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ELBERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Like most holidays with religious origins, Thanksgiving has morphed into a secular event. It was originally a day set aside by President George Washington as a day of prayer for the blessings enjoyed by God's people. Later, President Abraham Lincoln made it a national holiday to be observed every November.

If you were to land here from another planet now, you would not equate it with anything having to do with prayer. It seems to be a day for big sales in stores, over-eating, and watching football on TV. What was meant to be a simple day of prayerful gratitude has turned into something neither Washington nor Lincoln would recognize.

Maybe that is because as a people, we have lost the concept of both prayer and gratitude to God. We act as if we are on our own. We behave as if everything we have is somehow deserved. We have lost the Biblical understanding of grace. Every blessing that we enjoy is an undeserved gift from God Almighty. Prayer seems like a quaint leftover of a bygone time by far too many. Prayer is the way we focus our praise and our concerns and our thanks to the Lord who has made it all possible.

So I am going to take one hour, in the middle of all the busyness of the holiday of Thanksgiving, to offer prayers of thanks to God. You might try it too. To help me focus on what to pray about I am listing some of the greatest blessings in my life. I invite you to do the same.

I am grateful for:

- A wonderful wife who is the other half of me; my soul mate
- Children who are healthy and growing in spirit
- Grandchildren who are the jewels in the crown of life
- A church family that I love with all of my heart
- For friends tried and true
- Physical comforts such as home and all of my necessities
- For the freedom of being an American who can worship and speak freely
- For God's good earth and all of its beauty
- For the wonderful memories of loved ones who now reside in heaven

But above all of this and so much more, I am most grateful for the salvation that God has provided in His son Jesus Christ. He is my Savior and my Lord and my friend. If there were no other blessings in my life, I would still have a heart full of gratitude for the life that I have in Christ and the life that is yet to come with Him.

May your Thanksgiving be a joyful time with prayer and thanks to God.

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. 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>
November 3	Bob & Loretta Coleman	Liam Srips
November 10	John & Dee Craig	Jonah Srips
November 17	Bill & Barb Creighton	Aybrah Zelenski
November 24	Bonnie Gratzmiller & Shawnee Hohl	Emily Johns
December 1	Larry & Linda Prugh	Alexandra Maughan
December 8	Linda Richardson & Peg Rowan	Mia Srips

NURSERY LIST



November 3	Carmen Riggle
November 10	Laurie Pritt & Sheila Brumbaugh
November 17	Kathy Jo Srips
November 24	Terri Maughan
December 1	Sheila Brumbaugh
December 8	Hannah Schrecengost

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

Flower Person- Sue Quinn

November 3
November 10
November 17
November 24

The above dates are open. Anyone wishing to provide flowers, please call
Sue Quinn 724-354-3038.



Christmas Poinsettias

Orders taken Nov. 10, 17 & 24

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

The price is \$8.75 for a poinsettia in a 6 ½ in. pot with 4 to 6 blooms. The color choices are:
Red, Pink or White

Please place your order form with correct information and money (cash/check made out to Elderton PC) in an envelope and give to Sue Quinn.

(Orders must be paid for when ordering.)

"POINSETTIA ORDER"

ORDERS TAKEN NOV. 10, 17 & 24

Your name _____

Please circle color choice:

Red Pink or White

Please circle or complete the correct category of giving:

In Memory of Loved Ones

In Loving Memory of

In Honor of

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Alice A. Elgin
September 25, 2019

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

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. William J. Creighton, Jr.
October 14, 2019

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

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Charles H. Foster
October 26, 2019

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



Kiskiminetas Prysbytery Fall 2019 Disaster Response Clean-Up Buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Hurricanes, floods, and other natural disasters have severely cut into the surplus of clean up buckets in the Church World Service warehouses. If you would like to make a monetary donation for the purchase of the cleaning items to be placed in the buckets please see Nancy Schrecengost. The Presbyterian Women will cover the \$3.00 per bucket shipping and handling costs. The approximate cost to put together each bucket is \$40-\$70 Thank you for your support in this mission. We will be collecting until November 3rd.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The beautiful stained glass windows in our sanctuary are the heart of our building.
They are in need of some tender loving care repairs.

We ask that you prayerfully consider making a monetary donation to cover
the expenses that are required to maintain their beauty.



If anyone in the congregation
would be interested in
creating and maintaining a
facebook page for
The Elderton Presbyterian
Church,
please contact the church office
724-354-3117

Email addresses Cell phone numbers

If you have any changes in your address or
telephone number or if you would like your
email address and/or cell phone number in
the church directory, please give
the information to the church office by
December 11.

If you know of any member who currently
does not receive the newsletter please have
them contact the church office with their
mailing address or email.



Butterfly Hill Preschool

It is already November! Two full months of preschool have been completed and everyone has settled in. The children are having a great time learning many different things.

