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ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTOR'S PAGE

"Nothing But the Blood"

Ephesians 1:7-10

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

There seems to be a lack of love for humanity. It appears as though society does not care for itself the way it should as we are faced with a generation that does not love itself. Think about it for a moment. The way people desire to just kill others because life appears unfair to them. The way countries start wars on smaller countries. The way people do not care for the poor and the broken. These actions make it seem that there is a lack of love for humanity. Christians do not fall into this category because they understand what it means to be love and what it means to love because they have been loved by Jesus Christ. We are a redeemed people and have been bought by a sacrifice.

Redemption is more than an event or an item; rather, it rests in a person, it rests on a Redeemer. No redeemer, no redemption. That person, that Redeemer, is none other than Jesus Christ. Why is a redeemer necessary?

Our Spiritual State is Dead in Trespasses and Sin.

We were enslaved to sin, and owned by Satan. Our lives were wrapped up in the brokenness which sin desires. God has redeemed us from the curse of the Law and we have been released from the bondage of sin. We have been set free from the power of iniquity. We have been set free from the results of sin. We are a free people in the name of Jesus Christ. Redemption is Jesus buying us back through his blood. Jesus paid the ultimate price for our redemption.

We Have Been Redeemed Through His Blood.

Hear what is said in, Psalm 49:15 *¹⁵But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.* Sin must not be taken lightly, for it requires a blood sacrifice. God acts as redeemer by powerfully delivering us from sin. Because of this redemption we are adopted into the beloved of God. We have sonship not from our own worthiness, but because of Jesus' blood sacrifice. We who are united with God hold on to Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed through the counsel of God. Professor Klueker says it this way: The entire Pauline theology rests mainly on what he calls the *Divine mystery*, terming its execution the *economy* of God. No Apostle speaks with such a sweep and fulness of spirit, as Paul, whose revelation is in this economy.

A few years ago, a very small girl in Texas fell down the shaft of an abandoned well. She landed on a small shelf many feet down. Had she fallen a few inches to one side, she would have plunged into the bowels of the earth. A microphone was lowered down in an attempt to determine her condition. At one point she could be heard reciting nursery rhymes. Skilled and concerned people labored hard and long to rescue her. A tunnel had to be dug down and then angled to her location. The nation cheered as they finally saw a man come out of the tunnel with the little girl in his arms. She had been redeemed from a pit. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve we have been pulled down into sin and brokenness. Because of Jesus Christ we have been redeemed from the pit.

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 10:00 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>
September 3	Sue and Lee Pierce	Aaron Quinn
September 10	Shelby and Colton Fairman	Mia Scrips
September 17	Brittany Coleman and Conner Fairman	Liam Scrips
September 24	Kris and Dave Hilty	Travis Johns
October 1	Sheila and Jamey Brumbaugh	Emily Johns



FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 3 and 10 - open
September 17 and 24 - open
October 1 and 8 – Joanie Riggle

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

Linda Prugh is the contact person for prayer chain requests.

If you have a prayer request that you would like others to pray for, or if you would like to be added to the email to receive the requests

contact Linda

Home - 724-354-4787

Cell - 724-464-8861

Email – larrylee201@comcast.net

Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18



The Butterfly Hill Preschool staff has been working to get ready for the start of the school year.

The classrooms are being decorated for the children to learn and have fun.

Please keep the children and teachers in your prayers as they start the **31st year** of this mission at Elderton Presbyterian Church.



IT'S A BOY!

We extend our congratulations to Beth (Aikins) and Ryan Smith on the birth of their son, Daniel Allen Smith.

Daniel was born at Excelsa Health Westmoreland Hospital on August 6, 2023 at 10:04 AM

Daniel weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Daniel was welcomed home by his proud big sister, Eliana

We also congratulate grandparents, Ron and Sharon Aikins.

NEW CHAIRS

50 padded chairs have been purchased for use
in
Fellowship Hall through donations.

We would like to purchase 50 more chairs, each chair costs \$30.50.

If you would like to make a monetary donation towards the new chairs, please put your donation in an envelope marked "chairs" and place in the offering plate.



