



**FEBRUARY**

**2025**

# ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## FEBRUARY – NEWSLETTER – 2025

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### PASTORS PAGE

#### “Patience and Love” Ephesians 4:2

In Ephesians 4: 2 we are asked to be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Impatience is a common struggle for many of us. We all want things to happen quickly and according to our timelines. It's frustrating when that doesn't occur, leading to unnecessary stress and irritation. Think about it: we see impatient drivers on the road, fellow shoppers in grocery store lines, and people anxiously awaiting important test results. It's a universal experience, and addressing it can help us cultivate a more patient and understanding mindset.

The Bible says patience is the ability to endure difficult people and situations without giving into anger or giving up hope.

Lately, we've been hearing the phrase “Be kind” more often, and it should genuinely feel effortless to embrace. Yet, when negativity creeps in, we tend to prioritize our own perspectives and neglect the feelings of those around us. We become so absorbed in our busy lives that we overlook the simple yet profound impact of kindness.

Each of us is created uniquely by God, which means we think, act, and express ourselves in our own individual ways. There is no right or wrong way to do this; it's simply a matter of difference. Embracing this difference with kindness and patience can genuinely transform our interactions.

We might not fully understand the struggles that others face in their lives at any moment, but we can be certain that God has called us to love each other and to extend grace as He has shown us. God encourages us to forgive those who have wronged us, just as He has forgiven us for so much more.

The next time you find yourself facing a driver exhibiting road rage, dealing with someone moving slowly at the grocery store, or feeling anxious while awaiting test results, challenge yourself to resist the urge to feel frustration. Instead, take a moment to pause and pray, asking God to fill you with the patience and grace needed to respond with kindness and understanding.

Blessings,  
Susan Schrecengost

# 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>
February 2	Gerry and Donna Howard	Cooper Grantz
February 9	Jeff and Marcia Elgin	Adalyn Quinn
February 16	Jamey and Sheila Brumbaugh	Emily Johns
February 23	Betsy Bertolino and Pam Flickinger	Jonah Scrips
March 2	Cory and Melissa Grantz	Cooper Grantz



## FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

February 2 and 9 – Sue Quinn  
February 16 and 23  
March 2 and 9 - open

The 2025 chancel flower calendar  
is ready for signups.

All dates are available for 2025.

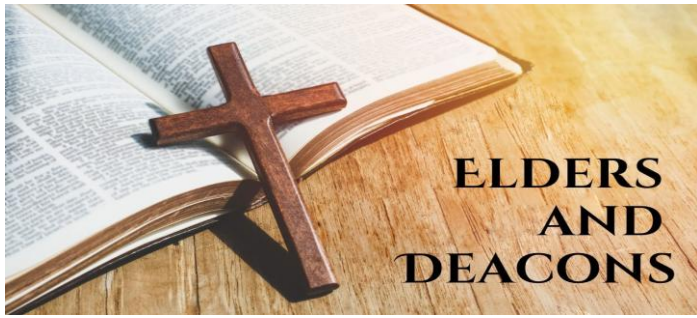
You must call Joanie to secure the date  
you would like to donate flowers.

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

We will welcome new members  
February 9, 2025  
during worship service

If you would like to become a member of  
Elderton Presbyterian Church,  
Please get in touch with the church office  
724-354-3117 or see Dr. Angel or Susan





We extend our sincere appreciation to these Elders and Deacons who have faithfully served Elderton Presbyterian Church.

**Elders**  
 Heather Bell – 3 years  
 Blythe Johns – 6 years  
 Susan Schrecengost – 6 years  
 Tom Spencer - 6 years

**Deacons**  
 Donna Howard – 3 years

We extend our congratulations and pledge our support to the following being ordained and installed on February 2, 2025.

**Elders**  
 Cheryl Hankey  
 Jodi Klingensmith  
 Jeff Schrecengost

**Deacon**  
 Eric Schrecengost



**February 9, 2025**

**“Souper” Bowl of Caring**

The youth will be at the doors collecting for the “Souper” Bowl of Caring.

The money collected will stay at our food bank; the total received will be called into the National Headquarters.

**Soup and Sandwich Luncheon  
 In Fellowship Hall  
 February 9, 2025**

Following the worship service a free-will offering will be collected to benefit the “Souper Bowl of Caring”



With joy and thanksgiving, we welcomed new members on January 12, 2025

Justin and Cierra Claypoole  
 Barbara Johns  
 Amy Blose  
 Kyle and Lindsey Uptegraph

Let us promise to nurture, love, and assist them to be Christ’s faithful disciples



Our foodbank pantry currently needs items. While we appreciate monetary donations, we kindly ask for specific items to support our community effectively.

We are specifically asking for the following but not limited to:

laundry soap, toilet paper, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, and canned chicken.

ARIN IU 28 Early Intervention selected Butterfly Hill Preschool as the "Preschool of the Month" for January. They highlighted our preschool in their monthly newsletter, providing parents with our location and contact information.



**BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL**  
Christian Based Environment  
724-354-3118

**BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL**

# GOALS

- To offer a Christian-based learning experience
- To give each child a sense of high self-esteem and confidence
- To help each child grow in the areas of physical, emotional, social and academic development
- To provide a calm, orderly and organized atmosphere that is filled with stimulating objects and activities chosen to encourage discovery and learning
- To see that no child would be turned away due to a handicap or disability.

## CLASSES OFFERED

- 2 YEAR-OLD CLASSES
- 3 YEAR-OLD CLASSES
- 4 YEAR-OLD CLASSES

**CONTACT INFO**



Each year, the Elderton Borough Council has the honor of selecting the recipient of the “Elderton Plumcreek History Fund Award”.

