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ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTOR’S PAGE

“All That I Am”

John 4:34

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.”

The above scripture has always fascinated me because Jesus always did the will of the Father. However, to say that my food is to do the will of Him who sent me is to say that there is nothing else more important than to commit myself to doing the Father's will.

Food is so important to us that the average American household spends approximately \$270.21 per week on groceries as of 2023. While specific weekly weights vary, data indicate that the average American consumed nearly 2,000 pounds of food per year in 2011, including roughly 12 lbs. of dairy, 8 lbs. of vegetables, 5 lbs. of fruit, and 3.5 lbs. of meat per week.

We also spend a lot of time thinking about food. What are you going to make for dinner? Have you made the dinner reservations? What will I have for breakfast in the morning?

If Jesus is right about doing the will of the Father, it means that every waking moment, every movement made, and every thought is to seek to do the will of God.

We are in the season of Lent. Some of us will be fasting and asking God for some specific things. Let us, while we fast, seek to do the will of Him that sent us. We will have moments when we want to eat but can't. During those times, let us seek to do a kindness, share our lives, or contemplate the goodness of God's work in the world. Our time away from food will drive us toward doing the work of God. Thus, making God our meal for the day.

Your brother, because of Jesus,

Angel

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>
March 1	Kyle and Lindsey Uptegraph	Zachary Smith
March 8	Cheryl Hankey and Jeff Schrecengost	Ava Quinn
March 15	Cory and Melissa Grantz	Cole Marsh
March 22	Sharon Aikins and Laurie Pritt	Nolan Taylor
March 29	Gerry and Donna Howard	Aaron Quinn
April 2 <small>Maundy Thursday</small>	Shirley Schall and Nancy Schrecengost	Jonah Scrips
April 5 <small>Easter</small>	Chad and Shawna Taylor	Lucy Taylor

CHANCEL FLOWER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March 8 and 15 – open

March 22 open

March 29, Palm Sunday – Shirley Schall

April 5 and 12 - 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.

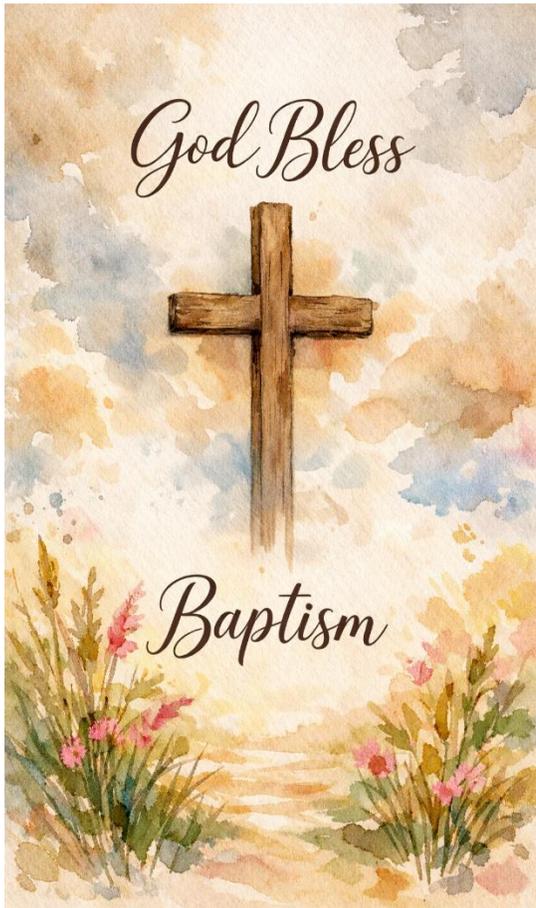
Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 8, 2026.

\$328.00 was collected.

This money is used to purchase items needed for Elderton Presbyterian Church food bank.

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





On Sunday, February 22, 2026
We participated in the baptism of

**Cole David Marsh
and
Lily Mae Marsh**

son and daughter of
Corey and Megan Marsh

Cole is in 5th grade at Elderton Elementary.
He wrestles and plays baseball.
Cole likes to go hunting with his dad and
loves his beagle, Gunner.

Lily is in kindergarten at Elderton Elementary.
She plays t-ball, loves arts and crafts, and her stuffed
animals. Lily likes to run around with her husky, Freya,
and cuddle with her cat, Nala.

