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ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTOR’S PAGE

“Celebrate Eastertide”

Eastertide is fifty days celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is time to put into practice the repentance called for during Lent. The season speaks of the moments of resurrection when Jesus met both Marys at the tomb. The season speaks of the time when Jesus walked with the two men to Emmaus. Eastertide speaks of the resurrected Christ visiting the disciples for forty days, calming their fears and increasing their faith.

Celebrate the spring Eastertide brings. The Lord's creation is to be enjoyed as well as cherished. All the creation belongs to God, and we are to be stewards of what he has given us. _

Psalm 24:1 - The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. _

God has been so good to us through the resurrection of His Son for us.

So, celebrate the next fifty days. Celebrate the Eastertide season.

God of the covenant,
in the glory of the cross
your Son embraced the power of death
and broke its hold over your people.
In this time of Eastertide celebration, draw people to yourself,
that we may be in union with Jesus as Lord
and put aside the deeds of death
and accept the life of your kingdom. Amen.

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>
April 2 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Shirley Schall and Nancy Schrecengost	Jonah Scrips
April 5 <i>Easter</i>	Chad and Shawna Taylor	Lucy Taylor
April 12	Brett and Joanie Riggle	Adalyn Quinn
April 19	Larry and Linda Prugh	Cooper Grantz
April 26	Doug and Jodi Klingensmith	London Smith
May 3	Bonnie Gratzmiller and Shawnee Hohl	Sophia Pinkerton



CHANCEL FLOWER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 5 and 12 – open

April 19 and 26 – open

May 3 and 10

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.





We're excited to continue building our new church picture directory.

We would love for *everyone* to be a part of it!

Our goal is to include our entire church family: members, regular attendees, and all of our new families.

Please text or email your picture to Hannah Keith at 724-541-3360 or hschrec@gmail.com.

The deadline to submit your picture is May 3, 2026.

If you have any questions or need help, please contact the church office or Hannah.



March 29 - Palm Sunday – Palms will be distributed.

April 2 - 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday - Join us for a solemn Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service as we remember the night of Jesus' last supper with His disciples and reflect on His journey to the cross. Communion will be served. All are welcome to attend this meaningful time of worship and reflection.

April 3 – Good Friday- This day reminds us of the depth of Jesus Christ's love for us, bringing light to how He willingly bore our sins on the cross. It's a time for us to remember that His sacrifice wasn't just an event; it's the greatest love story ever told.

April 5 – 8:00 AM – Join us for breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish for breakfast

April 5 – 9:30 AM – Following breakfast, join us for the Children's Sunday School Easter egg hunt.

April 5 – 10:30 AM – Join us for Easter morning worship as we joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Come and rejoice in the hope and new life we have through our risen Lord. All are welcome to gather in worship, praise, and thanksgiving on this glorious morning.

All Children are Invited to Join the Fun!



Easter Egg Hunt

at Elderton Presbyterian Church

9:30 AM April 5, 2026

Following the Morning Breakfast!

Bring a Basket or Bag to Collect Eggs!



Join Us For A
**Easter
Morning
BREAKFAST**

April 5, 2026 | 8:00 AM

Bring Your Favorite Breakfast Dish to Share!

*As we gather for a time of fellowship,
food, and celebrating our Risen Lord!*



Join Elderton Presbyterian Church for a fun-filled week as we step through the mist into

Rainforest Falls.

Beneath the canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids will plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They will explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Please bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends!!

JUNE 15-19, 2026

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to fill the following roles:

GROUP LEADERS: Be the guiding light for the children as you lead them through each exciting station.

CRAFT OVERSEER: Take charge of our creative crafting activities, ensuring the kids have fun while expressing their creativity each day.

GAMES LEADER: Energize the group with fun, engaging games and activities that create lasting memories.

KITCHEN ASSISTANTS: Join a team of helpers to distribute tasty snacks each day, fueling the children for their adventures.

