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ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor's Page

Re:concile Relationships Philemon 1-21

When someone you love breaks your heart. They hurt you so badly it's impacted much of your life, so badly you're not sure you can ever forget, let alone forgive. Yet in your heart you know you're supposed to forgive them. Or maybe it's you who has done the hurting. You've righted the wrong as best you could, moved past it, turned your life around, made peace with God--and yet you can't seem to forgive. All these things stand in the way of our ultimate peace and wholeness in the Lord: true reconciliation. Reconciliation has much to do with transformation: it's the moving from a place of separation, hurt, and brokenness to a place of healing, wholeness, forgiveness, and reunion.

In our text, Paul is attempting to broker a reconciliation between two people. The people he is attempting to bring together is Onesimus and Philemon. Onesimus stole something from Philemon and then ran away. Paul wants Philemon to reconcile with Onesimus and build a new relationship. This text gives us a blueprint for reconciliation.

Where does the courage for reconciliation come from? What does reconciliation really mean? How does reconciliation benefit a family or congregation?

1. Reconciliation on the Basis of Love--For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. As we practice religious facet of love, it restrains selfishness of the human heart. Love draws people together; selfishness separates them. Reconciling with someone means putting the memory of the mean words they may have used in the past. The tongue is the great medium of social intercourse, and it must be brought under control. God expressed His love for us through Christ. He covered our sins in Him. Thus, through faith in Jesus we are reconciled to God. In that light surely we should be willing to cover sins done to us by other people. Not that we can forgive sin on God's behalf, but we can do so in our relations to others.
2. Reconciliation is an Overture of Grace--⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. The key to reconciliation is forgiveness. Reconciliation means to take ones heart and put it in a different place than it was before. Reconciliation as overture of grace translates oneself in the position of need for a grace. We practice it through pressing our way to reconciliation. Grace give us the ability to move toward reconciliation. God has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ. Reconciling with someone you have broken relationship with is a means of grace.
3. Reconciliation is a Refreshing of the Heart ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. What we have to be realistic in saying is that attempting to reconcile with someone does not always result in reconciliation. Yet, when there is reconciliation, it is a refreshing of the heart. It also refreshes the hearts of your family and those connected to them. The word refresh refers to an inner rest. It refers to a perpetual praise of God. Meaning when reconciliation happens there is a praise which occurs because there is reconciliation with someone you had a broken relationship. Paul uses this word to describe his heart when reconciliation takes place.

To reconcile with someone who has hurt us is extremely difficult. We are never forced to reconcile but Paul is asking us to consider the hard work of reconciliation. This is a work that not only changes us but changes everything around us.

Your Brother Because of Jesus,

Angel

GREETERS & ACOLYTE'S

Mark Your Calendars

This is the only list you will receive – so PLEASE look this over

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 10:10 AM and the bell should be rung 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Please hand out the morning bulletin. Before worship – open the doors into the sanctuary and close them when the service begins. You will also get the collection plates before the service begins; the collection plates are on the first pew in the back section of the church in the black cloth bag.

Please lock the front doors into the church. Pull to make sure the door is latched, use the small “key” found on the window ledge, insert it into the bar of the door and turn until the bar pops out. The handicap door will remain unlocked until 10 minutes into service (Cassie will take care of this.)

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>GREETERS</u> | <u>ACOLYTES</u> |
|-------------|---|-----------------|
| November 6 | Colton and Shelby Fairman | MaKayla Scrips |
| November 13 | Emily Johns, Mia, Liam and MaKayla Scrips | Jonah Scrips |
| November 20 | Presbyterian Women | Emily Johns |
| November 27 | Dave and Kris Hilty | Mia Scrips |
| December 4 | Krista, Laney and Grant Johnston | Liam Scrips |

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 6 and 13 – Martha Dyott
November 20 and 27 – Marion Kunkle
December 4 and 11 – Linnie Rodgers

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.



Please join us for communion, during worship service, as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, **November 20, 2022**

As we celebrate communion, the session wants the congregation to be aware we will no longer stand as the elders enter the sanctuary.

