

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 5-18-14

TODAY 9:45 AM – Sunday School
 9:45 AM – Inquirers' Class – PR
 12:00 PM – Special Congregation Meeting – SA
 12:30 PM – Student Ministries Cook Out – YH
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting –CCR

MONDAY 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Preschool –CE, FH
 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – 5th Grade Girls' Bible Study @Harbaughs
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FrH
 7:00 PM – Women's Ministry Committee Meeting – KL

TUESDAY 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Preschool –CE, FH
 10:00 AM – Staff Mtg. – KL
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Preschool – CE, FH
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Messiah & Me – YH
 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal – CR
 8:05 PM – Music Ministries Bible Study – SA
 8:25 PM – Praise Team – SA

THURSDAY 7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS
 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Preschool – CE, FH
 9:15 AM – 11:30 AM- Women's Stretch & Study – YH
 10:30 AM – Grace Manor Service

FRIDAY 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Preschool – CE, FH

SATURDAY

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given in memory of Edward and Mary Garner by the Frank Reed Family.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Patty Robinson.

HEARING ENHANCING EQUIPMENT: If you have difficulty hearing during the worship service, please let one of the ushers know prior to the service, and you'll be given a hearing enhancer to use during the service.

TODAY'S USHERS:

Elizabeth Dolan	Andrew Siar
Camden Callahan	Matt Potock
Noah Heere	Sierra Simcic
Kelly Frantz	Kayleigh Hegerle
Morgan Stormer	

SOUND TECHNICIANS:

8:30 AM – Michael Beal
 11:10 AM – Mike Dolan

UPCOMING SERVICE:

Sunday, May 25, 2014
 New Member Recognition
 Rev. Jason Rea preaching

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Jeanine Arrigo, Interim Director of Children's Ministries at jeanine@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.

1. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP (ages 4 to Grade 2): Meeting at 11:10 AM in the Green Room provides an opportunity for children to experience God through an age-appropriate and multi-sensory worship service. Today's lesson, "The Good Shepherd and the Last Supper" is being taught by Donna Rea Thompson, Sue Anderson, Bethann Dolan, and Carolyn Hervey.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL to GRADE 6: The Sunday School hour begins at 9:45 AM for all ages. Children in Preschool to Grade 2 meet in the **GREEN ROOM (main floor of C.E. building)** to begin with a time of music. The last day of Sunday School is TODAY.

3. M&m's "MESSIAH & ME": Join us and bring a friend for Messiah & me – a youth group for Grades 4-6! Mark your calendars for May 21, 2014. We will meet at the Youth House. Third Graders are welcome to come and check it out, too. See you there!!

4. ALL CHURCH CELEBRATION: Please join us on May 25th from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM to celebrate a GREAT year of Sunday School. There will be a light breakfast, entertainment, and an activity in Fellowship Hall. Please respond using the blue insert form in the bulletin.

Please use this form to register for church events. After filling it out, you may tear it off and place into the offering plate. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Event: _____

Number of Registrants: Adults _____ Children _____

Ages of Children: _____

Other applicable information: _____

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement April 30, 2014		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$ 210,167
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$ 227,635
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$ 229,185
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$ -1,550

5. WORKSHOP OF WONDERS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

This summer, from June 23rd to 27th, kids will discover how to Imagine and Build with God! This Week of FUN will keep us active and growing in faith. Registration and volunteer forms can be found on the tables outside the sanctuary.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

*For more information on these ministries,
please contact Jennifer Clayton at
jennifer@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.*

6. CONSIDERING CHOIR? Join us for summer choir! We will meet for a brief rehearsal before services to learn the anthem. There are no midweek rehearsals! We will meet at 9:30 AM to sing for the 10:00 service on the FIRST Sunday of the month, and at 7:30 AM to sing for the 8:00 service on the THIRD Sunday of the month, for the months of June, July, and August.

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

*For more information on these ministries, please contact
Rev. Jason Rea at
jason@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.*

7. JR. AND SR. HIGH END OF THE YEAR COOKOUT will be today from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM at the Youth House. Come and enjoy good food, fun and fellowship!

