



2023

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTORS PAGE

“Peace Be with You”

John 20: 19-23

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

There is no day more important to God’s faithful people than Easter. Easter celebrates the risen Lord and our assurance of eternal life. However, when the Resurrection took place, it was not a celebration for the disciples.

The disciples were scattered for fear of the Jews who wanted to obliterate anything or anyone connected to Jesus. So, after the crucifixion, the disciples were considered subversive to the power of Jews of that time. Which brings us to our passage. All of the disciples for the exception of Thomas were together.

Whenever we are in a chaotic or stressful state, our minds search for order: to make sense of things, to understand the world, to organize the data that comes in the moment. This is the state of mind of the disciples after Jesus’ death. As we can see, the disciples were behind closed doors and afraid. They were trying to make sense of what was going on. Our passage says, Jesus came and stood among them.

We sometimes find ourselves in moments where the world does not make sense, our minds search for order, and soul attempts to survive the chaos around us. Faced with such moments, we often close ourselves off from the ones we love or become distant. During these times we can become just like the disciples in fear and locked behind closed doors.

Jesus Christ steps in our midst and speaks peace. Jesus promised this peace to the disciples earlier in the gospel of *John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.* Little did they know that they would need that peace from Jesus during such a tumultuous time in their lives.

We often need to hear the words of Jesus, “Peace be unto you.” Easter brings the promise of peace in our lives. Be at peace beloved during this Easter season.

Yours Brother because of Jesus,

Angel

GREETERS & ACOLYTE'S

Mark Your Calendars

This is the only list you will receive – so PLEASE look this over

If the date assigned to 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 10:00 AM. The bell should be rung 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Please hand out the morning bulletin. Close the doors when the service begins. You will also take up the offering, get the collection plates before the service begins; they are on the first pew in the back section of the church (in the black cloth bag).

Please lock the front doors into the church. Pull to make sure the door is latched, use the small “key” found on the window ledge, insert it into the bar of the door and turn until the bar pops out. The handicap door will remain unlocked until 10 minutes into service (Cassie will take care of this.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
April 2	John and Dee Craig	Emily Johns
April 6 (Maundy Thursday)	Shirley Schall and Nancy Schrecengost	Jonah Scrips
April 9 (Easter)	Gerry and Donna Howard	Aaron Quinn
April 16	Rod and Kathy Burns	Mia Scrips
April 23	Lanette and Jaden Klonowski	Liam Scrips
April 30	Shawnee Boyer and Bonnie Gratzmiller	Travis Johns
May 7	Larry and Linda Prugh	MaKayla Scrips

FLOWERS FOR APRIL

April 2 and 9 - Shirley Schall
April 16 and 23 – Heather Bell
April 30 - open
May 7 and 14 – Jean Quinn

Joanie Riggle is the contact person for the flower calendar. If anyone wishes to request a date for chancel flowers or for an organ or table arrangement, please schedule with Joanie 724-954-1671.



IN MEMORIAM

Aria Mae Woznick
February 24, 2023

“In my Father’s house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you.”

We will be receiving new members April 23, 2023 during worship service.

If you would like to become a member of the Elderton Presbyterian Church, please see Dr. Angel or Susan or call the church office – 724-354-3117.



**We extend our congratulations
and best wishes to**

Jody (Johnson) and Brian Dyott
who were united in marriage on
March 18, 2023
at Elderton Presbyterian Church

*Therefore what God has joined, let no one separate.
Matthew 19:6*



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
YOU ARE TRULY AWESOME!**

When the church and preschool
plunged into a plastic recycling project,
everyone jumped in wholeheartedly.

Because of your help, we are proud to
announce that after only 2 months, we have
collected over 500 pounds of plastic.

It was very eye-opening to see how much
plastic we pollute the earth with.

We will be receiving a free composite bench
from the Trex Company to donate to a non-
profit organization. We will let you know
when we receive it and where it is going.

We are not eligible to collect
towards another bench until August.

However, H2O Restoration
will begin collecting for the project.
Please continue to save your plastic and put it
in the containers at the church.

**WE CAN NOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR THE
SUPPORT YOU SHOWED FOR THIS PROJECT.**



THIS SUMMER SEASON MARKS THE
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMP LAMBEC.

Several camps are offered:

Disciple Mission Camp
Wet & Wild
Sports & Adventures
Music Camp

Registration Information:

Registration can be completed on line by visiting the
website: www.camplambec.com

Pamphlets are available in the church office,
please see Susan for more information.



MAUNDY *Thursday*

Please join us for
Maundy Thursday Service
April 6 – 7:00 PM
Communion will be served.



April 2– Palm Sunday – Palms will be distributed.

April 6 – 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service – Communion will be served.

April 9 – 8:00 AM – Join us for breakfast and Easter hymn sing in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish for breakfast.

April 9 - 9:00 AM – Following breakfast, join us for the Children’s Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt.

April 9 - 10:30 – Easter Worship Service. We will collect a special offering for the In His Name Fund.

THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD, CONTINUES TO CHANGE OUR LIVES!



PLEASE JOIN US!

**APRIL 9 AT 8:00 AM
in Fellowship Hall**

**WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR RISEN LORD
WITH AN EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST AND HYMN SING**

Please bring a covered dish, drinks will be provided.



HEY KIDS!

**Come join the fun at
Elderton Presbyterian Church for an**

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 9, 2023 – 9:15 AM

Following the Easter Morning Breakfast

BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL

"April Highlights"



Each month in our newsletter article, we talk about the kids and the daily routine. This month our newsletter article will honor the staff at Butterfly Hill Preschool.