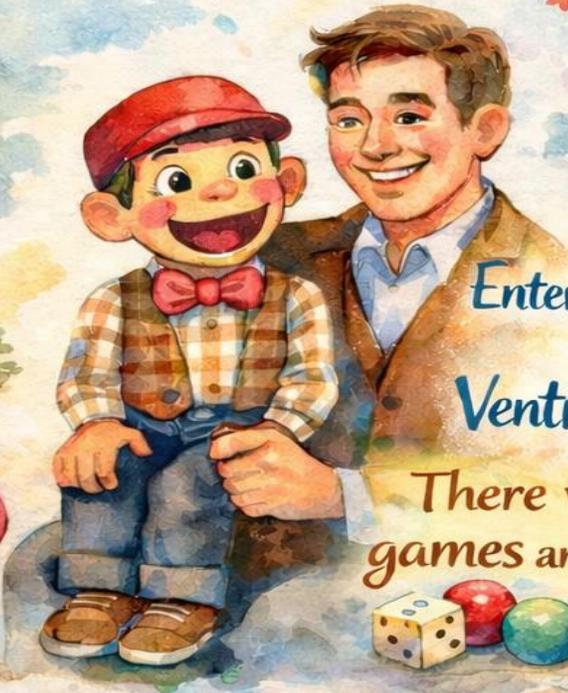
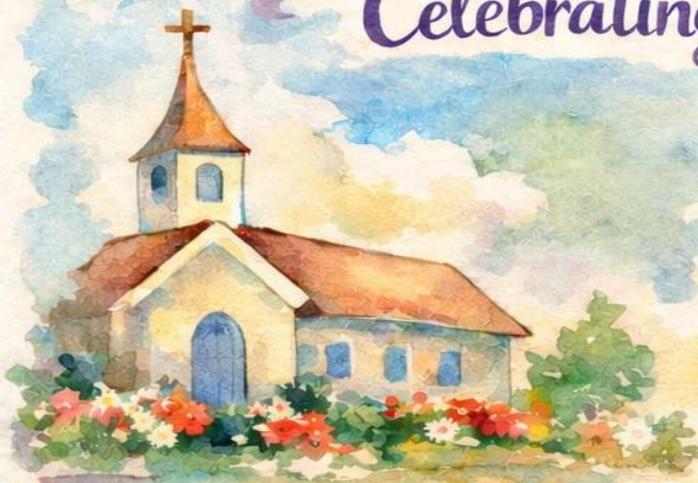
**In a spirit of thanksgiving and promise,
let us dedicate ourselves to nurturing and guiding
Cole and Lily in the Christian faith.**

Thank You
for Supporting
the Hunger Offering

The Presbyterian Women
would like to express their heartfelt
thanks for your generosity and
faithful support of the Hunger Offering.

We are pleased to share
that in 2025,
\$1,175.80
was collected to
help those facing hunger.

*Your contributions make a real difference
in the lives of those in need—
thank you for your continued support!*



All-Church Birthday Party!

Celebrating Everyone!

Fun
Entertainment
by a
Ventriloquist!

There will be
games and prizes!

March 21, 2026 at 5:00 pm
Elderton Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

If you are planning to join the fun, grab a highlighter
and mark your name on the list in the vestibule or
simply send a quick text to Pam Gaff 724-549-3102
to let her know you will be there.



If you would like to order Easter Flowers
to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter,
Please place the order form in the offering plate, or
contact the church office with your order at 724-354-3117.

Easter Flower Order Deadline- March 22, 2026

Your name _____

*Lily -- \$10.50 - #ordered_____

*Tulips -- \$10.50- choose color & # of each ordered

Red _____ Orange _____ Pink _____ Yellow _____ White _____

*Hyacinths -- \$10.50 Blue _____ White _____ Pink _____

Total # of flowers_____

X \$10.50 Total Due_____

Please circle or complete the correct category of giving:

In Memory of Loved Ones

In Loving Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



It's been three years since our last church directory,
and we're excited to create a brand-new one!

This time, we're doing things a little differently —
no appointments, no scheduling, and no worrying about what to wear.

We're creating our own directory using the photos you provide.

Please send a recent individual photo or family photo, including the names of the people in the photo, your address, and your telephone number.

We want include everyone — both our longtime members and
the new families who have joined us.

Let's make sure every face in our church family is represented!

Text or email photos and information to
Hannah Keith – 724-541-3360 or hschrec@gmail.com
If you have any questions or need help, please contact the church office or Hannah.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS	MARCH ANNIVERSARIES
<p>Asher Quinn – 1st Bethany Rodgers – 1st Merilyn Meyers – 7th Blair Peterman – 8th Betsy Bertolino – 11th Isabelle Gaff – 12th Laurie Pritt - 15th Amber Pinkerton – 16th Eric Schrecengost – 21st Tyler Keith – 22nd Shawna Taylor – 26th Isaiah Smith 26th Bailee Claypoole – 28th Blaine Clowser -29th Alyssa Duplinsky – 29th Tyler Anderson – 31st</p>	<p>Scott and Brenda Coleman – 1st, 1997 Brett and Joanie Riggle – 17th, 2000 David and Terri Maughan – 26th, 2009</p>



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

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30- Choir Practice 9:30- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8:30- Choir Practice 9:30- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service	9	10	11 1:00 - Circle Meeting at Nancy Schrecengost's home	12 6:00 - Session Meeting 6:00 - Deacons Meeting	13 4:00 -7:00 - Fish Fry at Elderton Firehall	14
15 8:30- Choir Practice 9:30- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service	16	17 11:00 - Men's Bible Study at Crouse's Cafe	18	19	20	 5:00 - All Church Birthday Celebration
22 8:30- Choir Practice 9:30- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service	23	24	25	26 6:00 - Ch Ed Meeting	27	28 10:30 - Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt at Elderton Firehall
29 8:30- Choir Practice 9:30- Sunday School 10:30- Worship Service	30	31				