



ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE AND JULY – NEWSLETTER – 2026

PASTOR’S PAGE

“Trust God with Your Children”

Psalm 28:7

Parents, when you’re knee-deep in dirty diapers, spilled oatmeal, and bedtime stories, it’s easy to feel so overwhelmed by parenthood that there’s no time left to think about what you want for your children or what you hope for from them when they are grown. But from the moment the nurse hands you that messy bundle of joy in the hospital, one thing is certain—there will be a time when your children will leave home. Our helpless, fragile children grow up to become students, husbands, wives, doctors, mechanics, police officers, and military personnel. The day will come when parents come to depend on those who once depended on us. That is the cycle of life.

Thinking about and experiencing these moments is not easy. We can be overwhelmed by the reality that our children are no longer children but adults leaving for college, the military, or life in general. Anxiety has a way of creeping in, and we worry about our children's lives when they leave to become adults.

I have experienced this three times, and none of them was easy. I had to pull myself together and trust God with my children. I leaned on the following scripture,

Psalm 28:7 - The Lord *is* my strength, and my shield;

My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;

therefore, my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.

Trusting in God is at times an act of the will. My anxiety about my children put me in a difficult emotional position. Either I would trust God with my children and sleep at night, or I would worry about them and allow that worry to consume me, taking needed energy away from daily living for Christ. I chose the former. Needless to say, I am now a Grandfather and must resign myself to the reality of trusting God with my grandchildren and sleeping at night.

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>
<u>June 7</u>	<u>MaKayla Scrips and family</u>	<u>Mia Scrips</u>
<u>June 14</u>	<u>Travis Johns and Jonah Scrips</u>	<u>Cole Marsh</u>
<u>June 21</u>	<u>Nathan and Jennifer Johns</u>	<u>Nolan Taylor</u>
<u>June 28</u>	<u>Blair and Lois Brown</u>	<u>Aaron Quinn</u>
<u>July 5</u>	<u>Tom and Phyllis Popp</u>	<u>Lucy Taylor</u>
<u>July 12</u>	<u>Dave and Lisa Smail</u>	<u>Adalyn Quinn</u>
<u>July 19</u>	<u>Ryan and Sarah Scrips</u>	<u>Cooper Grantz</u>
<u>July 26</u>	<u>Tyler and Hannah Keith</u>	<u>Emily Johns</u>
<u>August 2</u>	<u>Marlo Mellish and Meila Mellish</u>	<u>London Smith</u>



CHANCEL FLOWER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE AND JULY

June 7 and 14 – open

June 21 and 28 – Jeff Elgin

July 5 and 12 – Iris Reese

July 19 and 26 – open

August 2 and 9 - 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.



We would like to congratulate
Butterfly Hill Preschool Graduate

ELIANA SMITH

Daughter of Ryan and Beth (Aikins) Smith
Granddaughter of Ron and Sharon Aikins

Eliana will attend kindergarten at
Ben Franklin Elementary School

SUMMER MUSIC

While our talented choir takes a well
deserved break for the summer,
we need to fill our Sunday anthem time with
something special.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR TALENT WITH US!

This can be music, singing,
playing an instrument, a reading,
a video etc.

Please see Cassie or the signup sheet in the
Upper Room for available dates.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR VBS

JUNE 15 – 19 – 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
RAINFOREST FALLS

To register your child, visit
<https://eldertonpc.org>

**We invite you to be a part of something truly special this week—
Volunteer and help us create an unforgettable experience for children
as they learn more about God!**

For more information or to volunteer to help, please reach out to our directors
Emily Spencer – 724-954-4591 or Rylee Riggle – 724-525-3377



2026 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

MaKayla Jane Scrips **2026 Graduate of West Shamokin Jr -Sr High School**



MaKayla graduated from West Shamokin High School

Daughter of: Ryan and Sarah Scrips

Activities: Cross Country, fishing, hunting, hanging with friends, and Landon.

Future Plans: Attend IUP, majoring in Early Childhood Education/Special Education, get a job, and start a family.

MaKayla currently works as a teller at Elderton State Bank



2026 COLLEGE GRADUATE

Rachel Marie Adamson **2026 Graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Cook Honors College**



Rachel graduated from IUP and Cook Honors College with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Secondary Science Education.

Daughter of: Tom and Monette Adamson

Activities: Indiana High School Young Life Volunteer, IUP Ski Club, and other volunteer work.

Future Plans: Continuing education in the Master's Program at IUP and completing research in Honduras for the next two summers.

Rachel finished her student teaching at Punxsutawney High School and is currently employed at 7 Brew.



