



**FEBRUARY**

**2024**

# ELBERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## FEBRUARY– NEWSLETTER – 2024

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#### Image Bearer Genesis 9:6

<sup>6</sup> *“Whoever sheds the blood of man,  
by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.*

God has come to a point in his journey with humanity that we should ponder for the upcoming year. God has made humanity in his own image and likeness. Our text illustrates how important it is to God that humanity is in his image. God has reproduced himself in us and we are to give him glory and enjoy him forever.

Think about this for a moment. We have been sculptured from God's own image. Noah and his family are called to live out the image of God in the new world. It is a world where God's grace and mercy is to be lived out in the lives of Noah and his family. As Noah and his family reproduce, God wants them to mirror behavior toward one another that is right and just. In other words, treat each other as I have treated you.

When the disciples saw Jesus, they saw God the Father. The Bible says in John 10:30 -I and the Father are one.” Seeing Jesus was beholding the image of God. Phillip did not believe that Jesus was the image of the Father co-equal and co-existent with the Father. Yet, Jesus wanted Phillip to know the following in John 14:9, Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

Jesus Christ wants us to be a picture of what He was in the world. We are to do the works of Jesus Christ in the world.

God continues to reaffirm the value of humanity as the image bearer of God through the power of Holy Spirit. By the very act of creating humanity in his own likeness and image, God established a unique relationship between himself and creation. In addition to this sovereign creation-act, God spoke to humanity, thus determining precisely the role of humanity in creation. We have been created in the image of God to bear witness of Christ in the world. Live in the image of Jesus Christ for the new year.

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  
INFORM 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. 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>
February 4	Betsy Bertolino and Heather Bell	Travis Johns
February 11	Conner Fairman and Brittany Coleman	Cooper Grantz
February 18	Jeff and Marcia Elgin	Adalyn Quinn
February 25	Eric and Susan Schrecengost	Emily Johns
March 3	Rod and Kathy Burns	MaKayla Scrips



### **FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY**

February 4 and 11 - open  
February 18 and 25 - open  
March 3 and 10 - open

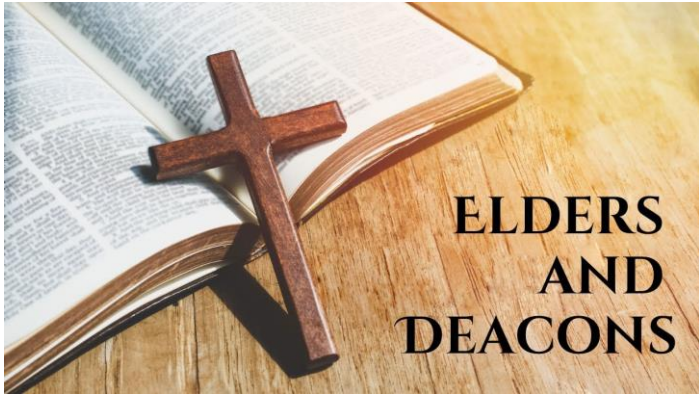
Joanie Riggle is the contact person for the flower calendar. If anyone wishes to request a date for chancel flowers or for an organ or table arrangement, please schedule with Joanie 724-954-1671.

### **Ash Wednesday February 14, 2023**

Dr. Angel will distribute ashes  
to anyone who stops in at  
the church office  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Please join us for communion during  
worship service to celebrate  
Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday  
February 11, 2023



We extend our sincere appreciation to these  
Elders and Deacons  
who have faithfully served us.

Elders –

Jennifer Johns – 6 years

Chester Schall – 6 years

Nancy Schrecengost – 6 years

Dewey Hixenbaugh – 4 years

Deacons –

Cory Scrips - 6 years

Nathan Johns – 6 years

Barb Spangler 3- years

Travis Anderson – 3 years

We extend our congratulations and pledge  
our support to the following being  
ordained and installed on February 4, 2024.

Elders –

John Craig

Kathy Burns

Pam Gaff

Terri Maughan

Sarah Pritt

Deacons –

Colton Fairman

Conner Fairman

Tyler Keith

Amber Pinkerton

**TACKLE  
HUNGER  
CHALLENGE**

**BE A GAMECHANGER!**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

**JOIN OUR SOUPER BOWL OF CARING  
AND HELP TACKLE HUNGER!**

- 41 million people are food insecure in America
- 1 in 10 working adults are experiencing food insecurity
- 50% of churches are involved in food distribution or support their local food charity

As you leave the sanctuary, the youth will be  
at the doors holding soup cans  
for you to drop your donation in.

This offering will remain at our food bank!

Thank you for helping those who  
suffer from hunger!



At the end of the 2023-24 school year,  
Jeanne Speer and Martha Dyott  
will retire from the  
Butterfly Hill Preschool mission,

Jeanne Speer has worked at the preschool for 31 years.  
Martha Dyott has worked at the preschool for 25 years.

Please help us celebrate their many years of  
dedication and love to this mission  
by attending worship service on  
February 25, 2024.