Standing for the elders is only required when the elders are carrying the elements for communion into the sanctuary.

Since our elements are on the communion table prior to the service, our elders do not participate in this.



Holy Baptism

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

On Sunday October 23, 2022, we participated
in the baptism of

Eliana Claire Smith
Daughter of
Bethany and Ryan Smith

In a spirit of thanksgiving and promise, let us along with their
family commit ourselves to Reese's nurture and guidance in
the Christian faith.



We will be receiving new members on
November 13, 2022,
if you are interested in becoming a member of
Elderton Presbyterian Church,
please contact Dr. De La Cruz or
call the church office 724-354-3117.



Let the beauty of
the harvest season
fill your heart with
warmth and love.

Happy
Thanksgiving!



IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Martha A. "Marty" Perry
October 22, 2022

*"I have fought a good fight, I have
finished the course, I have kept the faith."*



The 2023 offering envelopes are in the front vestibule, please pick yours up.
If you can deliver to family members, please take theirs as well.
Please note your envelope number may have changed due to a loss or gain of members.

In order to maintain our budget, the session is asking that each member of the church
pays for their 2023 per capita by placing \$36.25 in the
yellow initial offering envelope found in the front of your box.
Please make your per capita payment in January 2023.

*Each one must give as he has decided in his
heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Per Capita Campaign

What is Per Capita?

Presbyterians share equally, responsibility, and interdependently in the costs of governing the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), no matter the size of their congregations.

Our church is responsible for paying a per capita amount of \$36.25 per member,
this money is taken from the yearly budget.

The \$36.25 per member is divided and
is paid to the following:

\$24.00 - Kiskiminetas Presbytery,
\$2.40 – the Synod of the Trinity,
\$9.85 – General Assembly

In order to maintain our projected budget, the session is asking that each member of the church
pays for their per capita by placing \$36.25 in the yellow initial offering envelope

or

mail it to the church office :

EPC

PO Box 159 Elderton, PA 15736



Butterfly Hill Preschool

Welcome Fall!

Fall weather, fall fun! The classes at Butterfly Hill are all settling in to a great routine! We have explored the great outdoors with fall walks, changing leaves, apples and Halloween fun.

Our Pre-K classes (Butterflies) are learning the ABC's, numbers and the Pledge of Allegiance. As we opened class one day the children were talking about school being fun and one little boy shouted out – *“This is the best place in the world to be!”*

Our 3- & 4-year-old Caterpillars are busy counting to 10, reciting the ABC's and learning pencil control. They are enjoying learning about fall weather and changing leaves! One little boy asks every day *“Can I please stay longer?”*

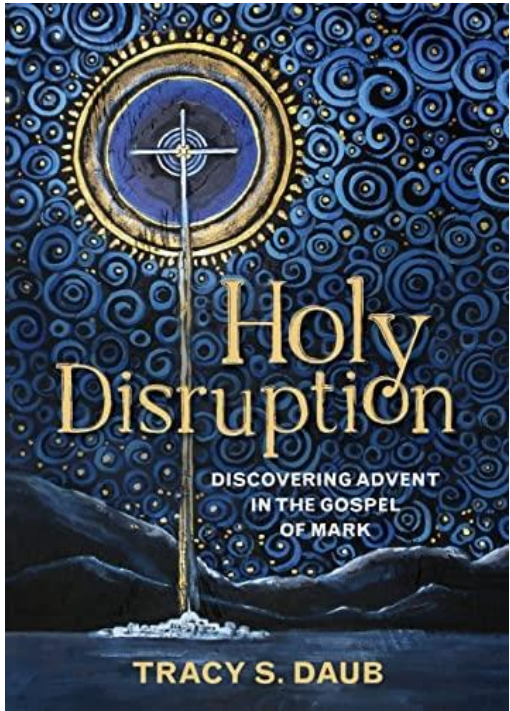
Toddlers are finally settling into a routine. Sharing and taking turns are their lesson for fall. Lots of fun activities like painting, play dough and silly simple crafts. And lots of singing and dancing! They still ask for their Mommy's on regular basis, but no more tears!

