

SEPTEMBER

2025

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“Jesus Christ Desires Intimacy”

Luke 22: 15 - 16

15 Then He said to them, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

One of my favorite parts of fall is the changing of the leaves on the trees. Yellow, red, brown, tan, and orange are just a few colors the leaves turn during the fall season. While the leaves may change color as we move from summer to fall, Jesus Christ's desire to be intimate with us never changes.

Jesus Christ sincerely longs for closeness with you today. Hours before His betrayal, Jesus was fully aware that the twelve disciples would soon fall away, denying Him out of fear. Still, He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat ... with you.”

And this is His desire for you today: intimacy. As you go through this day, the most important task before you will not be getting the shopping done, taking the children to basketball practice, or paying the bills.

As crucial as these challenges may be, they pale in comparison to your calling for intimate communion with Jesus Christ: “God is faithful through whom you were called into the fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 1:9)

God's singular goal at the cross was to make our fellowship with the Lord Jesus a continuous, moment-by-moment reality.

This fall, let us resolve that nothing we do will destroy our inner relationship with him.

Your Brother, Because of Calvary,
Dr. Angel De La Cruz

GREETERS & ACOLYTE'S

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> |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| September 7 | Shirley Schall and Nancy Schrecengost | Adalyn Quinn |
| September 14 | Bob and Kim Anderson | Lucy Taylor |
| September 21 | Ryan and Sarah Scrips | Cooper Grantz |
| September 28 | Doug and Jodi Klingensmith | Jonah Scrips |
| October 5 | Tom and Sandy Wingard | Aaron Quinn |



FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 7 and 14 – open

September 21 and 28 – open

October 5 and 12 – Joanie Riggle

Joanie Riggle is the contact person for the flower calendar. If anyone wants to request a date to donate chancel flowers, an organ, or a table arrangement, please schedule with Joanie at 724-954-1671.



**OFFICE PRAYER TIME
EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

Our prayer group is growing!

**We would love
for you to join us!**



CHOIR MEMBERS

Please join us for our first practice on September 21 at 8:30 AM.

Practices will continue on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM.

We warmly invite everyone to join our choir!
If you have a passion for singing, this is your opportunity to share your talent.

We can't wait to see you there!

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Exciting News!

We are thrilled to share that Verizon in Kittanning has generously donated backpacks for every child at our preschool!

Their kindness ensures our little learners are ready to start the year with the supplies they need and smiles on their faces.

We are deeply grateful to Verizon for supporting our children's education and showing such care for our mission and community.

**Thank you, Verizon,
for helping our students start the year off right!**



**PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

8:30 Breakfast; 9:00 Cornhole Tournament

10:30 AM – Join us during the worship service as we honor our dedicated Sunday School and Butterfly Hill Preschool teachers with a heartfelt blessing for the upcoming school year. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their commitment and the important role they play in shaping the lives of our children.

Let's come together to show our gratitude and support!



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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

8:30 AM -BREAKFAST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

CORNHOLE STARTS PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM



HEY KIDS

**We will continue this year with the curriculum from
HeartShaper**

Children will be introduced to the lesson, they will interact with scripture passages, develop Bible skills, and discover how the Scripture applies to their lives.

Lessons will include:

Jesus calmed the storm, Jesus heals us, Jesus cares for us all the time,
Jesus teaches us not to be greedy, Jesus can do anything, Jesus teaches us to follow him,
Why is Sunday important?, What is the Bible?

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

9:30 - 10:15 AM

Miss Emily will be teaching the Preschool - Early Elementary Class
If you have any questions about the Sunday School program,
please call Emily at 724-954-4591

TEEN Sunday School

Join us for the start of Sunday school!

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

Rylee Riggle will lead the teens as they study
“WHAT IF WE GAVE GOD THE SAME
ATTENTION WE GIVE OUR PHONES?”

We are excited to announce that our Coffee Bar will be open!
Enjoy a warm or iced cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa
while connecting with friends and learning more about God’s love together.

It’s more than just coffee—
it’s a place for fellowship, encouragement, and growing in faith.

We can’t wait to see you there!



Adult Sunday School

HELLO ALL ADULTS!

(Single, Married, Young or Old)

The Adult Sunday School class
will be starting back up on

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

9:30 – 10:15 AM

**Charlene De La Cruz is the leader,
offering a strong Bible-based class
that has you coming back for more.**

The fall lesson plan will revolve around the book
“Experiencing the Heart of Jesus for 52 Weeks”



Butterfly Hill Preschool

At Butterfly Hill Preschool, we are delighted to launch the 2025-2026 school year, welcoming the joyful, bright faces of our community's children.

Every member of our dedicated staff—whether new or seasoned—has felt your encouraging thoughts, prayers, and unwavering support.

We are excited to share that we have a full and enthusiastic team, and our classroom list is growing every day.

Together, we are poised to create a remarkable year filled with learning and joy!

This year is particularly thrilling with the introduction of our all-day Pre-K class. This class is designed to provide even more enriching opportunities to prepare our children for kindergarten.

In response to the overwhelming demand, we are excited to announce the addition of a second Toddler Time class!

The mission of this preschool will never change.

We are all here to carry on the purpose started 33 years ago.

Every child who comes to us will be in a safe, caring, and developmentally appropriate classroom while learning what is needed to begin their elementary school career and God's everlasting love for them.

The staff for the 2025-26 school year includes

Director – Barbara Johns
Teacher – Monette Adamson
Teacher – Carolyn Warr
Teacher – Cierra Claypoole
Teacher - Brianna Sheffler
Teacher – Kayla Shaffer
Teacher – Crissy Cooper

Have a blessed September, from all of us here at Butterfly Hill Preschool.

| SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS | SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES |
|----------------------------|---|
| Gerry Howard – 4th | Shawna and Chad Taylor – 16th, 2015 - 10 years |
| Sophia Pinkerton – 5th | Conner and Brittany Fairman – 21st, 2024 |
| Reese Spencer – 6th | Eric and Susan Schrecengost – 23rd, 1989 |
| Dr. Angel De La Cruz – 8th | Cory and Kathy Jo Scrips – 28th, 2002 |
| Krista Johnston – 9th | |
| Karen Schall – 11th | |
| Blair Brown – 12th | |
| John Bowser – 15th | |
| Michael Johnston – 15th | |
| Justin Claypoole – 19th | |
| Mark Clowser – 20th | |
| Eric Longwell -20th | |
| Kyle Uptegraph – 25th | |
| MaKayla Scrips – 28th | |
| Loretta Coleman – 29th | |
| Brantley Claypoole – 29th | |
| Jason Freeman, Jr. – 30th | |



**We warmly invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM
for a delightful time of fellowship, delicious coffee,
and tasty refreshments in the Upper Room at the coffee bar.**

**It's the perfect opportunity to connect with others before
Sunday School begins promptly at 9:30 AM.**

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

September 2025

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