


NOVEMBER

A festive Thanksgiving-themed illustration. It features a large turkey on the left, a cornucopia of food including corn, bread, and a pie in the center, and a blue gift box on the right. The scene is decorated with various autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow, along with acorns.

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ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER—NEWSLETTER — 2023

PASTOR'S PAGE

“Helping in Difficult Times”

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have!

In the letter to the Philippians, Paul speaks with honesty about his struggles as an apostle and his intention to serve Christ in all circumstances. Some may believe that Paul was impervious to difficult times and that his faith was always strong but that is not the case. I think that Paul found ways to encourage himself through the knowledge that others are serving Christ through difficult circumstances.

Paul was responsible for not only encouraging himself but others also. Paul comments “I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,” The Apostle Paul’s life was not to only be lived for himself but for others.

Not too long ago we were privileged to hear one of our members ask for prayer for God to increase her faith. The church was overwhelmed with compassion and love and prayed that her faith was increased. We could identify with her because there are times when we have experienced difficult circumstances and needed others. In the same way we are called to encourage others when we experience difficult circumstances.

We can actually encourage ourselves by sharing in the suffering and difficulties of someone else. By bearing the difficulties of other people we incarnate Jesus Christ. We become what the Holy Spirit wants us to be.

When we bear the burdens of others, we live a life worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the gospel life to help others while we are enduring difficulties. Jesus Christ did this on the cross. While dying on the cross, Jesus forgave those who crucified him. Jesus even took one of the thieves to the kingdom with him. Paul is emulating Jesus Christ in our text.

We are called to bear one another's burdens. The next time you find yourself in difficult times, seek to help someone through their times of burden like Paul did.

Your Brother Because of Jesus,
Dr. 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 10:00 AM. The bell should be rung 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Please hand out the morning bulletin. Close the doors when the service begins. You will also take up the offering, get the collection plates before the service begins; they 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 5	Adam and Ashley Quinn	Travis Johns
November 12	Betsy Bertolino and Terri Maughan	MaKayla Scrips
November 19	Presbyterian Women	Emily Johns
November 26	Laurie and Sarah Pritt	Jonah Scrips
December 3	Tom Spencer and Chet Schall	Adalyn Quinn



FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 5 and 12 – Amber Pinkerton
November 19 and 26 – Marion Kunkle
December 3 - 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/table arrangement, please schedule with Joanie - 724-954-1671.

Elderton Presbyterian Church
is in search of
a program director and two teachers
for the Butterfly Hill Preschool Mission.

After 31 years of dedication to the program,
Jeanne Speer is retiring,
After 25 years of dedication to the program,
Martha Dyott is retiring.

If you or someone you know would be interested in one of the available positions, please contact the church office 724-354-3117 or Jeanne Speer 724-422- 3719



**PLEASE JOIN US
NOVEMBER 12, 2023
THE YOUTH GROUP WILL SPONSOR
A PANCAKE SAUSAGE DINNER
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE.**



Please join us in the church office
every Tuesday at 10:00 am
for Prayer Time.

This is an opportunity for many to
come together to continue to
pray for our joys and concerns.

*Jesus said, "For where two or
three have gathered in my name,
I am there among them
Matthew 18:20*



IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Linnie Rodgers

March 29, 1940 – September 20, 2023

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

WELCOME
new members
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We will receive new members during worship service on
November 12, 2023.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Elderton Presbyterian Church,
please see Dr. Angel or call the church office 724-354-3117.

Humanitarian response in Israel/Palestine

*“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children
of God.”*

(Matthew 5:9)



We have witnessed the millions of people caught in the middle of the devastating conflict between the government of Israel and Hamas. This is a dire humanitarian crisis and the loss of human life is unimaginable. Through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is providing assistance to those most vulnerable, and supporting partners in Palestine and Israel who are responding to the needs of their neighbors. Our biggest concern is the safety and care for those caught in the middle of this conflict and in need of humanitarian aid, no matter their religious beliefs, politics or nationality. Years of recovery lie ahead. Will you stand in the “GAP” for all affected by this conflict? — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/GIVE-IP, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with “DR000081-Israel/Palestine” written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



ACT: Urge the U.S. government to advocate for an immediate cease-fire and the end of the blockade on Gaza to ensure urgent access to humanitarian aid, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