During worship service the  
Butterfly Hill Preschool children  
will sing special music and  
Jeanne and Martha will be  
presented a retirement gift.

# KEEP COLLECTING YOUR PLASTIC

Elderton Presbyterian Church and Butterfly Hill Preschool are once again collecting plastic.

This time, we will have 1 year to collect 1000 pounds of plastic through the Trex Company.

Once we have collected 1000 pounds, we will receive a composite bench free of charge to donate to a non-profit organization. This time we are going to donate our bench to Camp Lambec.

We have collection containers at the Elderton Post Office, Elderton Firehall, H2O Restoration, Frazier's Hardware and Butterfly Hill Preschool. Let as many others know through work or other organizations so we can accomplish this worthwhile mission. If we need containers for other locations, let us know.

Taking care of God's earth is our responsibility. Let's do our part!  
If you have questions, please call Dee or the church office.

## What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue



Grocery bags



Bread



Bubble  
Wrap



Dry Cleaning



Newspaper  
sleeves



Ice  
bags



Plastic shipping  
envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable  
Food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case Overwrap



Salt Bags



Pellet Wrap &  
Stretch Film



Wood Pellet Bags



Produce bags



For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world.

That's why the CWS Blankets program was created – to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

The CWS blankets shipping report from January -June 2023 states there were 11,455 blankets distributed to those in need.

Through our commitment to this ministry, these blankets are going to offer comfort and security to those who may not have a safe place to live or to sleep.

Elderton Presbyterian Women will sponsor Blanket Sunday through the month of February.

One blanket cost \$10.00

Please make checks payable to PW, place in the envelope found in your bulletin or mail to –

EPC

PO Box 159

Elderton, PA 15736



## IT'S A BOY!

We extend our congratulations to  
Shelby and Colton Fairman on the birth of their son,  
Aiden Daniel Fairman.

Aiden was born at Punxsutawney Hospital, January 17, 2024, at 9:14 AM.

Aiden weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long.

We also congratulate grandparents, Mark and Cassie Clowser.



*Children, Youth and Family Services*  
**COUNTY OF ARMSTRONG**

Paula McClure, Administrator  
James A. Favero, Solicitor

310 South Jefferson St, Kittanning, PA 16201  
724-548-3466 Phone - 724-548-3279 Fax  
1-833-839-2832 Toll Free  
After hours emergency phone 724-543-6509

January 3, 2024

Elderton Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 159  
Elderton, PA 15736

Attn: Jeannie Speer, Martha Dyott and Butterfly Hill Preschool

Dear Pastor, Parishioners and Butterfly Hill Preschool:

Thank you for your donations and support of 29 children and 15 families of this Agency for the 2023 Christmas season. The overwhelming response in support of some of the children and families involved with our Agency is always so welcome when we think of the hardships some of these children and families have endured at this special season.

In total this Agency served 127 children for this Christmas Season. This Agency has seen an upswing in children's needs during this past year. Housing, food assistance, truancy and general parenting are some of the issues that are overtaxing agencies. This Agency is devoted to our central mission of protecting children from abuse, neglect or exploitation. In conjunction with that mission is our belief that family life and relationships within the family are key ingredients in promoting healthy, safe settings for children. You have supported that goal in your kind and generous efforts.

We at Armstrong County Children, Youth and Families extend our best wishes to you and your families for 2024.

Sincerely,

Taffie D. Llovd  
Administrative Assistant

Paula McClure  
Agency Administrator

PM/tdl



# **CLASSES OF ELDERS AND DEACONS**

## **Class of 2025**

Blythe Johns – 6  
Tom Spencer – 6  
Susan Schrecengost – 6  
Heather Bell – 3

## **Class of 2026**

Dee Craig – 6  
Terry Johns – 3  
Sarah Pritt – 2  
Marcia Elgin – 6

## **Class of 2027**

John Criag - 6  
Pam Gaff - 3  
Terri Maughan - 3  
Kathy Burns - 6

# **THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

## **Class of 2025**

Ryan Scrips - 3  
Betsy Bertolino – 3  
Donna Howard – 3  
Dave Smail – 3

## **Class of 2026**

Jeff Elgin -6  
Shawnee Hohl – 6  
Linda Richardson – 6  
Joanie Riggie - 6

## **Class of 2027**

Colton Fairman - 3  
Conner Fairman - 3  
Tyler Keith - 3  
Amber Pinkerton - 3

# **CORPORATION OFFICERS**

President –Nathan Johns  
Vice President- Chester Schall  
Secretary- Linda Richardson  
Treasurer- Mark Schrecengost  
Financial Secretary – Tom Spencer  
Auditors- Sheila Brumbaugh, Betsy Bertolino,  
Laurie Pritt, Linda Prugh, Alt- Sue Quinn



