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"The Power of Words"

The Bible speaks often and strongly about the power of the tongue — the words we speak — and the ways it can be used both for good and for harm. Scripture reminds us that our words reflect our hearts, and they can bring life, healing, and encouragement, or cause destruction, pain, and sin. The Bible teaches about the tongue's potential for good and its potential for evil, offering practical lessons for believers.

The Bible repeatedly acknowledges that the tongue is powerful. Proverbs 18:21 states, "*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.*" This means our words have real consequences. They can uplift, instruct, and bring peace, or they can tear down, deceive, and lead to conflict.

In James 3:5–6, the tongue is described as a small but mighty force: "*The tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness.*" James warns that though the tongue is small, it can cause great destruction when used sinfully. He likens it to a spark that can ignite a forest fire — showing how quickly words can do harm.

Even though the tongue can be dangerous, the Bible also shows how words can be used to glorify God and bless others. Proverbs 15:1 says, "*A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*" Gentle, kind speech can resolve conflict and promote peace.

Words can also build up others. Ephesians 4:29 instructs believers, "*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.*" Encouraging words can strengthen faith and bring hope.

The Bible also teaches that our tongue can be used to praise God. Psalm 34:1 declares, "*I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*" The highest use of our words is worship and thanksgiving to God.

As followers of Christ, we are called to use our tongues to speak truth, encouragement, praise, and grace. We are to avoid lying, gossip, slander, and harshness. By relying on God's Spirit to guide our hearts and words, we choose to use our tongues for good, to encourage others, speak truth, and glorify God in all we say.

May our words and actions be pleasing to God every day!

GREETERS and 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.

GREETERS should arrive at the door by 10:00 AM. The bell should ring 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Please distribute the morning bulletin. Close the doors when the service begins. You will also collect the offering and 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>
August 3	Jim and Robin Shaffer	Cooper Grantz
August 10	Dylan Shankle and Alyssa Duplinsky	Jonah Scrips
August 17	Dave and Kris Hilty	Aaron Quinn
August 24	Chad and Shawna Taylor	Mia Scrips
August 31	Adam and Ashley Quinn	Emily Johns
September 7	Shirley Schall and Nancy Schrecengost	Adalyn Quinn

FLOWERS FOR AUGUST

August 3 and 10 - open
August 17 and 24 – Terry and Blythe Johns
August 31 – open

If you would like to request a date for chancel flowers, an organ, or a table display, don't hesitate to contact Joanie Riggle at 724-954-1671.



HUNGER OFFERING

This program was initiated by Presbyterian Women to address global hunger and poverty.

This offering is part of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, which works to alleviate hunger both domestically and internationally.

Elderton Presbyterian Church started collecting for this mission in September 2018.

We continue to collect this offering the third Sunday of every month.

Please save your change for this mission.



**ATTENTION
SESSION AND DEACONS**



There will be a joint
session and deacons meeting

August 14, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Manse.

Please bring a covered dish,
we will eat at 6:00 prior to our meetings.



NOTICE: NEW CHURCH KEYS ISSUED

We have recently updated the locks and
issued new church keys.

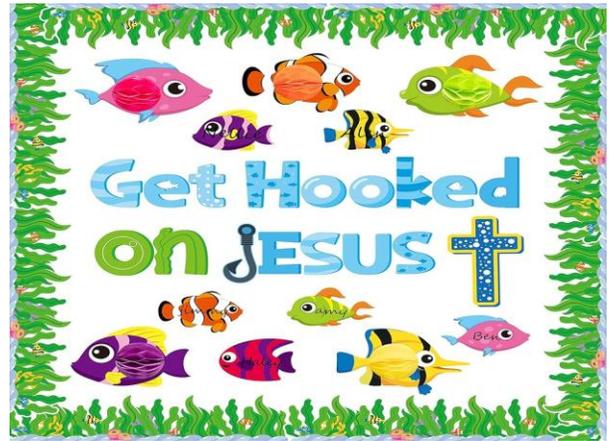
If you need access to the building for ministry,
meetings, or other approved purposes,
please see Susan for a key.

