

**JANUARY**

**2023**

# ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## JANUARY– NEWSLETTER – 2023

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### Pastor's Page

“HAPPY NEW YOU”

Ephesians 4: 22-24

It is that time of year again. We are about to enter into 2023. We will celebrate the coming of the new year with family and friends. Along with a new year is the famous words, “My new year’s resolution is....” The new year brings new year’s resolutions for all of us. We will make a lot of promises to ourselves that we may or may not keep. I would like to make a suggestion for the coming new year. Let us put the following into practice. <sup>22</sup>You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness (Eph 4:22–24.)

All of us have something of the old self to put away. The former life wants to have control in the new life we live for Christ. Don’t feel bad if there are times, we fail at living the new life. The old life does not want to go away and we must constantly work at living the new life. The old life is filled with corruption and deluded by lusts. The old self cannot be trusted and must be resisted at all cost. Sometimes during the year, we will fall into what my mother called a “rut.” I believe this is interpreted as being in a place where you are just dry and brittle on the inside. Being in a rut could also mean being bored with one’s life and practice.

Our scriptural resolution encourages us to renew our minds. The word “renew” designates not so much the quality of being new as being fresh or not old. It is often used in the sense of being young. In other words, be young in your thinking or be fresh in your mind. Think of what brings a freshness in your life and do that more often this year.

So, it is that time again. We will make resolutions. Let us make significant life changes by putting away the former self and putting on the new.

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>
January 1	Linda Richardson and Joe Scrips	Emily Johns
January 8	Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips	Jonah Scips
January 15	Nate and Jennifer Johns	Mia Scrips
January 22	Terry and Blythe Johns	Liam Scrips
January 29	Brenda and Brynn Salley	Aaron Quinn
February 5	Dave Smail and Chet Schall	Travis Johns

### FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

January 1 and 8 - open  
January 15 and 22 - open  
January 29 and February 5 - 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.



Please join us for  
Communion on  
Sunday, January 8, 2023  
Baptism of the Lord Sunday



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

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

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.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 15, 2023,  
Annual Congregational Meeting**

This meeting will be held immediately after worship service for the purpose of electing officers, approving the ministerial portion of the budget, reviewing reports, and any other business pertaining thereto.

We hope everyone will make an effort to attend this meeting, thereby supporting the work of our church.

The goal of \$1000.00 for the matching grant from Greek Catholic Union was surpassed.

The total raised from the wreath sale and luncheon was \$1390.00.

Tom Spencer has turned our amount into the contact person at GCU. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

A special thanks to Ron and Sharon Aikins for donating the pine and wreath frames. Also thank you Dee Craig and Nancy Schrecengost for their help making and decorating the wreaths.



In order to maintain our budget, the session is asking that each member of the church pays \$36.25 for their 2023 per capita.

Please use the initial offering envelope in the front of your weekly offering envelopes and place it in the offering plate.

Please make your per capita payment in January 2023.

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

**The new  
Elders and Deacons  
will be installed  
during worship service  
January 22, 2023**

# 2022 Angel Tree



The 2022 Angel Tree Mission with Elderton Presbyterian Church and Butterfly Hill Preschool has been completed.

The names of families in need were obtained from Children & Youth Services of Armstrong County through their contact person, Taffie Lloyd.

There were 14 families with a total of 43 persons.  
133 Angels were made available to those who wanted to participate in this mission.  
When the gifts were returned to the church,  
they were placed around the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.  
On December 11 during worship service, the gifts were blessed with a prayer before being loaded into vehicles and delivered to CYS.

A special thanks to Jeanne Speer and Martha Dyott  
for their continuous dedication to this mission.

A special thanks to Cory & Kathy Jo Scrips and Joe Scrips  
for delivering the gifts to CYS.



Please join us for a covered dish luncheon  
in Fellowship Hall following worship service.

**Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2023**

Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert.  
Drinks will be provided.



## Butterfly Hill Preschool

My wish to all of you is that you could experience the love and joy that the teachers of Butterfly Hill experience not only all year, but especially in December. December was filled with so many wonderful moments. I wish I could tell you about all of them.

We were invited to march in the parade at Light-Up Night in the Elderton Boro. The children had so much fun and the parents expressed what a nice time it was. The little boy we chose to "light" the tree for Light-up Night and also sang at church was so excited to be invited. He wrote a very special thank you note to his teachers, thanking us for letting him light up the town with Santa. Thank you Elderton Boro for an awesome time.

We were also invited to sing at church on December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you were there, you saw what a great job 7 singers did. The 2 that didn't go on stage sang sitting in the church pew.

Our Angel Tree Mission was a great success. All of the angels were taken. CYS was very appreciative of what we do every year to support this mission.

- Toddler Time had a fun P. J. party with a special snack provided by their teachers.

- Caterpillars had a Grinch Christmas party with fun games and songs.

- Butterflies watched the Night Before Christmas and came in their P. J.'s.

The best part of all were the programs we did for the parents.

- The Toddler Time program was delightful. The children sang "Oh, What A Special Night". They wore donkey, cow and sheep head bands while they danced and sang.

- The Caterpillar program was cancelled due to bad weather. We look forward to their promotion program in May.

- The Butterflies programs were a great success. The children sang their hearts out and did a little dancing.

It was an awesome December. Ending with so much joy and love.



## "Happy New Year - 2023"

# Thank You!

There are so many people in our congregation who take on many jobs throughout the year to see that the church runs smoothly and that many projects get done. We want to thank everyone, however, please know that if we miss someone in the process your work was not done in vain, God saw what you did!

*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58*

To Tom Spencer and Tom Quinn for setting up the outside Advent wreath, and Alexandra Maughan for lighting the candles.

To the Fleming Family for the beautiful Christmas tree.

