

March

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ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“PSALM 51 FOR THE BELIEVER”

Psalm 51 is a Psalm we are all familiar with, but it resonates with deeper meaning when we are in the season of Lent. Some of the words are soaring as well as weighty. We can hear David’s heart as he asks forgiveness of the Lord. We can also hear the anguish in David’s voice when he uses words like “transgressions, iniquity, and sin”.

We hear the hope in David’s voice when he uses words like “joy, create, and restore”. This hope is steeped in the character of a loving and merciful God full of compassion.

We are familiar with David’s words not only because we have read them, but we have experienced them. We have found ourselves in places where sin has overwhelmed our lives. Sin and its power are something the believer constantly fights against. And there are times more than others when it is more of a fight than normal.

There are some Christian theologies that promote a sinless life. This is radically against scripture and leads to self-righteousness.

1 John 1:8-10

⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

We need not lie to ourselves about the sin in our lives. We must confront sin and confess it to Christ our Savior. Once forgiven we can live in the blessed life of Christ.

Romans 4:8 reads,

⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

During this Lenten season let us hold fast to Psalm 51 as a daily reminder of Christ’s forgiveness of our sin and his ready presence to give grace.

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 at 10:30. 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>
March 3	Susan and Eric Schrecengost	MaKayla Scrips
March 10	Loretta Coleman and Breanna Coleman	Jonah Scrips
March 17	Cheryl Hankey and Jeff Schrecengost	Cooper Grantz
March 24	Shawnee Hohl and Bonnie Gratmiller	Aaron Quinn
March 28 (Maundy Thursday)	Shirley Schall and Nancy Schrecengost	Mia Scrips
March 31(Easter)	Gerry and Donna Howard	Liam Scrips
April 7	Travis Johns and Dave Pletcher	Adalyn Quinn



FLOWERS FOR MARCH

March 3 and 10 – Shirley Schall
 March 17 – open
 March 24 Palm Sunday – Shirley Schall
 March 31 – Easter Sunday

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.



The youth Confirmation Class will meet
 February 11, 18, 25;
 March 3, 10, 17, 24 at 9:30 AM

The students will be studying from
 "Professing Our Faith"
 A Confirmation Curriculum

The class will join the church on
 Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024,
 during worship service.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

We will be receiving new members on
March 17, 2024 during worship service.

If you are interested in becoming a member
of the Elderton Presbyterian Church,
please call the church office
724-354-3117, or see Susan.



IN MEMORIAM

Gladys R. Johns
October 29, 1931 – February 17, 2024

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

Thank you to all who donated to the
Souper Bowl of Caring on February 11, 2024.

\$207.54 was collected.
This money stays in our church for the food bank.
The amount collected is reported and
added to the national total.



ELDERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Craft Show
10:00 AM-3:00 PM
March 2

Fish Fry
4:00-7:00 PM
March 8 and March 29

Bunny Breakfast
9:00 AM
March 23

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FIRE
DEPRATMENT!**



IN MEMORIAM

Edna G. Wells
March 21, 1919 - January 25, 2024

*"In my Father's house are many
mansions... I go to prepare a place for you."*



MAUNDY *Thursday*

Please join us for
Maundy Thursday Service
March 28 – 7:00 PM
Communion will be served.



March 24– Palm Sunday – Palms will be distributed. Confirmation Class will become members of the church.

March 28 – 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service – Communion will be served.

March 31 – 8:00 AM – Join us for breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish for breakfast.

March 31 - 9:30 AM – Following breakfast, join us for the Children's Sunday School Easter egg hunt, games and craft.

March 31 - 10:30 – Easter Worship Service.

THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD, CONTINUES TO CHANGE OUR LIVES!



PLEASE JOIN US!

MARCH 31, 2024 AT 8:00 AM
in Fellowship Hall

**WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR RISEN LORD
TOGETHER WITH FELLOWSHIP AND
AN EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST**

Please bring a covered dish, drinks will be provided.



HEY KIDS!

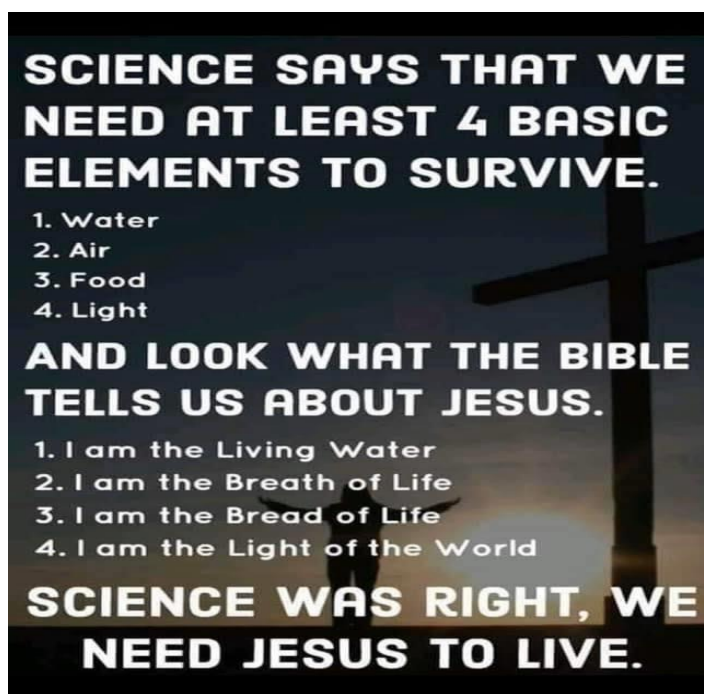
Come join the fun at
Elderton Presbyterian Church for an

EASTER EGG HUNT




March 31, 2024 — 9:30 AM

Following the Easter Morning Breakfast

MARCH BIRTHDAYS	MARCH ANNIVERSARIES
<p>Colleen Cessna – 1st Asher Quinn – 1st Bethany Rodgers – 1st Roman Guerrieri -2nd Merilyn Meyers – 7th Blair Peterman – 8th Jodi Flickinger – 9th Betsy Bertolino – 11th Jonah Xiong – 11th Laura Young – 12th Isabelle Gaff – 12th Laurie Pritt - 15th Amber Pinkerton – 16th Charlie Quinn – 17th Ashley Gaff – 18th Mike R. Schall – 19th Drew Patz – 19th Eric Schrecengost – 21st Tyler Keith – 22nd Tyler Rodgers – 22nd Lance Schrecengost – 23rd Janey Cessna – 27th Jade Ramer – 28th Blaine Clowser -29th – 1 year old Kelsey Smail – 30th Tyler Anderson – 31st</p>	<p>Scott and Brenda Coleman – 1st, 1997 Brett and Joanie Riggle – 17th, 2000 Brian and Jody Dyott – 18th - 2023 David and Terri Maughan – 26th, 2009 – 15 Years</p>



March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship Service	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship Service	11	12	13 1:00 - Circle Meeting- Nancy Schrecengost's house	14 10:00-3:00 - Helping Hand 6:00 - Session meeting 6:00 - Deacon's meeting	15	16
17 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship Service	18	19	20 	21	22	23
24  9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship Service	25	26	27	28 7:00 - Maundy Thursday Service - communion	29 	30
31 8:00 - Breakfast 9:30 - Egg Hunt 10:30 - Worship Service	