November brings Thanksgiving activities. The children's favorite topics are Pilgrims, Indians and Turkey's! The children will learn about being thankful for what they have. They will also participate in the "Thankful Food Bank Collection" for our Food Bank here at the church. The Pre-K children will enjoy a full Thanksgiving Feast on November 25 and the 3 year old Caterpillars will enjoy a teacher provided snack on November 26....a mini-cornucopia filled with fresh fruit.

November units for the Pre-K & Caterpillar students are Thanksgiving, Letters, Colors & Shapes with the monthly concept of Numbers. Letter Week's for the Pre-K students in November will be the letters H, U, O & Q. The Toddlers will be learning about Farm Animals, Farm Vegetables, Turkey's, Thanksgiving and Numbers 1 to 10. Prayer time is also part of our day, we start the day with prayer taking requests from the children. A Pre-K visit is planned to the Senior Center for a time of games & interaction with the seniors!

On November 25 the children of both morning and afternoon classes will be attending in the morning, while the parents are invited to a Kindergarten Transition Meeting in the sanctuary. Teachers from the elementary school will be here to go over information for children going to Kindergarten next fall; they will answer questions and have valuable handouts for the parents.

Preschool is having their annual fundraiser of Christmas wreaths, grave pillows and new this year, window sill boughs. Sale deadline is November 15. An order form is in this November newsletter and will be available in church bulletins the first two Sunday's in November. These are locally made and are beautiful.

The Annual Angel Tree info is included in this newsletter also. As soon as preschool gets names from CYS of Armstrong County, angels will be made and hung on the tree in the Upper Room. Dates that this program runs are around November 24 through December 10.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Samaritan's Purse Program. We are sad to see that this year is the last year for "Friends of Samaritan's Purse". Our preschool families and our staff at preschool were all supportive of the "Shoe Box" venture. We are so glad to be a part of this Great Mission Project!



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



**BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL
WREATH / GRAVE PILLOWS
FUNDRAISER**

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 prayers are on their way to children in Jesus' name. This is why Samaritan's Purse is one of our favorite missions.

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 collected blue, black and red pens, pencils and erasers. You can help by donating any of these items or a monetary donation to help purchase what is needed.

Saturday November 9th at 9:30 AM
Packing Party at Smith Complex
(YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!)

It is only after much prayer that Rosemary Shrout & Kathy Kimmel have concluded this will be the final year that they organize the Friends of Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry.

If there is anyone else that feels called to become the organizer/coordinator and treasurer of this ministry, please call Rosemary at 724-354-2868 or Kathy at 724-354-4681. Please, if you are considering it, we stress prayerful consideration as it is a huge undertaking that requires much time, effort, space and money.

As this may well be the last community packing party, we ask PLEASE let it be the best one yet! We invite those that have never been to the packing party to come and experience something special that only happens because we have such an awesome God. You will not be disappointed.

Thank you all for your continued support in this mission.



“Angel Tree 2019”

**Elderton Presbyterian Church &
Butterfly Hill Preschool
participation in the “Christmas Angel Tree”
through Children & Youth Services
November 24 through December 10**

Our church and preschool are offering everyone to participate in a “Christmas Angel Tree” for children & families in need from Armstrong County. Helping these children to 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) you would purchase.

- Please pick up an ornament starting November 24 when the tree is put up and Angels are hung on the tree
- Sign the Angel Tree Register (match Angel # with # 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	11-26-19	12-10-19
#64	Jamey (family#2)	Martha Dyott	11-30-19	12-11-19

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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 Pepper – 9th
Ethan Rearick – 9th
Russell Brumbaugh – 10th
Chester Schall – 11th
Cheryl Hankey – 11th
Debbie Keeler – 12th
Jaylin Freeman – 12th
Margie Wood – 13th
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 – 22^{ne}
Adam Howard – 23rd
Butch Rodgers – 26th
Brenda Salley – 26th
Alissa Meyer – 26th
Melissa Cessna – 28th
Beth Schrecengost - 29th
Joanie Riggle – 30th
Julie Perry – 30th

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Helping Hand 9:00-12:00
3 8:15- Choir Practice 9:15- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service	4	5 Vote Today! 	6	7	8	9 Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Packing Party 9:30 at Smith's Complex
10 8:15- Choir Practice 9:15- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service - Butterfly Hill Special Music Butterfly Hill Open House/Social-following service	11 Veterans Day Office Closed Session 6pm Deacons 6 pm	12 Helping Hand 10:00-3:00	13	14	15	16
17 8:15- Choir Practice 9:15- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service-hunger offering	18 Christian Ed. Meeting 6pm	19	20	21	22	23
24 8:15- Choir Practice 9:15- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service- Communion	25	26	27	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	29	30 First Day of Buck 