We kindly ask that you:

Do not duplicate the key.
Keep it secure and return it if you no longer need it.
Ensure the building is properly locked and the
security system is armed when you leave.

Thank you for helping us keep God's house safe
and accessible for all who serve!

If you have any questions,
please contact the church office.



Children's Summer Sunday School
9:30 – 10:15 AM – August 24, 2025

You will learn that God's love is
bigger than the ocean!

Kiddos, come join Miss Emily
for a morning of fun.



Please join us for a
continental breakfast
and a time of fellowship.

**9:30 – 10:15 AM
August 24, 2025
in Fellowship Hall
hosted by Bob Griffin**



We sincerely thank West Penn Energy for their generous donation to Butterfly Hill Preschool and for their unwavering commitment to the Elderton community.

This vital contribution will empower us to enhance our facilities and fully support the launch of our exciting new all-day Pre-K program.

This support makes a meaningful difference in our efforts to provide quality education and care to our children.

In 2007, Michael Zentz established West Penn Energy Services in Shelocta, PA. West Penn Energy Services offers customers a full suite of capabilities, including transportation, equipment, fabrication, welding, launch pads, pipeline installation, compressor station construction, and more. Today the company maintains over 100 employees.

THANK YOU!!



BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL

We are eagerly preparing for the start of an exciting new school year at Butterfly Hill Preschool!

Our dedicated staff has spent the summer crafting innovative ways to ensure every incoming student enjoys a hands-on learning experience while exploring the depths of God's everlasting love.

This year is particularly thrilling with the introduction of our all-day Pre-K class. This class is designed to provide even more enriching opportunities to prepare our children for kindergarten.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer—
Exciting experiences await, and we can't wait to share them with you!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jo Foster – 2nd
Helen Bowser – 3rd
Pam Gaff – 5th
Daniel Smith – 6th
Joe Scrips – 6th
Phyllis Popp – 7th
Susan Schrecengost – 7th
Sally Fink – 7th
Buster Rodgers – 10th
Tom Popp – 11th
Bob Stitt -14th
John Craig – 14th
Jodi Klingensmith – 18th
Brittany Coleman – 21st
Don Rupert – 22nd
Holly Uptegraph - 22nd
Nancy Schrecengost – 23rd
Danielle Kunkle – 24th
Jaden Klonowski – 25th
Hannah Schrecengost - 28th
Jim Shaffer – 28th
Cooper Grantz – 29th
Paxton Spencer- 30th

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Joe and Betsy Bertolino – 9th, 1969
John and Julie Quinn – 9th, 2014
Jim and Robin Shaffer – 9th, 1980 – **45 years**
Richard and Laurie Pritt – 13th, 1988
Kyle and Lindsey Uptegraph – 15th, 2020 -**5 years**
Ryan and Sarah Scrips – 19th, 2006
Jamey and Sheila Brumbaugh–28th, 1987
Dewey and Veda Hixenbaugh – 29th, 2020 -**5 years**



WE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

**Hannah (Schrecengost) and Tyler Keith
were united in marriage
on August 2, 2025
at The Chetremon Golf and Event Venue
Cherry Tree, PA**

**Hannah and Tyler's new address is
3881 Tanoma Rd
Clymer, PA 15728**

**Please pray for God's guidance as they begin their
lives together.**

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 10:30 -Worship Service	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:30 -Worship Service	11	12	13 1:00 Circle Meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's home	14 6:00 -Combined Session and Deacons meeting at the Manse	15	16
17 10:30 -Worship Service	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:30 – Children's Sunday School 9:30 – Adult Breakfast 10:30 -Worship Service	25	26	27	28 10:00 – 3:00 – Helping Hand 6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting	29	30
31 10:30 -Worship Service						