8. GOT SENIORS? GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY: JUNE 1ST: On June 1st, we will recognize our graduating seniors. For this to happen we need your help. First, we would like for you to email Cindy at cindy@elfinwildchurch.org or call the church office and let us know the name of your graduate, school from which they are graduating, and their future plans (college, military, employment, apprenticeship etc.). Second, we would like to know if your senior will be able to attend the 10 AM service on June 1st. If so, we would like to invite them to come wearing their cap and gown in order to process together at the beginning of the service. We will meet outside of Jason's office at 9:45 AM and talk about how this will happen. If your student is unable to make the service that morning, please contact us with the above information and simply let us know that they will not be able to attend. We would appreciate responses by Wednesday, May 28th, as we would like to honor all seniors by placing their information in the bulletin that day.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

9. WOMEN'S STRETCH AND STUDY: Please join us for Elfinwild's Women's Bible Study which meets on Thursday mornings from 9:15 AM to 11:30 AM at the Youth House. We start with a brief time of light yoga, and then dive right into God's Word. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Childcare is available. **Our last study for this school year is May 29th!** For more information, please call Kara Rea at 412-328-5367.

10. SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS will begin on June 1, 2014. We will have two services: One at 8:00 AM and one at 10:00 AM. Please mark your calendars!

11. ELFINWILD IS HELPING TO SUPPORT the efforts of Connecting Hearts Through the Arts. Please look at youcaring.com/connectinghearts for more information. If you wish to donate raffle tickets, drinks, or a monetary donation please contact Jennie O'Dell at -odellj@sasd.k12.pa.us or 412-492-1200 ext. 4614. The Jireh Home is a non-profit institution for children ages 7-17 who are in need of foster care. It is located in Tuaran, Sabah, Malaysia.

12. ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY DRIVERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you have a couple of hours during the week to assist in the kitchen or can assist in delivery of the meals, please contact Marion Berberich at 412-486-8000. Any time that you can provide would be greatly appreciated for this important ministry. Please contact Marion Berberich at 412-486-8000.

13. SAN JOSE DEL NEGRITO MISSION TRIP: June 14th-21st, 2014. We are excited to be able to participate in a community-wide construction project working on the Kindergarten Grounds and Playground. We will be helping to finish the playground and likely add a tool/playground shed, and work on the gardens of the area. Please see the green sheet on the tables outside of the sanctuary for more information.

14. JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND: December 26, 2014 – January 4, 2015. All Inclusive Price is \$3,296 from Pittsburgh. For more information, please contact the church office at 412-486-5400.

COMMUNITY NEWS

15. SUMMER READING CAMPS for beginning readers designed for pre-K (5 years old) and completed Kindergarten children. Camps are limited to 6 students with 2 teachers and held at St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland, 311 Cumberland Rd, McCandless Twp. Two Camps offered: June 23-27 and August 4-8 from 9:30 to 11:30. Call Christian Literacy Associates (a non-profit ministry since 1975) at 412-364-3777 or contact Mrs. Jennie Ebner at cjbner@zoominternet.net.

16. P.R.I.S.M. PROJECT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the preparation and serving of a meal to approximately 80 international students on Sunday, June 1st at Bellefield Church in Oakland from approximately 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. It is important that volunteers are willing to converse with the students and make them feel welcome. You do not need to be there to help - you can bake cookies or prepare part of the meal at home that will be picked up and delivered to Bellefield Church. Contact Beth Meyer at froggypond.meyer@gmail.com or at 412-781-0207 for more information if interested!

17. FREE HOME SAFETY INSPECTIONS FOR SENIORS: Trained Safety-For-Seniors Volunteers will conduct a brief but thorough FREE home safety assessment. They will install smoke alarms (if needed) and leave seniors with a bag of safety items, such as a flashlight and fresh batteries, a bath mat, night light, and other helpful items. After the assessment, seniors qualify for either a free grab bar or an indoor railing installed at no charge. For information, please contact Cathy Pschirer at 412-307-0069, ext. 3313 at North Hills Community Outreach.

