



# ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

His name was David. Not many people knew that was his name. Everybody called him Sugar Bear. He had an unusually large and squared head that resembles a cartoon character. David was the most tormented person I have ever known. The bullies took great sport in mocking him and shoving him. They never took the time to learn his name. He was a convenient target to 7<sup>th</sup> graders who were asserting their new-found masculinity and superiority.

They would push tables together in the cafeteria tripping him and making him late for his next class. They would knock his books out of his hands. Sometimes they would upset his lunch tray. Once they threw his books out the window from the third floor. He tried to fight back but he was meek and not as big as the bullies. When he took a swing at one of them, they hit him multiple times and he wet his pants and started to cry. Just then the teacher came in and sent him to the office where he was sent home. I never saw David again.

Why do I tell you this story? I was never one who picked on him. I called him David once and he smiled as if someone had finally noticed that he was real. But even after 50 years thinking about David fills me with shame. Because along with all of the decent kids, I never once stood up for him, I never confronted the bullies. I guess was afraid that they would come after me. So what do I do with that kind of shame from long ago? I can't find him to apologize. And even if I could, what would that mean to him? He might well ask, "Where were you when I needed a friend?"

The best I can do is to confess my weakness to God who has already forgiven my weakness. That is what we call grace. It is the forgiveness and favor of God when we do not deserve it. I can also learn a lesson about the down-trodden and the outcast. We may think that bullies are just school children, but that is not so. There are still bullies who pick on the weak with name calling and harassment. I will not do that. I will (and since have) stood up to bullies who were not threatening me. I can learn that grace is not just what God pours out on our failures. It is also the way God expects us to behave towards others; even if grace puts us in harm's way.

Maybe you have someone like David in your past. Maybe you carry around the scars of not helping. I still pray that David grew up healthy and well in spite of the hell he went through. Maybe it is time now to stand up to any bully who tries to take advantage of the vulnerable. That's how grace works. That's how God works. God redeems our failures in our past and helps us understand the pattern that God in Christ wants us to live.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Rick

# **GREETERS, NURSERY & ACOLYTE'S**

## **(Mark Your Calendars)**

**This is the only list you will receive – so PLEASE look this over & PUT A REMINDER NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR OR REFRIGERATOR!!**

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).

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
October 6	Sharon Aikins & Betsy Bertolino	Mia Scrips
October 13	Jeff & Marcia Elgin	Travis Johns
October 20	Nathan & Jennifer Johns	MaKayla Scrips
October 27	Brett & Joanie Riggle	Jordan Freeman
November 3	Bob & Loretta Coleman	Liam Scrips
November 10	John & Dee Craig	Jonah Scrips

### **NURSERY LIST**



October 6	Kathy Jo Scrips
October 13	Terri Maughan
October 20	Sheila Brumbaugh
October 27	Hannah Schrecengost
November 3	Carmen Riggle
November 10	Laurie Pritt

### **FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER**

**Flower Person-** Sue Quinn  
 October 6 – Mildred Smeltzer  
 Family  
 October 13 –  
 October 20 & 27 – Don & Marion  
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**SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER?**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S  
FALL GATHERING**

Wednesday, October 9  
10:00-2:00

First Presbyterian Church of East Brady  
102 4<sup>th</sup> Street, East Brady, PA 16028

Worship: The Baptism of Jesus, led by Rev. Kathy Nice

Dedication of Pledges, Thank Offering,  
Hunger Fund and Least Coin  
Election and Installation of new officers.

Resources and Displays, tour of the church building

Workshops on 2019 Bible Study and  
Creating a Meaningful Devotion

Call Anne Craft at 724-548-4127 before October 5 to make  
your lunch reservations – lunch cost- \$5.00 at the door

**Please bring a lightweight nonperishable item  
for the local food bank**



**Helping Hand**

October 1 –10:00-3:00  
October 24 – 10:00-3:00  
November 2 – 9:00-12:00  
November 21 – 10:00-3:00  
December 12 10:00-3:00

See Peg Rowan if you are interested  
in volunteering for this mission.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Mrs. Mildred B. Smeltzer  
September 2, 2019

*"In my Father's house are many  
mansions...I go to prepare a place for you"*



# **YOUNG PRESBYTERIAN SCHOLARSHIP**

## **A WESTMINSTER COLLEGE TRADITION**

The Young Presbyterian Scholarship was established to provide an Opportunity for outstanding Presbyterian students to apply to Westminster College, one of the nation's best liberal arts colleges. The scholarship of \$76,000 for four years (\$19,000 per year) is for qualified high school seniors Entering college in the fall of 2020.

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### **SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

3.5 high school cumulative GPA  
Membership at a Presbyterian Church  
Nomination by Pastor/Congregation

### **PROGRAM DEADLINES**

Nominations – November 1, 2019  
Student Applications – November 15, 2019

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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If interested please contact church office 724-354-3117  
[preschurch@elderton.org](mailto:preschurch@elderton.org)



# Butterfly Hill Preschool

Butterfly Hill has completed the first month of preschool for the 2019-2020 preschool year. It has been an exciting time to get back to classes. Challenges, yes; but that goes along with the beginning of a new preschool year. Return students and new students; a few tears, but much laughter and fun. The children are glad to be back.