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

10:30 AM – During worship service –
Recognition of teachers and a blessing on the school year.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

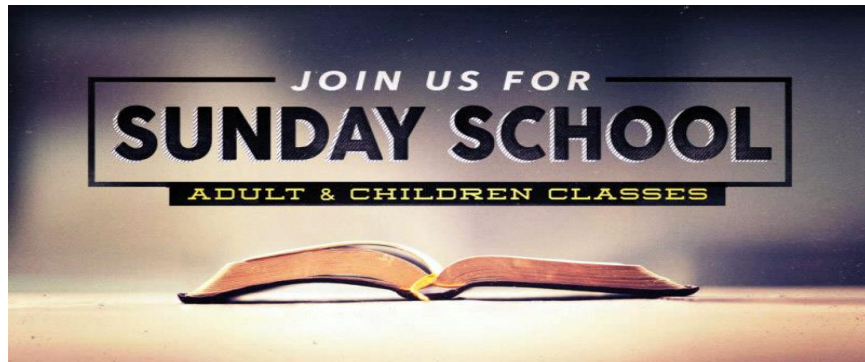
**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT.**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

**WE WILL HAVE A BREAKFAST
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL STARTING AT 8:30 AM**

CORNHOLE STARTS PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM

If you have cornhole boards and bags please bring them.



HEY KIDS! COME JOIN US!
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
9:15-10:15 AM

We are pleased to have Emily Spencer back as the leader for our children's class. They will continue to discover how special they are to God and how wild it is that they can share their story, use their gifts, spend time with God, and spend time with others.

HEY ADULTS! COME JOIN US!
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
9:15-10:15 AM

Please join us with teacher Charlene De La Cruz, in the adult Sunday school class as they continue studying from the book "Celebrating the Sabbath – Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight"

Sixth Annual Fireman's Festival and Parade 3 Day Event

Hosted by: Elderton Fire Department



Friday, September 1

7:00 – First Annual 5K

7:00 - 10:00 PM – Mark Anderson

Saturday, September 2

12:00 – Car Cruise

1:00-5:00 – Steel City Mobile Mini Golf

Sunday, September 3

11:00 – Chicken BBQ

1:00-4:00 – Chad Toland

2:00 - 4:30 – Bicycle Decorating Contest –

(all bikes are welcome to participate in the parade.)

5:00 – Parade – line up starts at 4:00

After the parade stick around for more entertainment and fireman's games

Dusk - Fireworks

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR VOLUNTEER FIREMAN BY ATTENDING THE FESTIVAL



HAWAII WILDFIRES PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Multiple fires continue to burn in Hawai'i on the islands of Maui and Hawai'i (The Big Island). While there are no PC(USA) congregations on those islands, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is collaborating with UCC and other [National VOAD](#) members to respond.

An initial response grant has been disbursed to address emergency needs, and PDA will be present through the long-term recovery phase. Emergency needs include but are not limited to food, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), medicine and more.

If you would like to donate to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to assist with the needs of those who are left with total devastation, please go to the following website.....

pda.pcusa.org/situation/hawaii-wildfires/

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Cayden Mudd – 1st Owen Fleming – 3rd Gerry Howard – 4th Cindy Henderson – 6th Reese Spencer – 6 th Dr. Angel De La Cruz – 8th Krista Johnston – 9th Karen Schall – 11th Blair Brown – 12th Kylie Meyer – 13th Jenny Shultz – 14th John Bowser – 15th Michael Johnston – 15th Melissa Schall – 17th Charlee Pfeister – 17th Mark Clowser – 20th Andrew Plavi – 20th Haydan Lukehart – 21st Matt Cribbs – 22nd Tanner Daquilante, 22 nd Connor Lasser – 26th Nathan Brumbaugh – 28th MaKayla Scrips – 28th Loretta Coleman - 29th Jason Freeman, Jr. – 30th	Jerry and Brenda Cribbs – 6th, 1975 Dan and Christie Zelenski – 18th, 2010 Eric & Susan Schrecengost – 23rd, 1989 Richard and Emily Shaffer – 25th, 2010 Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips – 28th, 2002

A note of thanks was received from Mt. Zion Church of Girty...

Elderton Presbyterian Church,

The Lord works wonders through wonderful people like you!

We are so grateful for your generous donation
 for our "Operation Backpack" to help our students off to a great new school year.

We are praying we can make this an annual event,
 but we couldn't do it without people like you!

May God Bless You!

Love and Prayers,

Mt. Zion Church

"I have not stopped giving thanks to God for you"

Ephesians 1: 16

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fireman's Festival	2 Fireman's Festival
3 Fireman's Festival 10:30 –Worship Service	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 8:30 -Choir rehearsal 9:00 - Breakfast and Cornhole Tournament Fireman's Festival	11  Butterfly Hill Preschool – first day of school	12	13 1:00 – Circle meeting at Nancy's house	14 5:00 – Butterfly Hill Board meeting 6:00 – Deacon's meeting 6:00 - Session Meeting	15	16
17 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service	18	19	20	21 10:00-3:00 – Helping Hand 6:00 – Ch Ed meeting	22	23  First Day of Fall
24 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 –Worship Service -	25	26	27	28	29	30