The teachers and staff work hard to give the students of Butterfly Hill Preschool a quality program. Many hours of prep time is put into each day. Staff and teachers arrive at least an hour before class time and stay at least an hour after students are dismissed. They also take work home to make sure they are ready for each day.

The staff not only provide a quality academic program, but a fun enjoyable day. Lots of learning games, music, stories and faith goes into each day.

God has blessed the Butterfly Hill Preschool program and provided a quality staff. We are so **THANKFUL** for our dedicated, enthusiastic and **HARD WORKING TEAM!**

*"Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic - be on fire in the spirit
as you serve the LORD."*

Romans 12:11





Elderton Presbyterian Church Youth Group is

On Our Way to Something New!

The Elderton Presbyterian Church is excited to announce that we have started a Youth Group for grades 7-12! Our first get-together was held at our church Sunday, February 19th, from 5-8. The kids enjoyed listening to music by the Christian group, MercyMe, had a group talk about what our plans for the group are, ate pizza from 4 different places (we still can't decide which one was the best), and watched the movie "I Can Only Imagine", which is based on a true story about the Christian group, MercyMe. If you haven't watched the movie, we encourage you to. It won't disappoint.

We met again on March 26th, where we collected a special offering after church, then headed to the Dollar General to purchase supplies for hygiene kits that we put together, and also for a care package for our friend Ricky Lias in Hershey, who was recently injured during a hockey game. We're so happy to hear that he is now home and healing every day!

Our theme song for our group (not named yet) is a song by MercyMe, called "On Our Way". It relates to us all individually, on our way through life, and on our own journey. It has a great beat, and the kids love it. As this was all falling into place, with the theme song, and the movie, it just so happened that the group MercyMe was having a concert at the Johnstown War Memorial on March 10th! We immediately jumped on the opportunity and was able to get tickets! All I can say is... "What a Concert!" For some of the kids, it was their first concert ever! They knew many of the songs, and sang along as they played OUR SONG, "On Our Way!" Everyone had a great time!

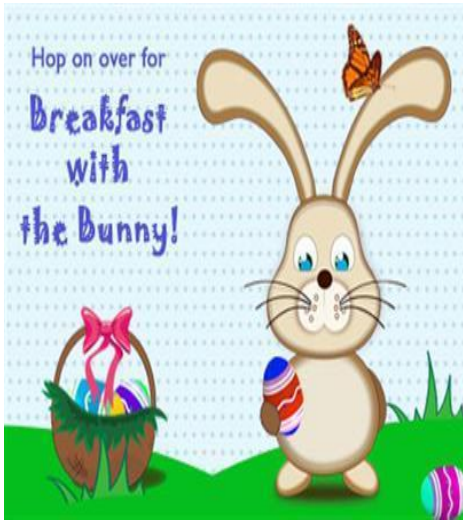
On Sunday, March 19th, the Youth Group (and some kids from Sunday School) hosted a pancake and sausage lunch after church. The kids collected money at the door, served the food and drinks, and helped clean up afterwards. They really did work hard, and it didn't go unnoticed by anyone. Great job Kids! (A huge thank you to all who helped us that day! It was a great success!)

We tentatively are planning on a bowling day after church on April 2nd, and we'll be at the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Morning!

Thank you to EVERYONE in the church who has donated and helped us out in any way. We are so grateful that we are able to do this with the Youth at our church and in our community. We would not be able to do this without all of your help!

Your Youth Group Leaders:

Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips, and Emily Spencer



April 1, 2023

BUNNY BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT

**Doors open at Elderton Firehall at 8:45 AM
Breakfast will be served at 9:00 AM**

After breakfast, follow the Easter Bunny to the Elderton Plumcreek Recreation Park for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Jodi Beers – 3rd
- Alex Ramer – 3rd
- Dan Zelenski – 3rd
- Jeanne Speer – 4th
- Brandi Orr – 4th
- Evann Gubitose – 4th
- Dan Brumbaugh – 6th
- Allyson Tutak – 6th
- Alice Graham – 7th
- Aubrey Lasser – 9th
- Miranda Schrecengost – 10th
- Marcia Elgin – 11th
- Benjamin Hankey – 12th
- Brynn Salley – 13th
- Adam Cessna – 13th
- John Bell 14th
- Martha Dyott – 15th
- Janelle Brumbaugh – 15th
- Eliana Smith – 15th
- Julie Quinn 17th
- Doris Howard – 18th
- Lois Brown - 18th
- Pam Flickinger – 21st
- Nathan Johns – 22nd
- Cody Cribbs -22nd
- Mia Scrips – 22nd
- Reed Shaffer – 23rd
- Amanda Mudd – 25th
- Travis Johns – 25th
- Adeline Ingram – 27th
- Liam Scrips – 30th

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- James & Ashley Fillerd- 2nd, 2018 – **5 yrs**
- Michael & Krista Johnston – 26th, 1997
- Mark & Cassie Clowser – 30th, 1994
- Angel & Charlene De La Cruz – 4th, 1998 –**25 yrs.**

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2  9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service - communion	3	4	5 1:00 – Circle Meeting- Nancy Schrecengost's house	6 10:00-3:00- Helping Hand 7:00 – Maundy Thursday Service - communion	7 	8
9  8:00 – Breakfast and Easter Hymn Sing 9:15 – Children's Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 –Worship Service	10	11	12	13 6:00 – Session meeting 6:00 – Deacon's meeting	14	15
16 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	24	25	26	27 6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting	28	29 4:00 -7:00- Pancake Dinner Elderton Firehall
30 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service						