



# ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER – NEWSLETTER – 2026

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### PASTOR’S PAGE

#### “Embracing Change”

#### Romans 12: 2

Autumn leaves are a beautiful aspect of the changing season, and they also play a vital role in the survival of trees. The rate and extent of leaf transformation vary by location around the globe. While I haven’t traveled everywhere, I believe our fall color season ranks among the best in the world.

Fall in Southwest Pennsylvania is one of the most beautiful times of the year. This season signifies change, impacting our senses and the atmosphere around us. Many families find themselves in the daily routine of sending children off to school while preparing for work.

What makes the change of seasons wonderful is our ability to change along with them. With God's guidance and the help of the Spirit, we are consistently transformed for His glory. The Apostle Paul expresses this beautifully in Romans 12:2: *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

Consider adopting the habit of morning prayer or starting a Bible reading program. You could also plan to join an Advent study group. Alternatively, you might enjoy reading a good mystery novel or taking walks in the park during spiritually challenging times. These kinds of changes can help you grow, give glory to God, and support you through life's transitions.

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.

| <b><u>DATE</u></b> | <b><u>GREETERS</u></b>        | <b><u>ACOLYTES</u></b> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| September 6        | Mouse and Mary Orr            | Zachary Smith          |
| September 13       | Eric and Kris Longwell        | Cole Marsh             |
| September 20       | Adam and Ashley Quinn         | Aaron Quinn            |
| September 27       | Lori Rodgers and Heather Bell | Nolan Taylor           |
| October 4          | Sue and Aaron Quinn           | Ava Quinn              |



### **CHANCEL FLOWER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER**

September 6 and 13 – open

September 22 and 27 – Iris Reese

October 4 and 11 – 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

724-354-3117

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

# Thank You, Dee Craig!

This month, we would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Dee Craig for her work and dedication as clerk of session.

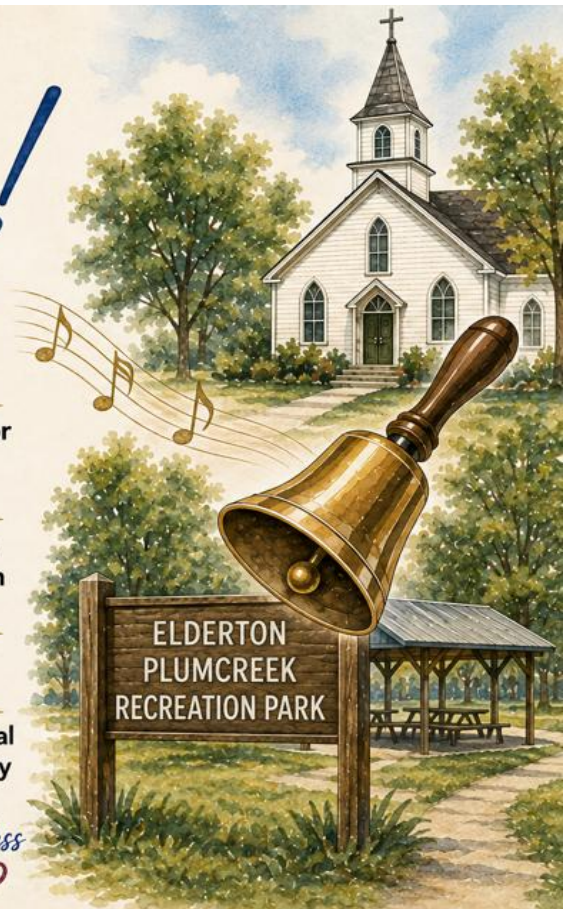
The clerk of session is a ruling elder elected by the session for a term determined by the session. Dee has held the position of clerk since 2017.

In this role, she records the minutes for each meeting, keeps membership rolls, and oversees the elder and deacon visitation schedule, as well as the annual list of greeters.

Dee has various responsibilities within the church and also directs the church bell choir.

Her dedication extends beyond the church walls; she is an essential part of the Elderton Plumcreek Recreation Park, where she actively promotes our church values to the wider community.

