

April

2025

# ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## APRIL – NEWSLETTER – 2025

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### PASTOR’S PAGE

#### “Sharing Jesus”

Mark 5: 19-20

<sup>19</sup> However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." <sup>20</sup> And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him, and all marveled.

The circumstance referenced above is truly mind-blowing. This man was possessed by a legion of evil spirits. A legion consists of three thousand to six thousand soldiers, which means this poor soul was filled with at least three thousand demons, all within one body.

Out of extreme gratitude for his deliverance from such a multitude of demons, the man wanted to follow Jesus. This desire is understandable given his experience. However, Jesus told him, "No. Go home to your friends and tell them how great things the Lord has done for you and how He has had compassion on you."

As we approach spring, we can anticipate a season filled with life and excitement, leaving winter behind. We will exchange our winter clothes for spring attire, check our calendars to plan trips, and reach out to family members to get together. We are blessed, but sometimes we forget that, just like the man delivered from a legion of demons, God has set us free through His Son, Jesus Christ. While we may not have been demon-possessed, God has delivered us from death and given us new life in Christ.

Let us celebrate our deliverance from the power of sin. This spring, in addition to our plans, let us commit to sharing the gospel or our personal experiences with someone who may not know the Savior.

I urge you to embrace this challenge and heed the call of the one who says, "Return to your friends and share the incredible things the Lord has done for you, along with the deep compassion He has shown you." Let your testimony be a beacon of hope and inspiration to those around you.

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>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
April 6	Iris Reese and Heather Bell	Emily Johns
April 13	Brett and Joanie Riggle	Jonah Scrips
April 17 (Maundy Thursday)	John and Dee Craig	Aaron Quinn
April 20	Joe Scrips and Bob Griffin	Mia Scrips
April 27	Rod and Kathy Burns	Liam Scrips
May 4	Bonnie Gratzmiller and Shawnee Hohl	Cooper Grantz



We will collect our Spring Special Offering  
April 27, 2025

This offering will be dedicated to the  
"In His Name Fund"  
This vital fund provides essential support to  
our congregation and community  
during critical times, offering assistance in  
emergencies such as accidents,  
fires, floods, and medical crises.

Your generous contribution can make a  
significant difference in the lives of  
those who are in urgent need.  
Together, we can extend compassion and  
hope to those facing challenging  
circumstances.

## FLOWERS FOR APRIL

To sign up to give chancel flowers,  
contact Joanie Riggle at 724-954-1671

March 30 and April 6 – Amber Pinkerton  
April 13 and 20 – Shirley Schall  
April 27 – open  
May 4 and 11 – Terry and Blythe Johns

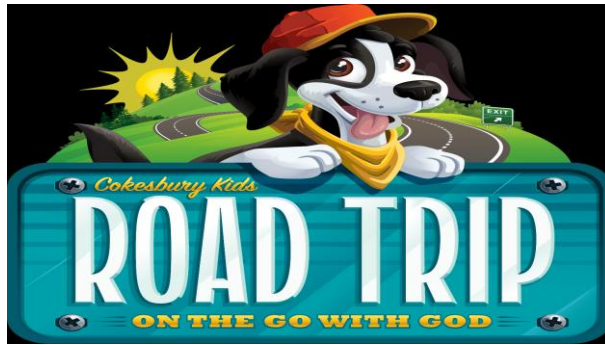


We invite you to join us on  
**April 6, 2025, 10:30 AM**  
for a joyful celebration during worship service.

The Pre-K class from Butterfly Hill Preschool  
will bless us with their special music,  
creating a memorable experience for all.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity  
to uplift your spirit and enjoy  
the talents of our young children!

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL At Elderton Presbyterian Church



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**

**SAVE THE DATE NOW!**

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



**APRIL 16, 2025**  
**ELDERTON FIREHALL**  
**5:00-7:00 PM**

**JOIN BUTTERFLY HILL PRESCHOOL FOR OUR EXCITING FIRST ART SHOW!**

Discover the incredible artistic talents of our students  
as you explore their creative masterpieces.  
Enjoy light refreshments as you celebrate their hard work and imagination.

Don't miss this opportunity to support our preschool!



