



**2022**

# ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## DECEMBER— NEWSLETTER — 2022

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### **Pastor's Page**

### **“On Jesus' Birthday”**

### **Matthew 1:18-25**

Christmas has come. The Birthday of our Lord is here. The Truth coming into the world is worthy of praise and adoration. Christmas has come.

The Bible says let us rejoice and be glad therein. We as Christians hold onto the reality of Jesus' birth and celebrate all that it means to us. It is a joy that is far from those who do not know who Jesus is. God has not revealed to all that the Lord was born as a child through the power of the Holy Spirit in a virgin birth.

We know him as the Savior. Christmas day is the day we celebrate the belief that the Savior was born to deliver us from our sin and take upon himself the sins of the world. It is the day we celebrate God coming to us in flesh. Jesus came to us in the form of man and yet did not depart from his Father. Jesus preserved his divine nature while he appeared to us in our human nature. Jesus did not do this through earthly power.

Let us celebrate the birthday of the Lord with joy and thanksgiving. We should all rejoice for Christ the man, was born and He was born of a woman and must be honored.

Let us celebrate the birthday of Lord with fellowship and grace. We should appreciate the family around the turkey or the ham. We should rejoice over the loved ones present and remember the loved ones who passed away. Christmas has come The Birthday of our Lord is here.

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 10:10 AM and the bell should be rung 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Please hand out the morning bulletin. Before worship – open the doors into the sanctuary and close them when the service begins. You will also get the collection plates before the service begins; the collection plates 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>
December 4	Krista, Laney and Grant Johnston	Liam Scrips
December 11	Brittany and Breanna Coleman	Aaron Quinn
December 18	Gary and Leandra Saltsman	Travis Johns
December 24 (Christmas Eve)	Laurie and Sarah Pritt	MaKayla Scrips
December 25	Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips	Jonah Scrips
January 1	Linda Richardson and Joe Scrips	Emily Johns

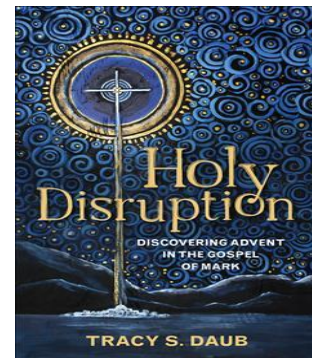
### FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER

December 4 and 11 – Linnie Rodgers  
December 18 and 25 – Butterfly Hill Preschool  
January 2 and 9 – open

The 2023 chancel flower calendar is now available for signups. Please contact Joanie ASAP for the date you wish to donate flowers. 724-954-1671.

### ADVENT BIBLE STUDY WITH DR. DE LA CRUZ

DECEMBER 6, 13, 20  
6:00 PM





## Butterfly Hill Preschool

The month of November was a very giving blessed month. The children were all learning about Pilgrims, Indians and the first Thanksgiving.

Butterfly Hill had a food drive to help stock our church food pantry. The families were very kind and giving.

Giving Thanks was the theme of the month. We talked about what we are thankful for and the blessings that God has given us. We learned Thanksgiving poems and songs and recreated the first Thanksgiving feast.

November was also picture month. Pictures were a great success. Thanks, Kelsey and Alissa!

Also, a special thanks to the Elderton Kindergarten, Mrs. Thiessan and Erin Zimmerman for doing a *Transition to Kindergarten Workshop*. The parents were very grateful for the opportunity to preview what Kindergarten will be for their children next year.

November came and went. December is here and we are heading for the busiest month of the year!

***"Thank the Lord for all the Glorious things he does." Psalms 105:1***



***Butterfly Hill Preschool  
hopes everyone has a wonderful  
Christmas Holiday!***





**Elderton Presbyterian Church  
Christmas Wreath Fundraiser**

**Cost : \$20.00 per wreath**

Place your order by December 2 at noon.  
Pick up your order December 4 after worship service.  
Place your order form in the offering plate or  
call the church office 724-354-3117.

Make checks payable to Elderton Presbyterian Church

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wreath \$20 each # \_\_\_\_\_ total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total # \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Elderton Presbyterian Church & Butterfly Hill Preschool “Christmas Angel Tree”

through Children & Youth Services of Armstrong County

**November 28 through December 9**

Our church and preschool are offering everyone to participate in a “Christmas Angel Tree” for children & families in need from Armstrong County. Helping these children have a wonderful Christmas is our goal. Last year’s Angel Tree was a huge success.

The “Christmas Angel Tree” will be located in the Upper Room with ornaments. On the back of each ornament is a name, age, sizes and gift ideas.

Please pick up an ornament starting November 28.

1. Sign the Angel Tree Register (match Angel # with # in the Register)
2. Purchase the gift(s)
3. Return the gift(s) **“unwrapped”** in a **Christmas gift bag** with the **ornament attached to the bag** by **December 9 (earlier, if possible, for check-in purposes)**
4. Make sure to “check off” your Angel # in the Register before you leave.

Example of Angel Tree Register –

Angel #	Name / Family	Buyer	Check-Out	Check-In
#23	Brandon (family #1)	Jeanne Speer	11-26-20	12-3-20
#64	Jamey (family#2)	Martha Dyott	11-30-20	12-8-20

*'Tis the season...*  
TO ROCK  
**FESTIVE**  
**SWEATERS**



Join us to celebrate the fun of  
Christmas by wearing your

**fESTIVE**

**Christmas Sweaters,  
Sweatshirts, Shirts etc.**

for Sunday School and  
Worship Service

**DECEMBER 11, 2022**



**December 4, 2002**

**AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FOR A LUNCHEON  
SOUP, SALAD, SANDWICH AND DESSERT**

A free will offering will benefit the  
In His Name Fund for local missions.

