



JANUARY

The word 'JANUARY' is rendered in a stylized, blocky font. Each letter is filled with a dark teal color and contains intricate white geometric patterns, including squares, zig-zags, and snowflake motifs. The letters are set against a light blue background that features several large, stylized snowflake graphics in a medium blue color. Smaller, fainter snowflakes are scattered throughout the background, creating a wintry atmosphere.

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ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY – NEWSLETTER – 2026

“His Workmanship”

Psalm 139:13

We all need reassurance about who we are. Doubts arise. Who am I? Why am I here? This may be even more true of our children.

Reading the words of the psalmist in verse 13 can bring confidence, assurance, and self-worth. It is God who made us. His handiwork began in the womb, where He skillfully wove our white bones, blue veins, and red arteries into a beautiful embroidery. The thought is repeated in verse 15, where “wrought” means “embroidered with various colors.” His finished work is awesome, wonderful, and marvelous.

The Apostle Paul later wrote, “We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works” (Eph. 2:10). The word “workmanship” comes from the Greek word ποίημα, which means “that which is manufactured, a product, a design produced by an artisan.” It emphasizes God as the master architect, the Creator of the universe, and the Creator of man. We are His workmanship; the master designer Himself forms us, and marvelous are His works. (LSFL)

Yours Because of Calvary,

Angel De La Cruz, D.Min. M.Div

LSFL Jack W. Hayford and Sam Middlebrook, eds., *Living the Spirit-Filled Life*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1992. © 1992 by Jack W. Hayford and Sam Middlebrook.

Jack W. Hayford and Sam Middlebrook, *Spirit Filled Life Daily Devotional Bible* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1993).

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

IF THE DATE ASSIGNED TO YOU CONFLICTS WITH YOUR SCHEDULE,
PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE ON THE LIST
AND NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE OF THIS CHANGE.

As a greeter, you should arrive at the door by 10:00 a.m. Please distribute the morning bulletin.

You will ring the bell 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 a.m.

Close all of the doors when the service begins.

You will also collect the offering. Please retrieve the collection plates before the service starts; 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>
January 4	Chet Schall and Tom Spencer	Aaron Quinn
January 11	Terri and Alexandra Maughan	Lucy Taylor
January 18	Jamey and Sheila Brumbaugh	Adalyn Quinn
January 25	Rod and Kathy Burns	Cooper Grantz
February 1	Mike and Holly Uptegraph	Emily Johns

CHANCEL FLOWER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

January 4 and 11 – open

January 18 and 25 – open

February 1 and 8 – open

If anyone wishes to request a date for chancel flowers, an organ arrangement, or a table arrangement, you must call the church office
724-354-3117
or see Susan to secure the date you would like to donate flowers.

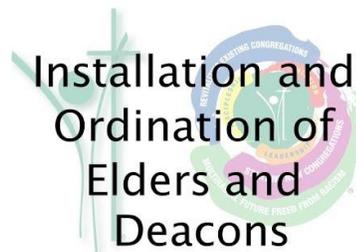


Thank you to everyone who participated in and attended our Christmas Eve service.

Your presence, your voices, and your shared spirit of worship made the evening truly meaningful.

Together, we celebrated the birth of Christ with joy, reverence, and unity.

Thank you for making this sacred night so special for our church family.



Installation and Ordination of Elders and Deacons

The new Elders and Deacons will be installed during the worship service on February 1, 2025



ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 25, 2026**, immediately following the worship service.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers, approve the ministerial portion of the budget, review reports, and conduct any other necessary business.

We hope everyone will make a special effort to attend and support the work and ministry of our church.



13th ANNUAL ANGEL TREE MISSION

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and Butterfly Hill Preschool, 12 families experienced a brighter Christmas this year through our Angel Tree Mission with CYS!

Gifts were placed around the Christmas tree during worship and blessed before delivery.