## **COMMITTEES FOR 2024**

CLERK OF SESSION- DEE CRAIG

DEACONS CO - MODERATORS- JEFF ELGIN AND DAVE SMAIL

### **FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP/MISSION**

ELDERS: TOM SPENCER (CHAIRPERSON), TERRI MAUGHAN

DEACONS: LINDA RICHARDSON, CONNER FAIRMAN, TYLER KEITH

AT-LARGE: ERIC SCHRECENGOST, MARK SCHRECENGOST, NATHAN JOHNS

### **MUSIC AND WORSHIP**

ELDERS: BLYTHE JOHNS (CHAIRPERSON), DEE CRAIG, SARAH PRITT

DEACONS: LINDA RICHARDSON,

AT-LARGE: CASSIE CLOWSER, HANNAH SCHRECENGOST

CHOIR DIRECTOR: BLYTHE JOHNS

MUSIC COORDINATOR: CASSIE CLOWSER

BELLS: DEE CRAIG

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

ELDERS: SUSAN SCHRECENGOST (CHAIRPERSON), HEATHER BELL

DEACONS: JOANIE RIGGLE, DONNA HOWARD, AMBER PINKERTON

AT-LARGE: HANNAH SCHRECENGOST, CHARLENE DE LA CRUZ, KATHY JO SCRIPS

### **CHRISTIAN LIFE AND EVANGELISM**

ELDERS: MARCIA ELGIN (CHAIRPERSON), JOHN CRAIG, KATHY BURNS

DEACONS: BETSY BERTOLINO, SHAWNEE HOHL, JEFF ELGIN

AT-LARGE: LOIS BROWN, NANCY SCHRECENGOST

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

NANCY SCHRECENGOST

### **PERSONNEL**

ELDERS: DEE CRAIG (CHAIRPERSON), TOM SPENCER, PAM GAFF

DEACONS: DONNA HOWARD, BARB SPANGLER, RYAN SCRIPS, COLTON FAIRMAN

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

ELDERS: JOHN CRAIG (CHAIRPERSON), MARCIA ELGIN, SUSAN SCHRECENGOST

DEACONS: JEFF ELGIN, SHAWNEE HOHL, DAVE SMAIL

AT-LARGE: SANDY WINGARD

### **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

ELDERS: TERRY JOHNS (CHAIRPERSON)

DEACONS: DAVE SMAIL

AT-LARGE: REV. DE LA CRUZ, JENNIFER JOHNS, NATHAN JOHNS, BRETT RIGGLE, SARAH SCRIPS, JEANNE SPEER, DEWEY HIXENBAUGH, BARBARA JOHNS

### **BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DEE CRAIG, CASSIE CLOWSER, NATHAN JOHNS, TERRY JOHNS, NANCY SCHRECENGOST, SUSAN SCHRECENGOST

### **DEACONS (SUBCOMMITTEES)**

PROPERTY- DAVE SMAIL, JEFF ELGIN, RYAN SCRIPS, COLTON FAIRMAN, CONNER FAIRMAN, TYLER KEITH

FOOD BANK- TERRI MAUGHAN

**FEBURARY BIRTHDAYS**

Emira Shipley – 1st  
John Speer – 4th  
Madilyn Silvis – 5th  
Scott Craig – 8th  
Brian Schall – 11th  
Kai Shultz – 11th  
Matt Brown – 12th  
Joe Bertolino – 14th  
Shelby Clowser – 14th  
Nicholas Schall – 15th  
Bob Coleman - 17th  
Dave Dyott – 18th  
Aaron Quinn – 18th  
Jillian Shaffer – 20th  
Brandi Bertolino – 21st  
Janet (Mrs. Don) L. Rearick – 23rd  
Linda Lynch - 26th  
Amanda Perry – 26th  
Haley Brumbaugh – 26th  
Donna Howard – 27th  
Paige Beers – 27th  
Ashton Beers – 27th  
Sarah Pritt – 28th

**FEBURARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Melvin (Buster) and Lori Rodgers – 7th, 1981  
Paul and Marilyn Meyers – 17th, 1968

**BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER  
JOE CLARK CHOCOLATES**

Taking orders through February 16

Delivery date the week of March 18.

Please support the preschool by ordering Easter candy.

Brochures and order forms are in the church office or  
contact Jeanne Speer 724-422-3719 for more information

## February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2  Groundhog Day	3
4 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship Service Installation of Elders and Deacons	5	6 10:00 - Office Prayer Time  10:00-3:00 Helping Hand	7 1:00 - PW Circle meeting - Nancy's house	8 6:00 - Deacon's Meeting 6:00 - Session Meeting	9	10
11 9:15 - Sunday School 9:30 - Confirmation Class 10:30 - Worship Service Communion	12	13 10:00 - Office Prayer Time	14  <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	15	16	17 9:00-12:00 Helping Hand
18 9:15 - Sunday School 9:30 - Confirmation Class 10:30 - Worship Service	19	20 10:00 - Office Prayer Time  10:00-3:00 Helping Hand	21	22 6:00 - Christian Ed meeting	23	24
25 9:15 - Sunday School 9:30 - Confirmation Class 10:30 - Worship Service	26	27 10:00 - Office Prayer Time	28	29		