

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MARCH- NEWSLETTER - 2025

PASTORS PAGE

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you. John 15:9

It is cold as I write this devotional for March. I have been recovering from a bad hip and nerve injury which has been particularly challenging during one of the coldest winters on record. When I think about the cold, I often think of how it affects us and can sometimes change our attitude and plans.

We are reminded by the text above that we are loved and have a responsibility to obey God's truth. We should commit ourselves to practicing Christian virtues. The Holy Spirit reassures us that we are loved and it is through that love we are inspired to act righteously.

Every day, we encounter various spiritual needs that guide us to God's love, where we discover the strength, we require.

When Jesus went to the cross it did not change his mind or his determination to love us through this act of crucifixion and could not alter the love of the Son of God. Putting Jesus on the cross did not diminish or dilute his love for us.

It is the same with us. Even though we are dealing with a bitter cold right now, we are called to live out our love of God. God's love presses us to live holy even when it is not convenient or in style. When we are hurting or in pain, we are called to live out the love of Jesus Christ. We are loved by Jesus Christ, so we must bear witness to that love through righteous living, no matter what the weather or the painful moments life brings us. Amen.

Your Brother Because of Calvary

Dr. Angel L. De La Cruz

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.

| DATE March 2 | <u>GREETERS</u> Cory and Melissa Grantz | ACOLYTES Cooper Grantz |
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| March 9 | Krista and Grant Johnston | Aaron Quinn |
| March 16 | Lanette and Jaden Klonowski | Mia Scrips |
| March 23 | Eric and Amber Pinkerton | Liam Scrips |
| March 30 | Tyler Keith and Hannah Schrecengost | Adalyn Quinn |
| April 7 | Iris Reese and Heather Bell | Emily Johns |



FLOWERS FOR MARCH

March 2 and 9 – Shirley Schall March 16 and 23 - open March 30 – open

Joanie Riggle is the contact person for the flower calendar. If anyone wishes to request a date for chancel flowers or an organ or table arrangement, please schedule with Joanie at 724-954-1671.



With joy and thanksgiving, we welcomed new members on February 9, 2025.

Kaely Klonowski Megan Mouser Holly Uptegraph Michael Uptegraph

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



For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world.

That's why the CWS Blankets program was created – to give a kind, loving, and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

Through our commitment to this ministry, these blankets are going to offer comfort and security to those who may not have a safe place to live or to sleep.

Elderton Presbyterian Women will sponsor Blanket Sunday through March.

One blanket cost \$10.00

Please make checks payable to PW, place in the envelope found in your bulletin or mail to:

EPC PO Box 159 Elderton, PA 15736



Anyone wishing to receive ashes –

Dr. Angel will distribute ashes during office hours Wednesday, March 5, 2025 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Please come to the side door, ring the bell and Susan will unlock the door for you to enter.



ELDERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FIRE DEPRATMENT!

March 7 – Fish Fry – 4:00 – 7:00 PM March 28 – Fish Fry - 4:00 – 7:00 PM April 12 – Bunny Breakfast – 9:00 AM April 18 – Fish Fry - 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 9, 2025.

\$450.00 was collected.

This money was used to purchase Items needed for the Elderton Presbyterian Church food bank.

The amount collected is reported and added to the national total.





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

If you are interested in shopping for specific essential items needed, you can receive reimbursement from the food bank fund, we kindly encourage you to reach out to Terri Maughan.

Your support plays a vital role in our mission, and we greatly appreciate your involvement!

Thank you!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Shawna Taylor – 26th

Bailee Claypoole – 28th

Blaine Clowser -29th

Alyssa Duplinsky – 29th

Kelsey Smail - 30th

Tyler Anderson – 31st

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Brenda Coleman – 1st, 1997 Brett and Joanie Riggle – 17th, 2000- 25 years Brian and Jody Dyott – 18th - 2023 David and Terri Maughan – 26th, 2009

| MARCH 2025 | | | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | | |
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| 2 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Communion | 3 | 4 | 9:00-12:00 Ash Distribution in Church Office | 6 | 7 | 8 | | |
| 9 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service | 10 | 11 | 12 1:00 – Circle Meeting at Nancy's house | 13 | 14 | 15 | | |
| 16 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service Hunger Offering | 17 | 18 6:00 – Session Meeting 6:00 – Deacons Meeting | 19 | 20 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand 6:00 – Ch Ed Meeting | 21 | 22 | | |
| 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | |