



2024

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTORS PAGE

“Help in Our Weakness” Roman 8:26-30

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

We don't like asking for help. Think about it. We go into a grocery store and look up at the signs for the item you want. It usually takes us a few moments before we go to a store clerk and ask for help in getting the item we want.

In our text, the Apostle Paul is writing to the church in Rome and encouraging the church to rely on the Holy Spirit in times of weakness. The word weakness is defined as weakness of the flesh, unimpressive in appearance, and refers to sickness.

I think sickness is a good word for our purposes because sin is sickness to the soul. Paul was reminding the church in Rome that they have been saved by Jesus Christ and that the Holy Spirit was given to them to strengthen them in their sinful weaknesses as well as aiding them in their prayers.

Ponder this for a moment. God who created the universe is the same God who walks in your everyday life. This same God who establishes the boundaries of the earth is the same God who promises that He will never leave you or forsake you. This God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is with you as you read this article. The Spirit of God will help you through the ups and downs of life. He will be with you when you ignore him. The Holy Spirit will be with you when you acknowledge Him. The Holy Spirit is our helper and supporter.

Don't be afraid to ask for help from the Holy Spirit. He is there to assist you through the different challenges of life. Ask His help today.

Your Brother because of Him,

Angel

GREETERS & ACOLYTE'S

**IF THE DATE ASSIGNED TO YOU CONFLICTS WITH YOUR SCHEDULE,
PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE ON THE LIST AND INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE 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. 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 of the church at 10:30. 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 7	Travis Johns and Dave Pletcher	Adalyn Quinn
April 14	Lanette and Jaden Klonowski	Emily Johns
April 21	Terri and Alexandra Maughan	Makayla Scrips
April 28	Eric and Amber Pinkerton	Jonah Scrips
May 5	Sue and Lee Pierce	Aaron Quinn



FLOWERS FOR APRIL

April 7 and 14 – open
 April 21 and 28 – open
 May 5 and 12 – Blythe Johns

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.

**Please add the following
to your directory**

Chandler Blose
 207 Church Road
 Rural Valley, PA 16249
 724-762-8415

Chad and Shawna Taylor
 898 Cherry Run Road
 Ford City, PA 16226
 724-882-3483

Jim and Robin Shaffer
 2626 Ridge Road
 Shelocta, PA 15774
 724-354-2736

Dylan Shankle and Aylssa Duplinsky
 1075 Black Hollow Road
 Apollo, PA 15613
 724-954-1128 – Dylan
 724-994-0883 - Alyssa

**Presbyterian Women
sponsored Blanket Sunday Month
February 4 – February 25**

**\$1,666.00 was collected
and will be sent to
Church World Services**

**Thanks to all who donated
so generously.**



**A reminder for those who still need
to pay their 2024 per capita.....**

In order to maintain our budget, the session is asking that each member of the congregation pays \$37.40 for their 2024 per capita.

Please use the yellow initial offering envelope in the front of your 2024 offering envelopes box and place it in the offering plate or mail it to -

EPC
PO Box 159
Elderton, PA 15736

What is Per Capita?

Presbyterians share equally, responsibility, and interdependently in the costs of governing the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), no matter the size of their congregations.

Our church is responsible for paying a per capita amount of \$37.40 per member, this money is taken from the yearly budget.



Elderton Presbyterian Church will host
Vacation Bible School
June 3-7, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.
Emily Spencer and Barbara Johns
will direct the program.

We need volunteers to help make this a success.
If you are interested in helping, please contact
Emily Spencer 724-954-4591



Presbytery of Kiskiminetas is hiring a Coordinator
for Presbytery Communication.

The position's key area of responsibility is to help develop and maintain Presbytery's website, media outreach and email.

For the full position description and qualifications,
please call the church office
724-354-3117



NEW MEMBERS

With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcomed to our church family
on March 17, 2024

by reaffirmation of faith:

Doug and Jodi Klingensmith
Jim and Robin Shaffer

by affirmation of faith:

Chandler Blose
Alyssa Duplinsky
Cory and Melissa Grantz
Chad and Shawna Taylor
Chandler Blose
Dylan Shankle



Left to Right:
Melissa Grantz, Cory Grantz, Doug Klingensmith, Jodi Klingensmith, Jim Shaffer, Robin Shaffer, Dr. Del La Cruz,
Dylan Shankle, Alyssa Duplinsky, Chandler Blose, Shawna Taylor and Chad Taylor and children, Nolan and
Lucy Taylor

Confirmation Class



On March 24, 2024,
we welcomed the into our church family
the members of the confirmation class.

**John Bell
Evie Grantz
Cooper Grantz
Alexandra Maughan
Aaron Quinn
Jonah Scrips**

Along with their families let us guide them
as they continue to grow in their faith.



Left to Right: Jonah Scrips, Alexandra Maughan, Cooper Grantz, Aaron Quinn



Butterfly Hill Preschool "April 2024"



It's the time of year when it gets really busy at Butterfly Hill.

The Toddler's are very busy learning songs and poems for their Promotion Program. They love to sing the ABC's and count to 10 forward and backwards.

The Caterpillars love when the weather is good and we can go for a walk. They are also having fun learning about the Ocean and why we celebrate Easter.

Our Butterflies Pre-K kids have come so far this year. They are learning sign language and can sign the alphabet and a word that goes with each letter of the alphabet. The Butterflies have also been learning Phonemic Awareness which teaches the students to put words together. Some are starting to read. They have learned the 10 Commandments, the Beattitudes and many Bible verses. We feel that they are ready for Kindergarten.

We are so proud of all our students and how far they have come this year.

Bible Verse:

"I will teach all your children, and they will enjoy great peace." Isaiah 54:13

Blessings,
Miss Jeanne



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jodi Beers – 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
Lois Brown – 18th
Pam Flickinger – 21st
Nathan Johns – 22nd
Cody Cribbs -22nd
Mia Scrips – 22nd
Nicole Myers – 22nd
Reed Shaffer – 23rd
Amanda Mudd – 25th
Travis Johns – 25th
Adeline Ingram – 27th
Liam Scrips – 30th

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

James & Ashley Filler – 7th 2018
Michael and Krista Johnston – 26th, 1997
Mark and Cassie Clowser – 30th, 1994 – **30 years**
Angel and Charlene De La Cruz – 4th, 1998



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 1:00 – Circle Meeting- Nancy Schrecengost's house	4 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand	5	6
7 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	8	9	10	11 6:00 – Session meeting 6:00 – Deacon's meeting	12	13
14 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	22	23	24	25 6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting	26	27 PW Spring Gathering at EPC
28 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	29	30				