Fall has been fun and we are looking forward to Thanksgiving activities.

“Start children off the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22: 6

***Butterfly Hill Preschool
hopes everyone has a blessed and wonderful
Thanksgiving!***





ADVENT BIBLE STUDY With Dr. De La Cruz

NOVEMBER 22, 29
DECEMBER 6, 13, 20
6:00 PM

Please contact the church office
724-354-3117 or contact Susan to
sign up and get your book ordered.



Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA invites the congregation to identify and nominate rising high school seniors to receive a minimum \$24,000 scholarship each year for four years for a total of \$96,000 four-year scholarship.

Called the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program, the scholarship is available to students who possess at least 3.5 (cumulative) high school GPA, who are members of a Presbyterian church, and are nominated by the pastor/congregation.

Nominations must be returned on or before December 1, 2022.

For more information, please contact the church office – 724-354-3117



and Basket Raffle for Bob Sheffler

November 13, 2022

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Elderton Volunteer Fire Department

Adults - \$10.00, 12 and under \$5.00

Menu includes:

Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and drink

Raffle will be 11:00 to 4:00

Drawing will start at 4:00

Winners do not need to be present.

Bob was in a bad ATV accident on August 27, 2022.

He has been in the hospital and then transferred to a rehab center.

He is to come home October 10, 2022.

He will still require many doctor appointments and rehab.

This dinner is to ease the cost of travel and medical bills.

Once Bob's vacation time at his employment runs out,
the family will have one income until he can return to work.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Larry Prugh – 1st
Kyle Beers – 2nd
Maryanne Xiong – 2nd
Travis Anderson – 3rd
Luke Ramer – 5th
Emma Cessna – 6th
Gabe Creighton – 8th
Alexandra Maughan – 8th
Crystal Pepper – 9th
Ethan Rearick – 9th
Chester Schall – 11th
Cheryl Hankey – 11th
Debbie Keeler – 12th
Jaylin Freeman – 12th
Veda Hixenbaugh – 13th
Margie Wood – 13th
Charlene De La Cruz – 14th
Kristy Dickman – 16th
Bethany Smith – 16th
Dean Howard – 17th
Gary Henderson – 18th
Devin Creighton – 18th
Bill Krebs – 19th
Lucy Creighton – 20th
Brian Dyott – 21st
Leah Tatsak – 22nd
Kathy Jo Scrips – 22nd
Adam Howard – 23rd
Butch Rodgers – 26th
Brenda Salley – 26th
Alissa Meyer – 26th
Beth Schrecengost - 29th
Joanie Riggle – 30th
Julie Perry – 30th

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tom and Phyllis Popp – 1st, 1963
Gary and Cindy Henderson – 3rd, 1973
Sally and Ed Fink – 12th, 2016
Don and Marion Kunkle – 15th, 1958
Kurt and Gyennie Flickinger – 15th, 2008
Bob and Loretta Coleman – 24th, 1961
Dave and Kris Hilty – 24th, 1990



In the wake of the catastrophic impacts from Hurricane Ian, there was an urgent need for Emergency Clean Up Buckets.

The needs for the response were great.

God's people were called on to stand in "GAP" – Give, Act, Pray.

We had one week to collect donations and purchase the items for in the buckets. Due to the generosity of our congregation, we collected \$800.00 and made 12 buckets.

We would like to thank everyone for their donations. and thanks to Shirley Schall, Lois Brown and Nancy Schrecengost for shopping.

November 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service | 7 | 8 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand | 9 | 10 6:00 – Deacons Meeting 6:30 – Session Meeting |  11 | 12 |
| 13 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service 11:00 – 4:00- Spaghetti Dinner for Bob Sheffler at Firehall | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 9:00 – 12:00 Helping Hand |
| 20 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service – Communion  | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24  | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service – First Sunday of Advent | 28 | 29 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand | 30 | | | |