



2026

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTOR’S PAGE

“A SURRENDERED WILL”

John 4:34

34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

There was once a song, and part of the chorus was “breaking up is hard to do.” Well, I would like to incorporate that into this devotional and restate the following: “surrendering is hard to do.”

Why is it so hard to surrender? What does surrendering to Jesus look like? We are all predisposed to a lack of surrender. Adam and Eve gave us a nature that does not easily submit to God. We know the story well. Adam and Eve were given charge of the Garden of Eden. Adam was not supposed to eat the forbidden fruit. The serpent beguiled Eve into tempting Adam to eat the forbidden fruit. And the rest, as they say, is history.

It is in our nature to resist surrender. We wrestle with our nature and push it to do God's will. Paul was familiar with this kind of struggle, but he still encouraged us to surrender ourselves to God.

In Romans 12:1, we find the following: *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

Summer is a time when we seek to give ourselves the opportunity to rest and rejuvenate. We also must be mindful to surrender our wills daily to the God who holds our lives in his hands. Let doing God's will be your favorite food this summer.

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>August 2</u>	<u>Eric and Susan Schrecengost</u>	<u>London Smith</u>
<u>August 9</u>	<u>Linda Richardson and Laney Brown</u>	<u>Sophia Pinkerton</u>
<u>August 16</u>	<u>Angie Schrecengost and John German</u>	<u>Zachary Smith</u>
<u>August 23</u>	<u>Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips</u>	<u>Jonah Scrips</u>
<u>August 30</u>	<u>Corey and Megan Marsh</u>	<u>Ava Quinn</u>
<u>September 6</u>	<u>Mouse and Mary Orr</u>	<u>Mia Scrips</u>



CHANCEL FLOWER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

August 2 and 9 – Shirley Schall

August 16 and 23 – open

August 23 – Linda Prugh – table arrangement

August 30 and September 6 - open

If anyone wishes to request a date for chancel flowers, an organ arrangement,
or a table arrangement, you must call the church office

724-354-3117

or see Susan to secure the date you would like to donate flowers.



**JOINT
SESSION
and
DEACONS
Meeting**

 **AUGUST 13, 2025**

 **6:00 PM**

 **AT THE MANSE**

 **Please bring A COVERED DISH TO SHARE.**
WE WILL EAT PRIOR TO THE MEETINGS.

We look forward to seeing you!

