



**2025**

# ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## JUNE – NEWSLETTER – 2025

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### PASTORS PAGE

#### “RIGHT THINKING”

##### **1 Peter 5:8**

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

The Holy Spirit has intimate knowledge of who and what we are. We are sinners and saints at the same time. The Spirit knows us well enough to direct us to gird up our minds, to pull up our spiritual standards, to eliminate carelessness in our thoughts and words, and examine our interests.

I am glad that the Apostle Peter teaches us to be careful of the adversary, the devil. He knows firsthand what it means to be taken advantage of by the devil. The devil once overwhelmed Peter, and Jesus had to rebuke him and set him straight. Another time, Peter denied Jesus three times. Peter has a lot of credibility with me because of his experience.

We have all been in places in our lives where we did not do or act as Christians should. We have taken part in unreasonable and unseemly acts and then excused them, saying the devil made me do it.

The Holy Spirit will never urge us as believers into any kind of spiritual experience that violates and dethrones the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Before the filling of the Holy Spirit, Peter was moved by the flesh and was once pushed by the devil. Thank God for the Holy Spirit, who moves us to be sober, vigilant, and aware of the devil's devices. Thank God the Spirit fills us and changes us to the glory of God.

Your Brother, Because of Calvary

Dr. Angel L. De La Cruz

# **GREETERS and 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.

GREETERS should arrive at the door by 10:00 AM. The bell should ring 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Please distribute the morning bulletin. Close 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><b>DATE</b></u>	<u><b>GREETERS</b></u>	<u><b>ACOLYTES</b></u>
<u>June 1</u>	High School Graduates	Jonah Srips
<u>June 8</u>	Barb Spangler and Sharon Aikins	Aaron Quinn
<u>June 15</u>	Makayla Srips and Mia Srips	Liam Srips
<u>June 22</u>	Conner and Brittany Fairman	Mia Srips
<u>June 29</u>	Angie Schrecengost and John German	Cooper Grantz
<u>July 6</u>	Chandler Blose and Amy Blose	Adalyn Quinn



## **FLOWERS FOR JUNE**

June 1 and 8 – open  
June 15 and 22 – open  
June 29 – open  
July 6 and 13 – Jeff Elgin

If you would like to request a date for chancel flowers, organ or table display, don't hesitate to contact Joanie Riggle at 724-954-1671.



Red is the color of Pentecost.  
Celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit  
on the disciples of  
Jesus after his ascension.  
The color symbolizes the joy and  
the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Please join us as we celebrate  
Pentecost **Sunday, June 8, 2025**

We will have communion and celebrate by  
wearing red and/or white.



We would like to congratulate Butterfly Hill  
Preschool graduates who attend  
Elderton Presbyterian Church.

**ASHER QUINN**

Son of Adam and Ashley Quinn  
Grandson of Tom and Sue Quinn  
Asher will attend kindergarten  
at Lenape Elementary

**MILES SMITH**

Son of Matthew and Hope Smith  
Miles will attend Kindergarten at  
Elderton Elementary

**DECLAN HARRER**

Son of Collin and Andrea Harrer  
Declan will be homeschooled for kindergarten

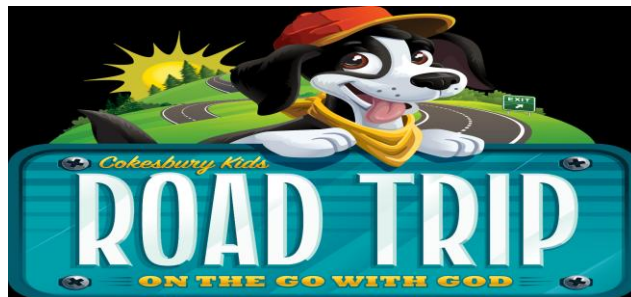


**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

On Sunday, May 11, 2025,  
we participated in the baptism of

Oakley May Johnston  
daughter of Isabelle Gaff and Dawson Johnston

In a spirit of thanksgiving and promise,  
let us commit ourselves to nurturing Oakley  
and guiding her on her  
journey in the Christian faith.



