



December 2024

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTOR'S PAGE

“My Hiding Place” Psalm 32:7

This Christmas, we will celebrate by exchanging gifts, visiting with family, and then returning gifts that may not fit. We will wait for Black Friday and shop till we drop. However, it does remind me that not everyone will be as fortunate. Some will be hungry, some will be without shelter, and some will be without family.

There will be those whose lives have been devastated by hurricanes in the south and now have to rebuild their lives again.

*Psalm 32:7 reads You are my hiding place;
You shall preserve me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.*

This Christmas, we want to pray and give gifts to those who are less fortunate than we are. We have been blessed with relative safety and security and without some of the misfortune others have experienced. During this time, we want to pray for people to know God as a hiding place and a refuge from trouble.

God has been your hiding place when you needed it the most. He has come to your rescue through the goodness of others.

Be a part of someone's rescue this year. Be a part of someone's hiding place. The joy you will give to others who have suffered this year is incalculable. The Christmas you will give will produce great joy in the hearts of those who are suffering in need.

Your Brother Because of Jesus,

Angel

GREETERS & ACOLYTE'S

**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 and get the collection plates before the service begins; 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>
December 1	Mark and Pat Schrecengost	Liam Scrips
December 8	Iris Reese and Shirley Claypool	Mia Scrips
December 15	Adam and Ashley Quinn	Aaron Quinn
December 22	Eric and Amber Pinkerton	Cooper Grantz
December 24 (7:00 PM Christmas Eve)	Conner and Brittany Fairman	Emily Johns
December 31	Joe Scrips and Linda Richardson	Adalyn Quinn
January 5	Nathan and Jennifer Johns	Jonah Scrips



FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER

December 1 – open
December 8 and 15 – Jennifer Johns
December 22 and 29 – open
January 5 and 12 - open

Joanie Riggle is the contact person
for the flower calendar.

If anyone wishes to request a date
for chancel flowers or for an organ/table
arrangement, please schedule with
Joanie - 724-954-1671.



Please Join Us

A Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held
on December 24, 2024.

This year our candlelight service will begin at **7:00 PM.**

Join us for a beautifully planned service that will
include a heartwarming Christmas message,
communion, and uplifting music.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate
the birth of our Lord Jesus.



CHAIRPERSON'S & TREASURER'S

The written reports from the various committees will be due for the Annual Report on **January 10, 2025**

(It would be helpful if you could submit it sooner!)

PLEASE EMAIL your report to Susan – preschurch@eldertonpa.org

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

The financial reports, which includes all bank statements, canceled checks, etc., will be due in the church office on **January 14, 2025** or as soon as you get your statements and can balance the account.



Please join us in the church office every Tuesday at 10:00 am for Prayer Time.

This is an opportunity for many to come together to continue to pray for our joys and concerns.

*Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit.
-Ephesians 6:18*



on November 17, 2024,
we welcomed into our church family
by affirmation of faith -
Marlo Mellish
Meila Mellish

REMINDER Email addresses and phone numbers

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

SURPRISE! **PASTOR'S PURSE**

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

Anyone wishing to give towards this gift can give money to Susan or Blythe by December 20. We will present the Christmas Purse on December 22.

Thank You!



Start A New Christmas Tradition

Beginning December 1 - read one chapter of Luke in the Bible each day.

There are 24 chapters.

On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life.
You will wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DECEMBER 15, 2024

10:30

During Worship Service

**Please join us to watch our children bring the
Christmas Story to Life
through songs and poems.**

Directed by Emily Spencer, Kathy Jo Scrips and Barbara Johns



Elderton Community Light-Up Night 2024

Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Starting at 4:00 pm	Complimentary Crafts, Face Painting, Hot Cocoa & Cider, Basket Raffle, Bike Raffle, 50/50 at the Firehall
5:15 pm	Elderton Elementary Chorus at the Bank
5:40 pm	National Anthem & Parade
6:30 pm	Tree Lighting at the Post Office then Pictures with Santa at the Firehall
6:45 pm	West Shamokin Chorus - Firehall Pavilion
7:00 pm	Elderton Presbyterian Church Choir - Firehall Pavilion
7:30 pm	Mark Anderson & Adam Quinn - Firehall Pavilion

Festival of Trees December 7th - December 30th

Schedule subject to change

Food Vendors 4pm-9pm

- Elderton District Volunteer Fire Company
- Funky Monkey Donuts
- Gravy Griddle Co.
- Kirkwood's Smoked Meat's
- Portia's Bobas R Us
- Simply The Best Kettle Corn
- Sugared Lipz
- The Farmhouse Market & Bakery, LLC.



Raffle Info:

- Bike Raffle - 8PM
- Basket Raffle - 8:15PM
- 50/50 - 8:30PM

Winner does NOT need to be present to win.



Christmas Poinsettias

Orders will be taken

Nov. 24, Dec 1 and Dec 8

The poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

The price is \$9.50 for a 6 ½ inch pot with 4-6 blooms.

The color choices are red, white or pink.

Please contact the church office at 734-354-3117 or Joanie Riggle 724-954-1671 to place an order.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Children & Youth Services of Armstrong County

The Angel Tree helps children and families in need from Armstrong County.

The Angel Tree is located in the Upper Room with ornaments.
On the back of each ornament is the information needed to purchase gifts.

Be sure to record the ornament information in the folder,
located on the piano, using the **ANGEL** number.

Place unwrapped items in a gift bag and return them to the church by
December 6, 2024

The gifts will be delivered to CYS after worship service on December 9, 2024.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come enjoy good food and fellowship!

**All ladies in the congregation
are invited to attend a Christmas Dinner
hosted by the Presbyterian Women**

DECEMBER 11 – 6:00 PM

In Fellowship Hall

Please bring a main dish, or a salad, or a dessert to share.

Please bring a gift of a kitchen towel or dishcloth for the church kitchen.

Bring your grandmother, mother, daughter, sister, aunt or friend.

Please RSVP by December 5, 2024, to Nancy Schrecengost at 724-354-2071

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Reagan JoAn Wirt -2nd
Alayna Zelenski – 4th,
Kris Grew-Longwell – 4th
Bradyn Rodgers – 6th
Colton Fairman – 9th
Taylor Wood – 10th
Kale Shultz – 11th
Seth Pritt – 14th
Nancy Rupert – 15th
Emma Orr – 15th
Hunter Myers – 15th
Aybrah Zelenski – 16th
Linda Richardson – 19th
Lori Rodgers – 19th
Ron Aikins – 20th
Lanette Klonowski – 20th
Scott Coleman – 21st
Angie Schrecengost – 22nd
Dominic Schrecengost – 27th
Jessica Mummert – 29th

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Brittany Reed – 17th, 2012
Kirk and Natalie Ryan – 22nd, 2007



Please remember the homebound members of the congregation this holiday season.

Nancy Rupert
Grey's Colonial Acres Home
272 Colonial Drive
Kittanning, PA 16201

Joanne Foster
Montage Mason, Room 226
5373 Merten Drive
Mason, Ohio 45040

Helen Bowser
Beacon Ridge, Room 101
1515 Wayne Ave.
Indiana, PA 15701

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	2	3 6:00 – Advent Bible Study	4	5	6	7 4:00 -9:00 – Elderton Light Up Night
8 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	9	10 6:00 – Advent Bible Study	11 6:00 – PW Christmas Party	12 6:00 - Session Meeting 6:00 - Deacons Meeting	13	14
15 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	16	17 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand 6:00 – Advent Bible Study	18	19	20	21
22 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	23	24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25  Merry Christmas	26	27	28
29 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	30	31 				