



2025

# ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MAY – NEWSLETTER – 2025

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### PASTORS PAGE

#### “HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY”

Luke 1:1-21

Charles W. Eliot, Harvard's esteemed president of yesteryear, was born with a disfiguring birthmark. At first, it was most difficult for his mother to accept. All the while, however, she was schooling herself in the art of loving her unattractive child, saying as she met his needs, “He is my son, he is my son.”

With the passing years, Mrs. Eliot had every right to say, and with pride, “He is my son.” One honor after another marked Eliot's achievements until at last, in 1869, the son of Boston's mayor was elected president of Harvard University.

What if Charles had not been loved by his mother?

A mother's love is the strongest love I have ever seen. Many mothers in scripture pop up for me. One in particular is Elizabeth. Elizabeth was the mother of John the Baptist and was desperately trying to get pregnant. I know the story focuses greatly on her husband Zechariah, but Elizabeth's story is just as intriguing.

Elizabeth believed she could not have a child because she was old. In the days of Jesus, not having children was a sign that God was punishing you. Society called women barren if they could not have children. Elizabeth resigned herself to a reality that she would not have children as she continued to live righteously in the eyes of God. There is our reality, and then there is the reality of God's active work in our lives. Elizabeth became pregnant with John the Baptist at an old age. Elizabeth loved John the Baptist and raised him to quote Jesus.

Matthew 11:11 –

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women, there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

What if Elizabeth did not love her son John the Baptist?

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 and 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>
May 4	John and Dee Craig	Cooper Grantz
May 11	Colton and Shelby Clowser	Adalyn Quinn
May 18	Lanette Klonowski and Jaden	Emily Johns
May 25	Larry and Linda Prugh	Aaron Quinn
June 1	Suzanne Quinn and Aaron	Copper Grantz



## **FLOWERS FOR MAY**

May 4 and 11 –Blythe Johns  
 May 18 and 25 – open  
 May 25 – Linda Prugh – table arrangement  
 June 1 and 8 - open

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.



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

## GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?



If you are graduating from high school, college; business school, master's degree, etc. please contact the church office 724-354-3117. An information packet will be mailed to each graduate.



### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

On Sunday, April 13, 2025, we participated in the baptism of

Maren Margaret Brown  
daughter of  
Laney and Josh Brown

In a spirit of thanksgiving and promise, let us commit ourselves to Maren's nurture and guidance 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.

Using the most important navigation guide, the Bible, kids will learn how Biblical heroes followed God and now they can too.

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

We have started planning for VBS. 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

Presbyterian Women proudly sponsored Blanket Sunday this March, raising an impressive \$2,622.00 to support Church World Services.

This generous contribution will make a meaningful impact on those in need.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed so selflessly to this important cause!

BLANKET THE  
WORLD WITH  
*love*



## BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL ST. PATRICKS DAY POT OF GOLD

The students at the preschool collected change to fill their pot of gold.

The collected change will be used to purchase items for the  
Elderton Presbyterian Church Food Bank.

\$662.69 in change has been collected!

THANK YOU, PRESCHOOL FAMILIES!!

Your generosity allowed us to purchase the items in the picture for donation to the food bank.

THANK YOU, BARBARA AND JUSTIN JOHNS,  
for shopping for all of the necessary items needed.  
your dedication to this mission is greatly appreciated.



We extend our sincere congratulations to Megan and Josh Mouser  
on the birth of their son,

**CASEY MICHAEL MOUSER**

Casey was born at Punxsutawney Hospital  
on April 13, 2025, at 4:36 PM  
Casey weighed 8 lb 7 oz and was 22 ½ inches long

We also congratulate grandparents Michael and Holly Uptegraph

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We extend our sincere congratulations to Isabelle Gaff and Dawson Johnston  
on the birth of their daughter,

**OAKLEY MAY JOHNSTON**

Oakley was born at Armstrong County Memorial Hospital  
on April 18, 2025 at 5:29 AM  
Oakley weighed 6 lb 8 oz and was 19 inches long

We also congratulate grandmother, Brittany Gaff  
And great grandparents, Pam and Bernie Gaff

This birth proudly represents five generations of women in this family.

Experience the rejuvenating power of yoga at Elderton Recreation Park!  
Join us for inspiring classes that will elevate your mind, body, and spirit.  
Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your well-being in a beautiful setting!



# YOGA

Saturday, May 17th, 2025 - 10AM

**\$10 per person. Bring your yoga mat or beach towel.**

Elderton/Plumcreek Recreation Park



# GOAT YOGA

Saturday, June 21st, 2025 - 10AM

Elderton/Plumcreek Recreation Park

\$15 per person if paying by check.  
\$17 if paying with PayPal. Must pre-register and pre-pay to secure your spot. Limited spots available. See Facebook or any Rec Park member for details and link to register.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Robert (Bobby) Anderson – 2nd  
Paul Meyers - 4th  
Jamey Brumbaugh – 6th  
Chad Taylor – 7th  
Rodney Howard – 9th  
Kaely Klonowski – 10th  
Amanda Schrecengost – 10th  
Emily Johns – 10th  
Katherine Amanlou – 10th  
Brynn Salley – April 13th  
Steven Hankey – 13th  
Russell Schall – 14th  
Tandi Spencer – 14th  
Kris Hilty – 15th  
Peg Rowan – 16th  
Mark Schrecengost, Jr. – 16th  
Dewey Hixenbaugh – 17th  
David Popp - 17th  
Jennifer Johns – 18th  
Kurt Flickinger – 20th  
Meila Mellish – 20th  
Braden Tutak – 21st  
Adam Quinn – 23rd  
Rylee Riggle – 23rd  
Blythe Johns – 24th  
Luke Schrecengost – 24th  
Melissa Rupert – 26th  
Evan Hilty – 28th  
Carmen Myers – 31st

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Will and Val Orr – 1st, 2007  
Rod and Kathy Burns – 2nd, 1981  
Vaughn and Margie Wood – 16th, 1967  
Lee and Sue Pierce – 17th, 2014  
Nick and Jenny Shultz – 20th, 2000 – **25 years**  
Denny and Heather Bell – 21st, 2004  
Colton and Shelby Fairman – 21st, 2022  
Tim and Brandi Bertolino – 23rd, 1998  
Dan and Lisa Brumbaugh – 23rd, 1981  
Larry and Linda Prugh – 26th, 1979  
Adam and Ashley Quinn – 28th, 2011

## May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	5	<b>6</b> 10:00-3:00 Helping Hand	7	<b>8</b> 6:00 - Session Meeting 6:00 – Deacons Meeting	9	<b>10</b> 9:00-12:00 Helping Hand
<b>11</b> 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service  Happy Mother's Day	12	13	<b>14</b> 1:00 – Circle Meeting at Nancy's house	15	16	17
<b>18</b> 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	19	20	<b>21</b> 5:00 – 6:00 PM 7:00 – 8:00 PM Butterfly Hill Preschool Pre-K Graduation	<b>22</b> 6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting	23	24
<b>25</b> 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	<b>26</b>  Elderton Fireman Parade and Chicken BBQ	27	28	29	30	31

**MEMORIAL DAY....**

**THE DAY THAT'S SET ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE AND PRIDE  
ALL THOSE WHO SERVED AND DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FREEDOM.**