We are excited to announce that our preschool has been chosen for this award.

On November 6, 2024, Mayor David Popp proudly presented the award to Butterfly Hill Preschool Director Barbara Johns and Pastor Angel De La Cruz of the Elderton Presbyterian Church, celebrating their outstanding contributions to our community.

This award not only acknowledges their hard work but also emphasizes the importance of fostering our children's education and future.



**Left to Right**

Rev. Dr. Angel De La Cruz, Mayor Davis Popp, Butterfly Hill Preschool Director, Barbara Johns



# Children, Youth, and Family Services

## **COUNTY OF ARMSTRONG**

Paula McClure, Administrator  
James A. Favero, Solicitor

310 South Jefferson Street, Kittanning, PA 16201  
724-548-3466 - Phone 724-548-3279 - Fax

January 10, 2025

Elderton Presbyterian Church  
Attn: Parishioners and Butterfly Hill Preschool  
PO Box 159  
Elderton, PA 15736

Dear Pastor, Parishioners and Butterfly Hill Preschool Families:

Thank you for your donations and support of 24 children and 13 families of this Agency for the 2024 Christmas Season. The overwhelming support from this parish amazes this Agency. To provide items to families that we take for granted every day, such as the oven and washer, is so amazing and greatly appreciated by the families.

In total, this Agency served 141 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 continue to be 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 with your kind and generous efforts.

We at Armstrong County Children, Youth, and Families extend our best wishes to you and your families for 2025.

Sincerely,

Taffie D. Lloyd  
Administrative Assistant

Paula McClure  
Agency Administrator

PM/tdl

# CLASSES OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

## 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 – 3

## Class of 2028

Cheryl Hankey -3  
Jeff Schrecengost -3  
Jodi Klingensmith - 3  
Bob Griffin - 3

# THE BOARD OF DEACONS

## Class of 2026

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

## Class of 2027

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

## Class of 2028

Eric Schrecengost -3  
Betsy Bertolino -6  
Dave Smail - 6  
Ryan Scrips - 6

# 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 2025**

CLERK OF SESSION- DEE CRAIG

DEACONS CO - MODERATORS- JEFF ELGIN AND DAVE SMAIL

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

ELDERS: CHERYL HANKEY (CHAIRPERSON), JOHN CRAIG

DEACONS: LINDA RICHARDSON, ERIC SCHRECENGOST, TYLER KEITH

AT-LARGE: TOM SPENCER, MARK SCHRECENGOST, NATHAN JOHNS

### **MUSIC AND WORSHIP**

ELDERS: DEE CRAIG (CHAIRPERSON), MARCIA ELGIN, 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: KATHY BURNS (CHAIRPERSON), JODI KLINGENSMITH, TERRI MAUGHAN

DEACONS: JOANIE RIGGLE, CONNER FAIRMAN, AMBER PINKERTON

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

### **CHRISTIAN LIFE AND EVANGELISM**

ELDERS: MARCIA ELGIN (CHAIRPERSON), PAM GAFF, JEFF SCHRECENGOST

DEACONS: BETSY BERTOLINO, SHAWNEE HOHL, JEFF ELGIN

AT-LARGE: LOIS BROWN, NANCY SCHRECENGOST

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

NANCY SCHRECENGOST

### **PERSONNEL**

ELDERS: BOB GRIFFIN (CHAIRPERSON), SARAH PRITT, PAM GAFF

DEACONS: JOANIE RIGGLE, RYAN SCRIPS, COLTON FAIRMAN

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

ELDERS: JOHN CRAIG (CHAIRPERSON), TERRI MAUGHAN

DEACONS: SHAWNEE HOHL, RYAN SCRIPS, COLTON FAIRMAN

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, DEWEY HIXENBAUGH, BARBARA JOHNS

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

REV. DE LA CRUZ, DEE CRAIG, CASSIE CLOWSER, NATHAN JOHNS, TERRY JOHNS, NANCY SCHRECENGOST, SUSAN SCHRECENGOST

### **FOOD BANK**

TERRI MAUGHAN

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Emira Shipley – 1st  
John Speer – 4th  
Madilyn Silvis – 5th  
Scott Craig – 8th  
Brian Schall – 11th  
Kai Shultz – 11th  
Nolan Taylor – 11th  
Matt Brown – 12th  
Joe Bertolino – 14th  
Shelby Clowser – 14th  
Nicholas Schall – 15th  
Bob Coleman – 17th  
Marlo Mellish – 17th  
Dave Dyott – 18th  
Aaron Quinn – 18th  
Brandi Bertolino – 21st  
Janet (Mrs. Don) L. Rearick – 23rd  
Evie Grantz – 25th  
Haley Brumbaugh – 26th  
Donna Howard – 27th  
Sarah Pritt – 28th

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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



We extend our sincere congratulations to Laney (Johnston) and Josh Brown  
on the birth of their daughter,  
Maren Margaret Brown  
who was born at Punxsutawney Hospital  
on January 13, 2025, at 4:07 AM.  
Maren weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 inches long.

We also congratulate grandparents, Krista and Mike Johnston,  
Great grandparents, Linda and Roger Richardson and  
Great-great-grandmother, Peg Rowan.

This birth proudly represents five generations of women in this family.

## February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service – Installation of Elders and Deacons	3	<b>4</b> 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand	5	6	7	8
<b>9</b> 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service Soup & Sandwich Luncheon	10	11	<b>12</b> 1:00 – Circle Meeting at Nancy’s house	<b>13</b> 6:00 – Session Meeting 6:00 -Deacons Meeting	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> 9:00 – 12:00 Helping Hand
<b>16</b> 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service Hunger Offering	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>23</b> 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	24	<b>25</b> 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand	26	27	28	29