandra Maughan – 8th Chester Schall – 11th Cheryl Hankey – 11th Debbie Keeler – 12th Eric Pinkerton – 12th Veda Hixenbaugh – 13th Margie Wood – 13th Charlene De La Cruz – 14th Sandy Peterman- 15th Bethany Smith – 16th Gary Henderson – 18th Bills Krebs – 19th Kathy Jo Scrips – 22nd Megan Mouser – 22nd Pat Schrecengost – 22nd Corey Marsh – 22nd Butch Rodgers – 26th – 2025 - 85 Brenda Salley – 26th Zachary Smith – 28th Joanie Riggle – 30th	Tom and Phyllis Popp – 1st, 1963 Gary and Cindy Henderson – 3rd, 1973 Ed and Sally Fink – 12th, 2016 Dave and Kris Hilty – 24th, 1990

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