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ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“Rest for the Summer”

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

You would think since God rested, as stated in the commandment above, we would take seriously the need to take a day to remember the Lord and do no labor. Yet, we as American Christians have a hard time resting and worshipping. Worship is not as hard as resting. There is a part of America that believes in worshipping God on a Sunday or the day that they choose. God wants us to rest from our labors more than we do.

I think our Sabbath happens during the year; we call it vacation. It seems most American Christians take the time to go on vacation and rest as best as they can. Charlene and I vacationed for a couple of weeks in July and had a great time.

We traveled to Baltimore, Maryland to see Charlene’s cousins, Leslie and Ronald. Charlene was an only child and as a child would visit her cousins every summer allowing them to become as close as sisters and brothers. Charlene is always excited to visit her cousins in Baltimore because she and her cousins get to eat crabs. Eating crabs is Charlene’s favorite thing to do when we go to Baltimore. I have been married to Charlene for twenty-five years and I still don’t understand the excitement for crabs. It was a great week; we had a cookout where more of Charlene’s family came to see us.

We next traveled to Virginia to see our daughter Kelly, our son Jasen and three of our grandchildren. Kelly has a wonderful apartment in Reston Virginia and pulled out all the stops when we arrived at her home. She cooked for us while Jasen teased her for not having dinner ready on time. We played games and enjoyed one another's company.

It is important to take time to rest and enjoy family members you haven’t seen. Though we may not keep the Sabbath, we can find times during the year to rest. Attempt to rest on those days if you can. We can rest if we try.

Your 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>
August 6	Charlene De La Cruz and Sharon Aikins	Travis Johns
August 13	Bob and Kim Anderson	MaKayla Scrips
August 20	Mouse and Mary Orr	Emily Johns
August 27	Bill and Linda Lynch	Jonah Scrips
September 3	Sue and Lee Pierce	Aaron Quinn

FLOWERS FOR AUGUST

August 6 and 13 – Gladys Johns
August 20 and 27 – open
August 27 organ arrangement – Linda Prugh

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.

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT

Linda Prugh is the contact person for prayer chain requests.

If you have a prayer request that you would like others to pray for, or if you would like to be added to the email to receive the requests

contact Linda

Home - 724-354-4787

Cell - 724-464-8861

Email – larrylee201@comcast.net



SUMMER MUSIC

As our wonderful choir takes a break for the summer, we would like to have something special in the place of the weekly anthem.

If you have a special poem, an inspiring video, a dance, a song, or a musical piece that you think the congregation would enjoy, PLEASE share it with us.

August 27 and September 10 are still available please contact Cassie Clowser or see the sign up sheet in the Upper Room.

AUGUST 13, 2023

Children's Fun Day Sunday 9:15 – 10:15

Kids, please join Miss Emily as you discover how special you are to God! There will be a lesson, craft, game and snack.

Adult Breakfast Social 9:15 – 10:15

Please join us for a continental breakfast, fellowship and Bible games.

ATTENTION SESSION AND DEACONS



There will be a joint session and deacons meeting August 10, 2023 at 6:00 at the Manse. Please bring a covered dish, we will eat at 6:00 prior to our meetings.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Doris Howard

April 18, 1936 - June 20, 2023

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."



NEW CHAIRS

50 padded chairs to be used in Fellowship Hall have been purchased through donations.

We would like to purchase more chairs, each chair costs \$30.50.

If you would like to make a monetary donation towards the new chairs, please put your donation in an envelope marked "chairs" and place in the offering plate, or give to Dee Craig or Blythe Johns.



We extend our congratulations and best wishes to

Laney (Johnston) and Joshua Brown
who were united in marriage on
June 17, 2023
at Fairman Family Farms, Shelocta PA.

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



Operation Backpack Mt. Zion Church



449 Girty Road, Shelocta, PA 15774

Mt. Zion Church, along with Elderton Presbyterian Church, has worked thru the summer to collect monetary donations to purchase school supplies to fill new backpacks for Operation Backpack.

Through our summer special offering, Elderton Presbyterian Church collected \$751.00 to benefit this mission.

The distribution of backpacks to any student in our community, grades Pre-K through 12th grade, will be held at Mount Zion Church, Girty Road

Saturday, August 12, 2023 - 11am until 2 pm
or until all backpacks are gone.

**FOR A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR,
PLEASE TAKE YOUR CHILD(REN) TO GET A
NEW BACKPACK FILLED WITH NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES!**

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO MADE DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THIS COMMUNITY MISSION.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Josh Rodgers – 1st
Jo Foster – 2nd
Alexa Plavi – 2nd
Anthony Saltsman – 2nd –
Helen Bowser – 3rd
Bill Lynch – 4th
Chris Perry – 4th
Pam Gaff – 5th
Joe Scrips – 6th
Emma Woznick – 6th
Phyllis Popp – 7th
Susan Schrecengst – 7th
Sally Fink – 7th
Adam Dyott – 7th
Andy Patz – 8th
Melvin (Buster) Rodgers – 10th
Mason Lukehart - 10th
Tom Popp – 11th
Courtney Orr – 12th
Kiera Meyer – 12th
Buddy Schall – 13th
Bob Stitt -14th
John Craig – 14th
Karen Olsen – 18th
Emily Shaffer – 20th
Ellen Speer – 20th
Brittany Coleman – 21st
Leandra Saltsman – 21st
Don Rupert – 22nd
Larissa Brown – 22nd
Nancy Schregegost – 23rd
Reed Shaffer – 23rd
Jaden Klonowski – 25th
Hannah Schrecengost - 28th
Jeff Prugh – 29th
Paxton Spencer- 30th
Roy Cessna – 31st
Jill Ramer – 31st

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Adam and Sara Lasser – 2nd, 2008 – **15 years**
Gary and Leandra Slatsman – 2nd, 2020
Joe and Betsy Bertolino – 9th, 1969
John and Julie Quinn – 9th, 2014
Pat and Sue Dickman – 10th, 1973 – **50 years**
Richard and Laurie Pritt – 13th, 1988 – **35 years**
Greg and Kate Olsen – 16th, 2008 – **15 years**
Ryan and Sarah Scrips – 19th, 2006
Jamey and Sheila Brumbaugh–28th, 1987
Dewey and Veda Hixenbaugh – 29th, 2020

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:30 – Worship Service	7	8	9 10:00-3:00 – Helping Hand 1:00 – Circle meeting at Nancy’s house	10 6:00 – Joint deacon’s and session meeting at the manse – covered dish	11	12 11:00 – 2:00 Pre-K – 12 th grade Backpack Distribution at Mt Zion Church, Girty
13 9:15 – Children’s Sunday School 9:15 – Adult Breakfast Social 10:30 – Worship Service	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:30 – Worship Service	21	22	23	24 6:00 – Ch Ed meeting	25	26
27 10:30 – Worship Service	28	29 10:00-3:00 – Helping Hand	30	31		