



2026

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY – NEWSLETTER – 2026

PASTOR’S PAGE

“For You”

I have been reflecting on the sacred moment we shared in the Tenebrae service just last month. I was so Godly proud to see so many had remembered the Thursday evening service celebrated once a year during Passion Week. I am Godly proud of the people who participated in the worship experience.

I am reminded this morning of the following sacred scripture:

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

I am overwhelmed with this text because Jesus understood what his statement would mean to me as I passed out the bread and made the same declaration.

“This is my body broken for you, do this in remembrance of me!”

A farmer doesn’t plant his crop in cement; rather, he chooses good soil, breaks it up, and then sows the seed. Unbroken soil does not produce abundant crops, but cultivated soil incubates life. Jesus had to give his life so that we could have eternal life right now. Jesus presented his life to be broken so that we could be justified by faith and made new creatures in Christ Jesus. Think about the times you sacrificed for the good of others and watch them grow. Jesus Christ not only watches us grow but helps us grow through the power of the Holy Spirit. The only way we have eternal life, and the only means to our new life, is through the broken body of the Savior.

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>
May 3	Bonnie Gratzmiller and Shawnee Hohl	London Smith
May 10	Joe Scrips and Dave Pletcher	Sophia Pinkerton
May 17	Justin and Cierra Claypoole	Jonah Scipps
May 24	Jim and Robin Shaffer	Zachary Smith
May 31	Terry and Blythe Johns	Ava Quinn
June 7	MaKayla Scrips and family	Mia Scrips



CHANCEL FLOWER SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 3 and 10 - open

May 17 and 24 - open

May 24 - organ arrangement - Linda Prugh

May 31 and June 7 - 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.



Pentecost is the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his ascension.

The color red symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Please join us as we celebrate Pentecost **Sunday, May 24, 2026**

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



HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR PICTURE?

We want you to know that you are important, and we want you to be part of the directory.

If you're reading this, you're invited to submit a picture.

Please hand a photo to Hannah Keith or send one to 724-541-3360 or hschrec@gmail.com.

If you have any questions or need help, please contact the church office or Hannah.

GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?



If you are graduating from high school, college, business school, or a master's degree, etc.

Please contact the church office
724-354-3117

Your church family wants to celebrate your accomplishment with you!

An information packet will be mailed to each graduate. The information will be featured in the June newsletter.

Presbyterian Women proudly sponsored Blanket Sunday throughout the month of March, raising an impressive \$2125.00 to support Church World Services.

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



Newsletter

If you are not receiving the monthly church newsletter in your email, or if you know someone who is not receiving it, please contact the church office at 724-354-3117.

Several members have mentioned that they used to receive the newsletter via email but are no longer getting it. After checking, some addresses might have been inadvertently removed due to technical issues.

If you know someone who would like to start receiving the newsletter via email, please give Susan the email address.



Join Elderton Presbyterian Church for a fun-filled week as we step through the mist into

Rainforest Falls

Beneath the canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids will plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They will explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Please bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends!!

JUNE 15-19, 2026

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We invite you to be a part of something truly special this week—

Volunteer and help us create an unforgettable experience for children as they learn more about God!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to fill the following roles:

GROUP LEADERS: Be the guiding light for the children as you lead them through each exciting station.

CRAFT OVERSEER: Take charge of our creative crafting activities, ensuring the kids have fun while expressing their creativity each day.

GAMES LEADER: Energize the group with fun, engaging games and activities that create lasting memories.

KITCHEN ASSISTANTS: Join a team of helpers to distribute tasty snacks each day, fueling the children for their adventures.

Your involvement can truly make a difference! Together, we can inspire and enrich the lives of our children.

Thank you for considering this opportunity!

We are asking for donations of cardboard boxes to create props and decorations.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please give it to Kathy Burns or Jodi Klingensmith.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please reach out to our directors

Emily Spencer – 724-954-4591 or Rylee Riggle – 724-525-3377



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Bobby Anderson – 2nd
Jamey Brumbaugh – 6th
Chad Taylor – 7th
Kaely Klonowski – 10th
Emily Johns – 10th
Tandi Spencer – 14th
Kris Hilty – 15th
Peg Rowan – 16th – **95 years old**
Dewey Hixenbaugh – 17th
Jennifer Johns – 18th
Meila Mellish – 20th
Adam Quinn – 23rd
Rylee Riggle – 23rd
Blythe Johns – 24th
Luke Schrecengost – 24th
Natalie Fairman – 28th – **1 year old**
Carmen Myers – 31st

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Will and Val Orr – 1st, 2007
Rod and Kathy Burns – 2nd, 1981 – **45 years**
Lee and Sue Pierce – 17th, 2014
Vaughn and Margie Wood – 16th, 1967
Denny and Heather Bell – 21st, 2004
Colton and Shelby Fairman – 21st, 2022
Larry and Linda Prugh – 26th, 1979
Adam and Ashley Quinn – 28th, 2011 – **15 years**

PRAYER TIME

Join us for a time of prayer every
Tuesday at 10:30 AM in the church office.

All are welcome as we come together
to seek God, share in faith, and lift
up our church, community, and
one another in prayer.

“The prayer of a righteous person
is powerful and effective.”

—James 5:16

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 – 12:00 Helping Hand
3 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service Cookie Social following worship service	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service  Happy Mother's Day	11	12 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand	13 1:00 – Circle Meeting at Nancy's house	14 6:00 – Session Meeting 6:00 – Deacons Meeting	15	16
17 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	18	19 5:00 – 6:00 PM 7:00 – 8:00 PM Butterfly Hill Preschool - Caterpillar Promotion	20 5:00 – 6:00 PM 7:00 – 8:00 PM Butterfly Hill Preschool – Pre-K Graduation	21	22	23
24  Pentecost Sunday 10:30 -Worship Service - Communion	25  Memorial Day 11:00 - Elderton Fireman Parade and Chicken BBQ	26	27	28 6:00 – Christian Ed Meeting	29	30
31 10:30 -Worship Service						