October units for the Pre-K & Caterpillar students are Letters, Fall, Colors & Shapes, Leaves, Apples, Fire Safety and Halloween with the monthly concept of Numbers. The Toddlers are doing some Fall Fun with Spiders, Leaves, Owls, Pumpkins, Letters of A,B,C & D, Numbers of 4, 5, 6 and Same / Different.

Halloween Parties will be held on October 30 and 31. The children dress up in their favorite costume (non-scary, non-violent), play some games, sing some songs and have lots of fun. They make a treat bag to take home any "goodies" from their classroom friends.

Letter Week's for the Pre-K students in October are for the letters E, T, H & I. Friday share day involves bringing an item or two that begin with the letter of the week. Lots of activities to keep them busy, and more "hands-on" (STEM) activities this year. As usual we are always improving our curriculum to go with how much education changes. The children also have "prayer time" at the beginning of class. There are lots of requests from the children for prayers for a family member, grandparents, pets, etc.

September was a very busy month. Soon T-shirt & sweatshirt orders will go home for our families to purchase those items for their child or adults. More info and an order form about our annual "Christmas wreath" or "Grave Pillows" fundraiser is located on another page of this month's church newsletter.

Don't forget to sign up for the Martin's A+ Rewards or the Giant Eagle Apples for Students Fundraising Programs. If you were signed up last year, no need to do anything. Just use your Martin's Bonus Card or Giant Eagle Advantage Card when shopping at those grocery stores. If you need info about signing up for these programs, please see Jeanne Speer or Martha Dyott for the information.



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

# YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE/SOCIAL

November 10, 2019  
Following worship service  
Downstairs in the preschool.

The preschool children will be providing the congregation  
with special music during worship service.

Please support the preschool by attending!  
See the fun things that go on in a day at preschool.





**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 15  
**Orders turned in to Jeanne or Martha**  
**Make checks payable to:** Butterfly Hill  
**Delivery dates:** December 3 & 4

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Quantity Ordered:**

Wreaths @ \$20/each # \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Order = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Grave  
Pillows @ \$30/each # \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Window Sill Boughs # \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
@ \$12 / each



## **Samaritans Purse - Shoebox Mission**



Every time the boxes begin their journey across the globe, it's a cause for celebration! Special gifts wrapped with love and prayer are on their way to children in Jesus' name. This is why shoeboxes (Samaritan's Purse) is one of our favorite missions.

Thank you all for your continued support in this mission.

Every year our church helps in this mission by collecting a certain item to be placed in the box during the packing party. This year we are collecting pens (blue, black and red), pencils and erasers. You can help by donating any of these items or a monetary donation to help purchase what is needed.

### **Upcoming fundraisers and events:**

**-Saturday, October 12- Spaghetti Dinner at Towne Hall 4:00-5:30  
Dinner, 5:30-7:00 Basket Raffle.**

**-Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - after church in Fellowship Hall, Chicken and Biscuit dinner**

**- Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm- packing party at Smith Complex  
(YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!)**

*Thank you all for your continued support in this mission.*

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Grant Johnston - 2nd  
Jordan Freeman – 2nd  
Damon Craig – 3rd  
Joshua Rouzer – 3rd  
Becky Elkin - 5th  
Andrew Rearick – 5th  
Toots Shughart – 8th  
Donnie Cessna – 9th  
Sonnie Serian – 10th  
John Quinn – 10th  
Chloe Patz – 10th  
Tom Quinn – 11th  
Mark Schrecengost – 11th  
Ronda Craig – 11th  
Kevin Rearick – 14th  
Eli Creighton – 14th  
Tom Spencer - 16th  
Roger Richardson – 18th  
Jeff Elgin - 18th  
Ron Pepper – 18th  
Judy Allison – 20th  
Jeffery Young – 20th  
Alexis Stenman – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Vaughn Wood – 21st  
Barb Spangler – 24th  
Quintyn Mudd – 25th  
Senta Zelenski – 28th  
Gladys Johns – 29th  
Emily Shipley – 29th  
Riley Stitt – 29th  
Patti Scrips – 30th  
Jane Blaney – 30th  
Gwen Daquilante – 30th  
Alex Spangler – 30<sup>th</sup>

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Chet & Brenda Schall – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
Kevin and Betsy Rearick – 7th, 1978  
Don and Nancy Rupert – 9th, 1954 – **65th**  
Bob and Shirley Schall – 10th, 1964 – **55th**  
Mike and Jackie Schall – 11th, 2008  
T.J. and Tandi Spencer – 11th, 2013  
Tom and Sandy Wingard – 16th, 1993  
Ray and Sandy McKissick – 19th, 1965  
Chuck and Jo Foster – 23rd, 1953  
Luke and Jill Ramer – 24th, 1992  
Buddy and Helen Schall – 25th, 1960  
Bob and Sue Stitt – 29th, 1955

## October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Helping Hand 10:00-3:00	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:15- Choir Practice 9:15- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service - Communion	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Samaritan's Purse Spaghetti Dinner 4:00-5:30 Silent Auction 5:30-7:00
<b>13</b> 8:15- Choir Practice 9:15- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service Chicken Biscuit Dinner following worship service	<b>14</b>  Columbus Day Office Closed	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8:15- Choir Practice 9:15- Sunday School 10:30 – Worship Service- Sandy Peterman	<b>21</b> Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Helping Hand 10:00-3:00	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8:15- Choir Practice 9:15 –Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		