Join us in a fun-filled  
adventure on the open road.  
Kids will embark on a journey of discovering  
that God's presence is ALWAYS near.

**JUNE 23-27, 2025**  
**9:00 AM -12:00 PM**

If you would like to help in any way,  
please get in touch with  
Emily Spencer at 724-954-4591  
or call the church office at 724-354-3117

We need volunteers to make Bible  
School a success. Prayerfully consider  
being part of this mission.

We are collecting toilet paper rolls for a craft  
project. Please save your rolls and bring  
them to the church office.

If you would like to make a monetary or item  
donation for VBS, please see  
Kathy Burns or Susan Schrecengost.

Join us for an exciting VBS program on Friday,  
June 27, at 6:00 PM,  
followed by a cookie social!

We would love for you to contribute to our  
event by donating cookies.  
If you're interested in sharing your baked treats,  
please reach out to Kathy Burns  
or Susan Schrecengost.

Your generosity will help make this  
event truly special!

# HELP WANTED

## JOIN OUR SOUND TECH TEAM!

Are you passionate about  
sound and technology?

We need dedicated individuals to  
help run our sound booth!

Whether you're a teen or an adult,  
if you're eager to learn about the  
technical side of our services, this is  
your chance to make a real impact.

If you are interested or would  
like more information, please  
contact Cassie Clowser  
724-954-1717

Join us and be a crucial part  
of our worship services.

# HELP WANTED



## SUMMER MUSIC

While our talented choir takes a well  
deserved break for the summer,  
we need to fill our Sunday anthem time  
with something special.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR TALENT WITH US!

This can be music, singing,  
playing an instrument, a reading, a video etc.

Please see Cassie or the signup sheet in  
the Upper Room for available dates.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL OUTSIDE WORSHIP SERVICE  
AND COVERED DISH LUNCHEON.

**June 22, 2025**  
**10:30 AM**

**ELDERTON/PLUMCREEK REC PARK**  
AT THE LOWER PAVILLION BY THE WOODEN TRAIN

Please bring a covered dish  
and your lawn chairs or blankets.

Water will be provided for drinking.

# HEY KIDS, IT'S TIME FOR



## JOIN US FOR

### “Getting Hooked on Jesus”

We will learn how God’s love is bigger than the Ocean!

We will have Sunday School one Sunday a month through the summer.

There will be a lesson, craft, and snacks!

June 29 - 9:30 - 10:15

July 27 - 9:30 - 10:15

August 24 - 9:30 - 10:15

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## ADULTS

Please join us for breakfast!

We will have a social breakfast time once a month through the summer.

Please join us for a continental breakfast and fellowship.

June 29 - 9:30 - 10:15 - Hosted by Eric and Susan Schrecengost

July 27 - 9:30 - 10:15

August 24 - 9:30 - 10:15

If you would like to host a breakfast, please see Kathy Burns  
or call the church office at 724-354-3117

For more information, call the church office at 724-354-3117





# 2025 High School Graduates

## **Travis Gerald Johns** **2025 Graduate of West Shamokin High School**



Travis graduated from West Shamokin High School

Son of: Nathan and Jennifer Johns

Activities: West Shamokin Golf, Basketball, and Volleyball teams, No Touch Volleyball Club, Regional Chorus, Tri-M, Drama Club, School Musicals, Student Council, National Honor Society, Key Club, and Church Choir.

Awards: Student of the Month, Athlete of the Week, Honoree of the Armstrong County Sports Hall of Fame,

Future Plans: Attend Penn State-Altoona, majoring in Wildlife Biology and Fishery Science while continuing his volleyball career

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## **Jaden Christopher Klonowski** **2025 Graduate of West Shamokin High School**



Jaden graduated from West Shamokin High School

Son of: Chris and Lanette Klonowski

Activities: Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Student Council, National Honor Society, Leo Club, and Spanish Club.