To Cory Scrips, Dave Smail, Terry Johns, Nancy Schrecengost, Kathy Jo Scrips, Terri and Alexandra Maughan, Jeff and Marcia Elgin, Barb Spangler, and Linda Richardson, for helping set up and decorate the Christmas tree and sanctuary for the Christmas season.

To Marcia and Jeff Elgin for the new Christmas decorations.

To all those who helped with the readings & lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday.

To Blythe Johns for leading the choir weekly.

To the choir and bell choir for their inspiring music throughout the year.

To those who provided special music throughout the summer.

To Cassie Clowser for sharing her talent playing the piano and organ for worship services.

To Cassie Clowser for her time & dedication with the sound system and music to make each service special.

To the Sound Techs for making sure the sound system and PowerPoint run smoothly each Sunday.

To Dee Craig for leading the Bell Choir, making the greeters list for the year, and for her work as Clerk of Session.

To Hannah Schrecengost and Charlene De La Cruz and Emily Spencer for their leadership in teaching Sunday school.

To Joanie Riggle for scheduling the flowers for the chancel each Sunday and for taking orders for the poinsettias and Easter flowers.

To Jeanne Speer, Martha Dyott, Monette Adamson, Carolyn Warr, Katelyn Crownover, Alice Stitt, Carolyn Crownover, Nicole Myers, and Delaney Stitt for their love and dedication to the preschool mission.

To all the preschool and church families who participated in the Angel Tree Mission by purchasing gifts to make someone else's Christmas special.

To Kathy Jo, Cory and Joe Scrips for delivering the Angel gifts to CYS.

To Blythe Johns and Kathy Jo Scrips for overseeing the GCU fundraiser luncheon.

To Ron and Sharon Aikins for their generous donation of time and materials for the wreath fundraiser, and to Dee Craig and Nancy Schrecengost for helping make and decorate the wreaths.

To Terry Johns for overseeing the electrical improvements in the church.

To Chet Schall for taking care of all the church insurance information.

To John Craig, Terry Johns, Joe Scrips and Cory Scrips for always jumping in to run the dishwasher and wash dishes after dinners.

To Hannah Schrecengost and Tyler Keith for painting the nursery and Sunday school room.

To Tom Spencer and John Craig for removing the wall unit in the Sunday school room.

To Jeanne Speer for the donation of the changing table and accessories in the nursery.

To Tom Spencer for building the closet for the banners.

To H2O Restoration for the donation of the water system in the manse, and for the concession stand at their open house to earn money for missions.

To Peg Rowan for her many years of dedication to the Helping Hand Mission.

To Sheila Brumbaugh for overseeing the Helping Hand Mission.

Thank you continued.....

To Terri Maughan for her devotion to the Food Bank Mission by stocking the shelves and making sure people receive their monthly distribution.

To EVERYONE who gave their time for ALL of the improvements in Fellowship Hall. These improvements would not have happened without your help!

To Nancy Schrecengost, Shirley Schall and Lois Brown for shopping for the items to go in the disaster buckets, for putting them together and delivering them to the collection church, and thanks to those who gave money towards this mission.

To Dave Smail for installing the new faucet in the Upper Room bathroom and for patching the bathroom wall.

To Martha Dyott for getting all of the prayer requests on the prayer chain.

To Sharon Aikins for maintaining the church website.

To Joanie Riggle and Charlene De La Cruz for posting the bulletin and church activities on Facebook.

To those who help take down the Christmas tree and put the decorations away.

To Nate, Loretta, Betsy, Sheila, Linda, Peg, Chet, Tom, Eric and Mark for counting the offering each Sunday.

And to all those who give their time freely in overseeing projects and doing repairs inside and outside the manse and church building. You are truly appreciated!

To anyone who helped in anyway, if we missed you, we apologize, but remember God knows who you are.

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The Presbyterian Women Christmas luncheon was held  
December 7, 2022 at Nancy Schrecengost's home.

The ladies enjoyed a lovely afternoon of  
Fellowship, good food, and games.

The women meet monthly at Nancy's home for a Bible study.

Please consider attending in the New Year.

It's a great way to get out of the house and  
learn more about the Bible.

Watch the bulletin for dates and times.



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Aikins – 1st  
Candy Mummert – 1st  
Dave Smail – 1st  
Deklan Shipley – 1st  
Dee Craig – 5th  
Sandy Wingard – 6th  
Mike Cessna – 7th  
Donald Kunkle – 9th  
Mason Fleming – 9th  
Cory Scrips – 10th  
Tim Bertolino – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Heidi Fleming – 15th  
Anna Speer – 16th  
Brenda Coleman – 17th  
Brad Schall - 18th  
Marion Kunkle – 19th  
Tom Wingard – 19th  
Shirley Schall – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Jonah Scrips – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Kent Mummert – 29th

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Terry and Blythe Johns – 3rd, 1975  
John and Jeanne Speer – 13th, 1979  
Dave and Martha Dyott – 22nd, 1972  
John and Helen Bowser – 29th, 1960



**Thank You!**

**Dr. Angel and Charlene would like to  
thank the congregation  
for the Christmas card and gift.**

## January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> New Year's Day  <b>9:15</b> – Sunday School <b>10:30</b> –Worship Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Committee Reports due to the office	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Financial Reports due to the office	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:15</b> – Sunday School <b>10:30</b> –Worship Service – Communion  	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6:00</b> – Deacons Meeting <b>6:30</b> – Session Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:15</b> – Sunday School <b>10:30</b> –Worship Service Annual Congregational meeting following Worship Service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:15</b> – Sunday School <b>10:30</b> –Worship Service Installation of new elders and deacons	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>6:00</b> – Ch. Ed. Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:15</b> – Sunday School <b>10:30</b> –Worship Service	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				