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 April 6**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Make choice:

\*Lily -- \$10.50 #ordered\_\_\_\_\_

\*Tulips -- \$10.50 (choose color)

Red \_\_\_\_\_ Orange \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_

Yellow \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ # ordered \_\_\_\_\_

\*Hyacinths -- \$10.50 Blue \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ #ordered \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_



**April 13 – Palm Sunday – Palms will be distributed. We will participate in the celebration of infant baptism.**

**April 17 – 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service – Communion will be served.**

**April 18 – Good Friday - This day reminds us of the depth of Jesus Christ’s love for us, bringing light to how He willingly bore our sins on the cross. It’s a time for us to remember that His sacrifice wasn’t just an event; it’s the greatest love story ever told.**

**April 20 – 8:00 AM – Join us for breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish for breakfast.**

**April 20 - 9:30 AM – Following breakfast, join us for the Children’s Sunday School Easter egg hunt, games and crafts.**

**April 20 - 10:30 AM – Easter Worship Service.**

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

# EASTER BREAKFAST



**PLEASE JOIN US!  
APRIL 20, 2025, AT 8:00 AM  
in Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we joyfully celebrate our risen Lord!  
Experience the warmth of fellowship and  
indulge in a delightful Easter morning breakfast together.  
Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to come  
together in faith and friendship!

**Please bring a covered dish, drinks will be provided.**

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**Calling ALL children to join the fun at  
Elderton Presbyterian Church  
for an**

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**April 20, 2025 — 9:30 AM**

**Following the Easter Morning Breakfast  
Please bring a basket or bag to collect eggs!**

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Dan Zelenski – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Jeanne Speer – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Brandi Orr – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Evann Gubitose – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Dylan Shankle – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Dan Brumbaugh – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Allyson Tutak – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Alice Graham – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Aubrey Lasser – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Miranda Schrecengost – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Marcia Elgin – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Benjamin Hankey – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Brynn Salley – 13<sup>th</sup>  
John Bell 14<sup>th</sup>  
Martha Dyott – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Eliana Smith – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Julie Quinn – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Lois Brown – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Pam Flickinger – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Nathan Johns – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Cody Cribbs -22<sup>nd</sup>  
Mia Scrips – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Nicole Myers – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Cory Grantz – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Amanda Mudd – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Travis Johns – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Adeline Ingram – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Liam Scrips – 30<sup>th</sup>

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Angel and Charlene De La Cruz – 4<sup>th</sup>, 1998  
Michael and Krista Johnston – 26<sup>th</sup>, 1997  
Mark and Cassie Clowser – 30<sup>th</sup>, 1994



**5K Walk/Run**

**37<sup>th</sup> ELDERTON**

**FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025 – 7:00 PM**

**Sponsored by – Elderton Plumcreek Recreation Park**

**Register online at [@runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com)**

**Entry Fee: \$15.00 Preregistration, includes t-shirt, while supplies last  
\$15.00 Race Day Registration – t-shirt not guaranteed**

**James Leigh Coffee Truck and Leaping Leos Food Truck  
will be set up starting at 4 pm until following the 5k awards ceremony.**

**For more information please contact – Randy Frailey – 724-354-3779**





## SUMMER CAMPS 2025

This summer season promises to hold lots of joy and delight for those who choose to experience the ministry and mission the camp offers to all who come to the beautiful 92 acres of “God Space” on the shore of Lake Erie. Camp Lambec is a place to have fun adventures with family and friends while growing in your faith. Please explore the following camps offered

**June 22-27** - Wet -n-Wild (entering grades 3-6); Wet and Wilder (entering grades 7–12)

This is a water-themed camp with swimming, water games, and a trip to the local water park. Campers also enjoy Bible discoveries, worship, and time around the campfire.

**July 13-18** – Music Camp (4<sup>th</sup> grade – college freshman)

Join us using strings, horns, and voices to learn and play music together; culminating in a truly moving outdoor service on Friday night. This week is filled with summer games, Bible studies, outdoor activities, worship, and fun all on the edge of Lake Erie. Campers who want to play in the band/orchestra should bring their instrument and music stand

**July 6 – 11** – Family Camp A





**July 20 – 25** – Family Camp B

**July 27 – August 1** – Family Camp C

Exploring “Another Way” will be the focus of our family camps this year. Experience this unique camp with all ages coming together to relax, swim, bike, paddle canoes, fish, engage in crafts, share in faith exploration activities, and worship services.

For more information and registration  
please contact the church office at 724-354-3117

# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b> 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	7	8	<b>9</b> 1:00 – Circle Meeting at Nancy's house	<b>10</b> 10:00-3:00 – Helping Hand 6:00 – Session Meeting 6:00 – Deacons Meeting	11	12
<b>13</b>  9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	14	15	<b>16</b> 5:00-7:00 - Butterfly Hill Preschool Art Show – Elderton Firehall	<b>17</b> 7:00 – Maundy Thursday Service - communion	<b>18</b> 	19
<b>20</b>  8:00- Breakfast 9:30 -Egg Hunt 10:30 -Worship Service	21	22	23	<b>24</b> 6:00 -Ch Ed Meeting	25	26
<b>27</b> 9:30 -Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service Special Spring Offering	28	29	30	