Special thanks to Jeff and Marcia Elgin and John and Dee Craig for delivering the gifts to CYS, and to everyone who helped load the gifts into their vehicles.

Your kindness truly makes the season shine!



The Presbyterian Women hosted a Christmas party in Fellowship Hall for all women in the church on December 10, 2025.

The women enjoyed a lovely evening of fellowship, good food, a cookie exchange, and a trivia question that led to some hula hoops coming out.

Presbyterian Women meet monthly at Nancy Schrecengost'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 Jesus.

The trivia question that led to all of the fun...
What is the best-selling toy of all time?

Check the last page of the newsletter for the answer.



CHAIRPERSON'S & TREASURER'S

The written reports from the various committees will be due for the Annual Report on **January 9, 2026**

(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 include all bank statements, canceled checks, etc., will be due in the church office on **January 13, 2026**

or as soon as you get your statements and can balance the account.



In Memoriam

Thomas D. Wingard
January 19, 1957 – December 5, 2025

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith"

2 Timothy 4:7



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

The Presbyterian Women are grateful for your generous donations, which allowed us to purchase new trays.

These trays will enhance our dinner experience by making it much easier to carry plates and bowls.

We look forward to using them at our next event.

Thank you for your support.



On Sunday, December 7, 2025

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcomed the following into our church family as members.

Corey Marsh
Megan Marsh
Joe Shrecengost
Karen Schrecengost

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Aikins – 1st
Candy Mummert – 1st
Dave Smail – 1st
Dee Craig – 5th
Sandy Wingard – 6th
Sue Pierce – 6th
Emily Spencer – 8th
Rod Burns – 8th
Donald Kunkle – 9th
Cory Scrips – 10th
Coleson Myers – 11th
Maren Brown – 13th - 2025
Brenda Coleman – 17th
Aiden Fairman – 17th
Marion Kunkle – 19th
Maddox Johns – 21st
Shirley Schall – 22nd
Jonah Scrips – 25th
Kathy Burns – 28th
Lucy Taylor – 28th
Kent Mummert – 29th

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Terry and Blythe Johns – 3rd, 1975
Cory and Melissa Grantz – 7th – 2006 – **20 years**
John and Jeanne Speer – 13th, 1979
Dave and Martha Dyott – 22nd, 1972
John and Helen Bowser – 29th, 1960

thank you

Many members of our congregation take on various roles throughout the year to ensure that the church runs smoothly, and numerous projects are completed at the manse and the church.

Without your time and effort, these projects would not have been completed

We appreciate and thank you!

Many missions within our church require volunteers.

We appreciate these volunteers for their time spent helping others while spreading the word of God with their actions.

Thank you!

We thank the members of the Session and Deacons,
the chairpersons of the committees and the Clerk of Session
for working to make the church run smoothly.

We thank the teachers from Sunday School and Butterfly Hill Preschool
for their love and dedication to the programs.

We appreciate that they share their love of Jesus by teaching others.

We appreciate those who work each week to make our worship services beautiful.

Thank you to those who share their talents. We appreciate you!

Thank you to those who continuously pray for our church!

January 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 8:30- Choir Practice 9:30- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service	5	6	7	8 6:00 - Session Meeting 6:00 - Deacons Meeting	9	10
11 8:30- Choir Practice 9:30- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service	12	13	14 1:00 - Circle Meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's home	15	16	17
18 8:30- Choir Practice 9:30- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service	19	20 11:00 - Men's Bible Study at Crouse's Cafe	21	22	23	24
25 8:30- Choir Practice 9:30- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service - Congregation Meeting	26	27	28	29	30	31

The answer to the Presbyterian Women's Christmas Party trivia question is.....

While the Barbie Doll and Lego Bricks are consistently ranked as top contenders for the most toys sold

The Rubik's Cube is cited as the best-selling toy,

As of January 2024, around 500 million cubes had been sold worldwide, making it the world's bestselling puzzle game and bestselling toy.