*Let's take a moment to recognize and thank Dee for her tireless efforts to enhance our church and bring us all together.* 



God Bless



*He that believeth  
and is baptized  
shall be saved*

On August 23, 2026  
We participated in the baptism of

**NOLAN EVERETT TAYLOR**  
son of Chad and Shawna Taylor

Nolan is 7 years old. He attends Harvest Baptist Academy and will enter second grade. Nolan is very passionate about wildlife. He enjoys reading and learning about birds, reptiles, insects, and freshwater fish. Nolan enjoys spending time with his family and foster dog, Nola.

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

# Christian Education Sunday

at  
ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

• SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 •



PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR BREAKFAST  
AT 8:30 AM



FOLLOWED BY THE  
ANNUAL CORNHOLE  
TOURNAMENT  
AT 9:00 AM



WE WILL RECOGNIZE OUR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND  
PRESCHOOL TEACHERS  
WITH A BLESSING  
ON THE SCHOOL YEAR





**THE SEPTEMBER PRESBYTERY STATED GATHERING  
WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026,  
AT ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Since our church is hosting this event, we need all the help we can get from our congregation to ensure everything runs smoothly.

We are planning for approximately 80-100 guests.

The worship service will begin at 10:00 AM,  
with a coffee hour preceding it at 9:00 AM.

We are seeking donations of donuts, pastries, fruit, and juice.

We will serve a catered luncheon.

We are requesting desert donations, keep in mind there is a  
need for gluten-free and sugar-free options.

In addition to food donations, we will need help with various tasks  
before the event, during the gathering, and with cleanup afterward.  
If you are willing to assist in any way, please contact Dee Craig at 724-388-6999.

**YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gerry Howard – 4th  
Becca Clowser – 4th – 1 year old  
Sophia Pinkerton – 5th  
Reese Spencer – 6th  
Dr. Angel De La Cruz – 8th  
Everett Fairman – 8th – 1 year old  
Krista Johnston – 9th  
Blair Brown – 12th  
John Bowser – 15th  
Michael Johnston – 15th  
Justin Claypoole – 19th  
Mark Clowser – 20th  
Eric Longwell -20th  
Iris Reese – 23rd  
Brian Salley – 23rd  
Kyle Uptegraph – 25th  
Bernie Gaff – 26th  
MaKayla Scrips – 28th  
Loretta Coleman – 29th  
Brantley Claypoole – 29th

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Chad and Shawna Taylor – 16th, 2015  
Donnie and Breanna Neese – 20th - 2025  
Conner and Brittany Fairman – 21st - 2024  
Eric and Susan Schrecengost – 23rd, 1989  
Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips – 28th, 2002



## September 2026

| Sun                                                                                                                                       | Mon | Tue                                                                       | Wed                                                                   | Thu                                                                                 | Fri | Sat                                                                                     |
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| <b>6</b><br><b>10:30 -Worship Service</b>                                                                                                 | 7   | <b>8</b><br><b>10:00 - 2:30 – Helping Hand</b>                            | <b>9</b><br><b>1:00 – Circle Meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's home</b> | <b>10</b><br><b>6:00 – Session meeting</b><br><b>6:00 – Deacons meeting</b>         | 11  | 12                                                                                      |
| <b>13</b><br><b>CHRISTIAN ED SUNDAY</b><br><b>8:30 - Breakfast</b><br><b>9:00 - Cornhole Tournament</b><br><b>10:30 – Worship Service</b> | 14  | <b>15</b><br><b>11:00 – Men's Fellowship at Crouse's Café in Shelocta</b> | 16                                                                    | 17                                                                                  | 18  | <b>19</b><br><b>10:00 – Presbytery Stated Gathering at Elderton Presbyterian Church</b> |
| <b>20</b><br><b>9:30 – Sunday School</b><br><b>10:30 -Worship Service</b>                                                                 | 21  | 22                                                                        | 23                                                                    | <b>24</b><br><b>10:00-2:30 – Helping Hand</b><br><b>6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting</b> | 25  | 26                                                                                      |
| <b>27</b><br><b>9:30 – Sunday School</b><br><b>10:30 -Worship Service</b>                                                                 | 28  | 29                                                                        | 30                                                                    |                                                                                     |     |                                                                                         |