Awards: WSHS Student of the Month, Leader Times Teen of the Week, 3-year letter in football, 2-year letter in basketball, Distinguished Honor Roll, 9 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Awarded Scholarships: IUP Honors Scholarship, Peter G. Lazzeci Football Scholarship, Kimberly Dawn Spencer Scholarship

Future Plans: Attend IUP, majoring in Physical Education and minoring in Kinesiology.



## 2025 High School Graduates

### **Isabelle Rose Gaff** **2025 Graduate of Lenape Vocational Technical School**



Isabelle graduated from the welding program at Lenape Vo-Tech

Daughter of: Brittany Gaff

Future Plans: Welding on gas pipelines and being a good mother.

Employment: DiVerse Industrial Solutions, Salisbury, PA

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### **Braydn K. Rodgers** **2025 Graduate of West Shamokin High School**



Braydn graduated from West Shamokin High School

Son of: Josh Rodgers, Lori, and Melvin Rodgers

Activities: Basketball and Volleyball

Awards: Indiana Gazette Player of the Year

Future Plans: Attend Penn State–Altoona, majoring in Business





## 2025 High School Graduates

### **Marlo Minnie Mellish** **2025 Graduate of Armstrong High School**



Marlo graduated from Armstrong High School

Daughter of: Holly Fennell and Marcus Mellish

Activities: Basketball, Volleyball and School Clubs

Awards: Big 56 Second Team Award, WPIAL Runner up, Section title for basketball and volleyball.

Future Plans: Attend Penn State–Altoona, majoring in business

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### **Caprice Lynn Hammer** **2025 Graduate of West Shamokin High School**



Caprice graduated from West Shamokin High School

Daughter of: Justin and Barbara Johns and the late William Hammer, Jr.

Activities: Spanish Club, Track and Field, and Key Club

Future Plans: United States Navy, specializing in Air Crewman

Employment: Belmont Pool

JUNE BIRTHDAYS	JUNE ANNIVERSARIES
<p> Kathleen Bertolino – 2nd  Mike Uptegraph – 4th  Sue Quinn - 7th  Kim Krebs – 8th  Will Orr – 8th  Ava Quinn – 9th  Valerie Orr – 10th  Sue Stitt – 13th  TJ Spencer – 21st  Ryan Scrips – 22nd  Brandon Richardson – 23rd  Terry Johns – 25th  Zane Clowser – 26th  Patty Mellish -28th  Brett Riggle - 28<sup>th</sup>  Laney Brown – 30th </p>	<p> Mike and Pam Flickinger – 2nd, 1973  Doug and Jodi Klingensmith – 2nd – 2000- <b>25 years</b>  Scott and Ronda Craig – 4th - 1994  Ron and Sharon Aikins – 10th, 1978  Ryan and Carmen Myers – 12th, 2021  Bob and Kim Anderson – 15th. 1991  Roger and Linda Richardson – 17th, 1972  Mike and Holly Uptegraph – 22nd, 1996  Zane and Elizabeth Clowser – 26th, 2021 </p>



## June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>10:30</b> -Worship Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> <b>10:30</b> -Worship Service - Communion	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>1:00</b> Circle Meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's home	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 
<b>15</b> <b>10:30</b> -Worship Service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>10:00-3:00</b> Helping Hand	<b>20</b> Dusk – Movie in the Park at Elderton Rec Park	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>10:30</b> – Outdoor Worship Service at Elderton Rec Park	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 – 12:00</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 – 12:00</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 – 12:00</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 – 12:00</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 – 12:00</b> Vacation Bible School <b>6:00</b> – Vacation Bible School Program and cookie social	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:30</b> – Children's Sunday School <b>9:30</b> – Adult Breakfast <b>10:30</b> -Worship Service	<b>30</b>					