PRAY: *Dear God, We come before you with heavy hearts, burdened by the ongoing conflict in the land of Israel and Palestine. As we listen to the stories, and see the news of what is unfolding, we pray for all the people affected by this strife, for the innocent civilians, the children, and the families who endure the pain of violence and unrest. In times of darkness, help us remember that we are all your children, and that love and compassion can transcend the divisions and hate that lead to war. Grant us the strength to work tirelessly for a world where conflicts are resolved through dialogue, justice and respect for one another.*

\$500 \$125 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

ELDERTON COMMUNITY LIGHT-UP NIGHT

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2, 2023



Evening Festivities Include:

- Food available at the Firehall - 4PM-9PM
- Family activities at the Firehall - 4PM-9PM
- Raffle Baskets & 50/50 - 4PM-8PM
- Parade registration and line up starting at 4:45 at Elderton Presbyterian Church
- Parade - 5:30PM
- Tree lighting following parade
- Pictures with Santa at the Firehall following parade
- Musical Performances throughout the evening in front of the Firehall

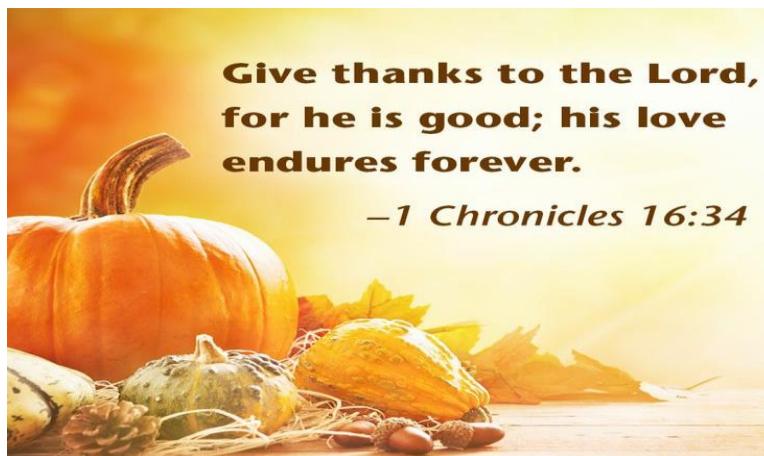
Interested in participating in the parade or have questions? Contact Kevin 412-289-5063 or Celeste 724-840-1061

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Larry Prugh – 1st
Kyle Beers – 2nd
Maryanne Xiong – 2nd
Travis Anderson – 3rd
Luke Ramer – 5th
Emma Cessna – 6th
Alexandra Maughan – 8th
Ethan Rearick – 9th
Chester Schall – 11th
Cheryl Hankey – 11th
Debbie Keeler – 12th
Jaylin Freeman – 12th
Eric Pinkerton – 12th
Veda Hixenbaugh – 13th
Margie Wood – 13th
Charlene De La Cruz – 14th
Sandy Peterman- 15th
Kristy Dickman – 16th
Bethany Smith – 16th
Dean Howard – 17th
Gary Henderson – 18th
Bills Krebs – 19th
Brian Dyott – 21st
Leah Tatsak – 22nd
Kathy Jo Scrips – 22nd
Pat Schrecengost – 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 -**60 yrs.**
Gary and Cindy Henderson – 3rd, 1973 – **50 yrs.**
Ed and Sally Fink – 12th, 2016
Don and Marion Kunkle – 15th, 1958 -**65 yrs.**
Kurt and Gyennie Flickinger – 15th, 2008 – **15 yrs.**
Bob and Loretta Coleman – 24th, 1961
Dave and Kris Hilty – 24th, 1990



November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service Butterfly Hill Preschool – special music	6	7 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand	8 1:00 - Circle meeting at Nancy's house	9 6:00 – Deacons Meeting 6:00 - Session Meeting	10 Veterans Day Observed - Church Office Closed	11 
12 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service- New Members Received Pancake & Sausage Dinner following worship service	13	14	15	16	17	18 9:00 – 12:00 Helping Hand 10:00 – Fall Craft Show at Elderton Firehall
19 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	20	21 10:00 – 3:00 Helping Hand	22	23	24	25
26 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	27	28	29	30		