This fund is available to help those in the  
community who face emergency needs such  
as:  
flood, fire, utility bills, medical needs, etc.



**PLEASE JOIN US**

A Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held December 24, 2022.

This year our candle light service will begin at **10:30 PM.**

A beautiful service is being planned  
with a Christmas message, communion, and lots of music.  
Please come be a part of it.

**We will not have Sunday school or worship service on December 25, 2022.**



## **CHAIRPERSON'S & TREASURER'S**

The written reports from the various committees will be due for the  
Annual Report on **January 3, 2023**

**(It would be helpful if you could get it done sooner!)**

**PLEASE EMAIL** your report to Susan – [preschurch@eldertonpa.org](mailto:preschurch@eldertonpa.org)

**REMEMBER THE BEST WAY TO GET SOMETHING DONE IS TO START IT NOW!**

The financial reports, which includes all bank statements, cancelled checks, etc.,  
will be due in the church office on **January 6, 2023**  
or as soon as you get your statements and can balance the account.

### **REMINDER**

**Email addresses  
Cell phone numbers**

If you have any changes in your address or  
telephone number for the church directory,  
please give the information to the church office by  
December 20.



### **New Members**

On November 13, 2022  
We welcomed into our church family  
by reaffirmation of faith -

Conner Fairman  
Tyler Keith  
Amber Pinkerton  
Eric Pinkerton



**PW CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**December 7, 2022**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Nancy Schrecengost's Home**

**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME**  
**Please join us for a time of fellowship**



**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2022**

*Elderton*  
*Light Up Night*

Bringing the Community Together

EVENTS WILL BEGIN AT 5:00PM

TREE LIGHTING

Elderton Firehall:

PARADE

VISIT WITH SANTA

(Please bring self addressed letter to Santa)

The Farmhouse Market & Bakery:

CHRISTMAS MOVIES

FREE HOT DOG & COOKIE FOR EVERY  
CHILD

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Elderton Parks & Rec:

BASKET RAFFLE

Elderton Elemyary PTA:

CHILDREN'S CRAFT

BAKERY & FIREHALL WILL BE OPEN FOR  
FOOD PURCHASES

United Methodist Church  
Triple Blessings Charge  
presents the 3rd annual  
**Drive Thru Live Nativity**  
at  
**Blanket Hill Speedway**

December 11, 2022  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.



★ live animals ★ music ★ interactive story ★

Monetary donations support our local food banks

**Remember the reason for the season!**

# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO THE FOOD BANK.

December 1 – box of cereal  
December 2 – peanut butter  
December 3 – stuffing mix  
December 4 – boxed potatoes  
December 5 – macaroni and cheese  
December 6 – canned fruit  
December 7 – canned tomatoes  
December 8 – canned tuna  
December 10 – jar of applesauce  
December 11 – canned sweet potatoes  
December 12 – cranberry sauce

December 13 – canned beans  
December 14 – box of crackers  
December 15 – package of rice  
December 16 – package of oatmeal  
December 17 – package of pasta  
December 18 – spaghetti sauce  
December 19 – chicken noodle soup  
December 20 – tomato soup  
December 21 – can corn  
December 22 – can mixed vegetables  
December 23 – can carrots  
December 24 – can green beans



**SURPRISE!**

**PASTOR'S PURSE**

It's Christmas time again!

As in the past we will collect a 'Christmas Purse' for  
Dr. De La Cruz.

Anyone wishing to give toward this gift  
can give money to Susan or Blythe by December 18, 2022.

Thank You!

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Reagan JoAn Wirt -2<sup>nd</sup>  
Alayna Zelenski – 4th,  
Pastor Bill Milligan – 6th  
Bradyn Rodgers – 6th  
Colton Fairman – 9th  
Taylor Wood – 10th  
Sandy McKissick – 11th  
Kale Shultz – 11th  
Seth Pritt – 14th  
Nancy Rupert – 15th  
Emma Orr – 15th  
Aybrah Zelenski – 16th  
Linda Richardson – 19th  
Lori Rodgers – 19th  
Ron Aikins – 20th  
Lanette Klonowski – 20th  
Scott Coleman – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Angie Schrecengost – 22nd  
Kristy Plavi – 23rd  
Nick Schrecengost – 27th  
Jessica Mummert – 29th

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Joe and Sonnie Serian – 8th, 2004  
Mark and Brittany Reed – 17th, 2012 - **10 years**  
Kirk and Natalie Ryan – 22nd, 2007 – **15 years**



**REMEMBER OUR SHUTINS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

**Edna Wells**  
134 Marwood Road, Rm 2113  
Cabot, PA 16023

**Doris Howard**  
St. Andrews Village, Rm 41  
1155 Indian Springs  
Indiana, PA 15701

**Linnie Rodgers**  
PO Box 119  
Elderton, PA 15736

**Irene Rankin**  
PO Box 217  
Elderton, PA 15736

## December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 5:00 – Elderton Light Up Night – Elderton Firehall
4 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service After worship – Luncheon -soup, salad, sandwich and dessert	5	6 6:00 – Advent Bible Study – in the Upper Room	7 1:00 – PW Christmas Party at Nancy's home	8 6:00 – Deacons meeting Session meeting	9	10
11  Christmas Sweater Day 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	12	13 6:00 – Advent Bible Study - in the Upper Room	14	15	16	17
18 9:15 – Sunday School – 10:30 –Worship Service – Children's Christmas Program	19	20 6:00 – Advent Bible Study- in the Upper Room	21	22 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand	23	24  10:30 PM Christmas Eve Candle Light Service - Communion
25 Merry  Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

**Please note: Christmas Eve Service is at 10:30 PM**

**The church will be closed December 25, 2022. No Sunday school or worship service.**