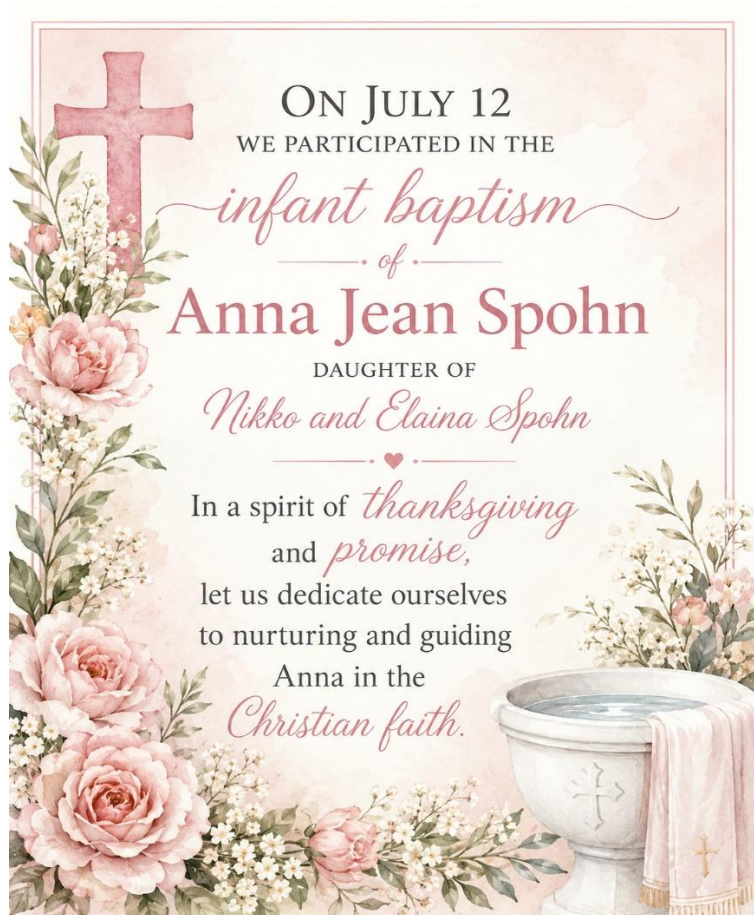


Join us for a
**CONTINENTAL
Style
BREAKFAST**
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

HOSTED BY
Barbara and Justin Johns

 **AUGUST 9** |  **9:30 AM**

Everyone is welcome!



ON JULY 12
WE PARTICIPATED IN THE
infant baptism
of
Anna Jean Spohn
DAUGHTER OF
Nikko and Elaina Spohn

In a spirit of *thanksgiving*
and *promise*,
let us dedicate ourselves
to nurturing and guiding
Anna in the
Christian faith.



**CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

AUGUST 9

9:30-10:15

Join Miss Emily for
a Bible story and
fun activities!

JESUS
LOVES
ME



Thank you!



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Barbara Johns for her dedication to Butterfly Hill Preschool. As the director of the preschool, she not only manages daily operations but also actively represents both the church and preschool within the community.

This summer, Barbara shared her love for reading at story time at the Rec Park, and she volunteered to represent our school and church at the Faith in the Valley event in Rural Valley.

We are incredibly grateful for Barbara and feel blessed by her unwavering commitment to our preschool, our families, our church, and our community.

We ask for God's ongoing guidance for Barbara, empowering her to be a radiant light that reflects His love to all around her.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES
Jo Foster – 2 nd Pam Gaff – 5 th Daniel Smith – 6 th Joe Srips – 6 th Phyllis Popp – 7 th Susan Schrecengost – 7 th Sally Fink – 7 th Cole Marsh – 9 th Buster Rodgers – 10 th Tom Popp – 11 th John Craig – 14 th Jodi Klingensmith – 18 th Blake Claypoole – 19 th Brittany Fairman – 21 st Matthew Smith – 21 st Don Rupert – 22 nd – 96 years old Holly Uptegraph - 22 nd Nancy Schrecengost – 23 rd Danielle Kunkle – 24 th Jaden Klonowski – 25 th Hannah Keith - 28 th Jim Shaffer – 28 th Cooper Grantz – 29 th Paxton Spencer - 30 th Caprice Hammer - 31 st Hope Smith – 31 st	Tyler and Hannah Keith 2 nd - 2025 Joe and Betsy Bertolino – 9 th - 1969 John and Julie Quinn – 9 th -2014 Jim and Robin Shaffer – 9 th - 1980 Richard and Laurie Pritt – 13 th - 1988 Kyle and Lindsey Uptegraph 15 th - 2020 Ryan and Sarah Srips – 19 th - 2006 – 20 years Josh and Megan Mouser – 25 th - 2023 Jamey and Sheila Brumbaugh– 28 th - 1987 Dewey and Veda Hixenbaugh – 29 th - 2020



We extend our congratulations and best wishes to
Kaely (Klonowski) and Michael Haley
who were united in marriage
on July 26, 2026
at Glen Eden Barn in Evans City, PA

Kaely and Micheal's address is
2607 Bear Run Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:30 - Worship Service	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 -10:15 – Children’s Sunday school and adult breakfast 10:30 - Worship Service	10	11	12 1:00 – Circle Meeting at Nancy Schrecengost’s home	13 6:00 – Joint session and Deacons meeting at the manse	14	15 9:00 – 12:00 Helping Hand
16 10:30 - Worship Service	17	18 10:00 - 2:30 Helping Hand	19	20	21	22
23 10:30 - Worship Service Strawberry Social - following worship service	24	25	26	27 6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting	28	29
30 10:30 - Worship Service	31					