Your involvement can truly make a difference! Together, we can inspire and enrich the lives of our children.

Thank you for considering this opportunity!

We are asking for donations of cardboard boxes to create props and decorations.

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



This April, we invite you to contribute to our special spring offering in support of the In His Name Fund. This vital fund provides assistance to those in our congregation & community who face difficult times.

In 2025, we were proud to help 13 families with urgent needs, including medical, heating, and water bills, car accidents, and fire recovery.

Your generosity can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it the most.

Please place your check, payable to EPC, or cash in the special offering envelope found in your bulletin or mail it to EPC, PO Box 159, Elderton, PA 15736.



The all-church birthday party took place on March 21, 2026.

This event was a tremendous success, bringing joy and laughter to everyone involved. We were entertained by the amazing ventriloquist Jim Swoggart. Eric Schrecengost joyfully participated with the ventriloquist, creating a time full of laughter and fun. Thanks, Eric!

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Christian Life and Evangelism Committee for their planning and hard work in organizing this event.

The committee consists of: Chairperson: Pam Gaff, Elders: John Craig and Jeff Schrecengost; Deacons: Betsy Bertolino, Holly Uptegraph, Mike Uptegraph; At Large: Lois Brown, Nancy Schrecengost, Kris Longwell, Marcia Elgin, and Dee Craig.

Thank you to everyone who brought a delicious dessert to share.

ART SHOW



APRIL 1, 2026

ELDERTON FIREHALL

5:00-7:00 PM

**JOIN BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL FOR OUR EXCITING
2nd ANNUAL ART SHOW!**

Come and be captivated by the incredible artwork and
crafts created by our talented little artists.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate their imagination and effort!

Enjoy light refreshments as you celebrate
their hard work and imagination.

Don't miss this opportunity to support our preschool!



On March 1, 2026, we participated in the infant baptism of

Everett Lee Fairman
son of Conner and Brittany Fairman.

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS	APRIL ANNIVERSARIES
Dylan Shankle – 4 th Alice Graham – 7 th Marcia Elgin – 11 th Casey Mouser – 13 th – 1 year old Brynn Salley – 13 th John Bell 14 th Eliana Smith – 15 th Julie Quinn – 17 th Lois Brown – 18 th Oakley Johnston – 18 th - 1 year old Pam Flickinger – 21 st Nathan Johns – 22 nd Mia Scrips – 22 nd Cory Grantz – 24 th Travis Johns – 25 th Liam Scrips – 30 th	Michael and Krista Johnston – 26 th , 1997 Mark and Cassie Clowser – 30 th , 1994 Angel and Charlene De La Cruz – 4 th , 1998

ELDERTON PLUMCREEK REC PARK UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE THIS SPRING

Anyone interested, please contact Keisha Brocious at 724-599-6559 for more information.

BOOK CLUB

7:00 PM – The 3rd Thursday of the month
 at the Dave and Pat Brown Pavilion.

Contact Facebook or any park member for more details.

PARK CLEAN-UP EVENT.

April 18, 2026 – 9:00 PM – 12:00 PM

Rain Date – April 25, 2026

38TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK

May 15, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Registration/Check in – 5:00 PM

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY

May 29th – 5:00 PM

For more information on any of these activities, please contact any park member or see the flyers on the bulletin board in the Upper Room vestibule.

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00-3:00 – Helping Hand 5:00-7:00 – Butterfly Hill Preschool 2 nd Annual Art Show at the firehall	2 7:00 – Maundy Thursday Service - communion	3 	
5  8:00- Breakfast 9:30 -Egg Hunt 10:30 -Worship Service			8 1:00 – Circle Meeting at Nancy's house	9 6:00 – Session Meeting 6:00 – Deacons Meeting		
12 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service						
19 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service		21 11:00 – Men's Bible Study at Crouse's Cafe		23 10:00-3:00 – Helping Hand 6:00 - Ch Ed Meeting		
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