2025 COLLEGE GRADUATE

Hannah Kate Keith
2025 Graduate of Greenville University



Hannah graduated from Greenville University in December 2025 with a Master's Degree in Education Curriculum and Instruction.

Graduated with a 4.0 GPA

Wife of: Tyler Keith

Daughter of: Eric and Susan Schrecengost

Hannah is employed at Marion Center Area School District

Faith in the Valley

Featuring a performance by:
THE SILER FAMILY

"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live."
— Psalm 104:33

July 25, 2026
Rain or Shine

5 PM | Food & Booths
6 PM | Worship & Music

Shannock Valley Community Park

Free Admission

Refreshments & Community Booths On-Site

Remember to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating



YOU'RE INVITED!

• JOIN US FOR •

CHILDREN'S Summer SUNDAY SCHOOL



LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S LOVE,
MAKING NEW FRIENDS,
AND HAVING FUN TOGETHER!



BIBLE STORIES

FUN ACTIVITIES

SONGS & GAMES

FRIENDS & FAITH



JUNE 14,
JULY 12, AND
AUGUST 9

9:30-10:15



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

Summer Breakfast Invitation

Join us this summer for a relaxed and welcoming
time of fellowship!

You're invited to enjoy a

Continental Breakfast

- July 12
- August 9



Starting at 9:30 AM



Come share good food, friendly conversation,
and a joyful start to your Sunday.

All are welcome—we'd love to see you there!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS	JUNE ANNIVERSARIES
<p>Mike Uptegraph – 4th Sue Quinn - 7th Kim Krebs – 8th Will Orr – 8th Ava Quinn – 9th Dave Pletcher – 10th Valerie Orr – 10th Lily Marsh – 17th TJ Spencer – 21st Ryan Scrips – 22nd Brandon Richardson – 23rd Terry Johns – 25th Zane Clowser – 26th Patty Mellish -28th Brett Riggle - 28th Laney Brown – 30th</p>	<p>Justin and Barbara Johns- 1st, 2013 Mike and Pam Flickinger – 2nd, 1973 Doug and Jodi Klingensmith – 2nd - 2000 Ron and Sharon Aikins – 10th, 1978 Bob and Kim Anderson – 15th, 1991 – 35 years Roger and Linda Richardson – 17th, 1972 Mike & Holly Uptegraph – 22nd, 1996- 30 years Zane and Elizabeth Clowser – 26th – 2021 – 5 years</p>

JULY BIRTHDAYS	JULY ANNIVERSARIES
<p>Kim Anderson – 5th Bob Schall – 6th Melissa Grantz – 6th Breanna Coleman – 8th Brittany Gaff– 9th Justin Johns – 12th Arlene Wingard – 19th - 91 years old Cierra Claypoole – 17th Landon Hammer – 17th Linda Prugh – 20th Mike Flickinger – 22nd Cassie Clowser – 23rd Adalyn Quinn – 24th Barbara Johns – 24th Ethen Hammer – 26th Sheila Brumbaugh – 29th</p>	<p>Justin & Cierra Claypoole – 3rd, 2009 Ryan & Beth Smith – 4th, 2015 Matthew & Hope Smith – 11th, 2011- 15 years Blair & Lois Brown – 17th, 1976 – 50 years Nathan & Jennifer Johns – 17th, 2004 Jeff & Marcia Elgin – 19th, 1974 Corey & Megan Marsh – 20th, 2013 Delone & Arlene Wingard – 22nd, 1953 – 73 years Gerry & Donna Howard – 23rd, 1977 Mark & Pat Schrecengost – 24th – 2021 – 5 years John & Dee Craig – 26th, 1969 Bill & Kim Krebs – 29th, 1995</p>

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 – 8:30 Safety and Security Training	2	3	4 8:00 AM – Butterfly Hill Board Meeting 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand	5	6
7 10:30 -Worship Service Outdoor Cookie Social following worship service	8	9	10 1:00 - Circle Meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's home	11	12	13
14 9:30 -10:15 – Children's Sunday school 10:30 - Worship Service	15 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS	16 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS	17 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS	8 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS	19 5:30 – 8:00 PM VBS Program and Cookie Social	20
21 10:30 -Worship Service	22	23	24 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand	25	26	27
28 10:30 -Worship Service	29	30				

July 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5 10:30 -Worship Service	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 -10:15 – Children's Sunday school and adult breakfast 10:30 -Worship Service	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 10:30 -Worship Service	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 -Worship Service	27	28	29	30	31	

There are no meetings scheduled in July.
Please watch the bulletin for any changes.