18. ELFINWILD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY is in need of new members. If you're looking for a way to give something back to the community, this is a great opportunity! All training and equipment is provided either in-house or through local fire academies and schools. By making a commitment to the fire service, you can earn a FREE college degree through the FireVest program of the Community College of Allegheny County. For degrees offered or for more details, call 412-931-3158, ext. 5. Stop by the fire hall at 2807 Mt. Royal Blvd. on any Monday evening at 7:30 PM or call Dan at 412-377-5986.

19. BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY would appreciate all kinds of non-perishable foods. Thank you for your faithful donations to your neighbors in Etna. They are always looking for volunteers who have a couple of hours a month to help sort and stock our shelves for our clients, or can assist our clients when using the Pantry. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Marlene Stack at 412-781-3056.

20. NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH has volunteer opportunities for people of all ages, skills, abilities and interests. Teens seeking volunteer hours, groups and businesses looking for team-building days, and individuals and families can all find opportunities. The next Volunteer Orientation sessions are 10:00 AM, June 12th at NHCO Millvale, and 10:00 AM, July 10th at NHCO, 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. Please register by contacting Linda at lkrobins@nhco.org or at 412-408-3830.

*BENEDICTION Blynn Shideler, III

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Alyssa Boody

**A Special meeting of the Congregation will take place TODAY
in the sanctuary, immediately after the 11:10 service.**

**The purpose of the meeting will be action upon a resolution
authorizing the purchase of 114 Church Avenue.**

All members are encouraged to attend.

**Steve Coco, President, Board of Trustees
Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session**

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CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 and 11:10 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary.

11:10 AM ONLY

Toddlers (ages 2 - 4) are welcomed in the Toddler Room

located on the 1st floor of church building

Discipleship for Children

(ages 4 - 2nd grade) Location – Green Room, 1st floor C.E. Building

Children 3rd grade and up worship with their families.



WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper,
and a way to serve for all who are willing.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2014

8:30 & 11:10 AM Worship

*You are invited to use the following Scripture for reflection
as you prepare your hearts for worship.*

Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

Psalm 31

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign the blue Friendship Pad in the pew near the center aisle.

PRELUDE “Sarasponda” Elizabeth Dolan

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 36:5-9 Alyssa Boody

Leader: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

**People: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.**

You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.

Leader: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light. Let us worship the Lord!

*SONG OF PRAISE “Mighty To Save” Youth Band

**Ev’ryone needs compassion, love that’s never failing,
Let mercy fall on me.**

**Ev’ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour,
The hope of nations.**

Chorus:

**Saviour, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.**

**Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.**

**So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures,
Fill my life again,**

**I give my life to follow ev’rything I believe in,
Now I surrender (Chorus)**

**Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing, for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing, for the glory of the risen King. (Chorus)**

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION John 1:8-9 8:30 – Tori Panza
11:10- Hannah Kalchthaler

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 8:30 – Tori Panza
11:10 – Hannah Kalchthaler

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move
and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts;
cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts,
we may draw near to you, confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Acts 13:38-39a 8:30 – Tori Panza
11:10 – Hannah Kalchthaler

“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that, through Jesus,
the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him,
everyone who believes is set free from every sin”.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Kevin Hart

OFFERTORY “Oceans” Veronica Hughes

*SONG OF PRAISE: “By Your Side” Youth Band

**Why are you striving these days,
why are you trying to earn grace?
Why are you crying? Let me lift up your face.
Just don't turn away.**

**Why are you looking for love,
why are you still searching as if I'm not enough?
To where will you go child?
Tell me where will you run?
To where will you run?**

Chorus:

**'Cause I'll be by your side wherever you fall,
In the dead of night, whenever you call,
And please don't fight these hands that are holding you.
My hands are holding you.**

**Look at these hands at my side,
They swallowed the grave on that night.
When I drank the world's sin,
so I could carry you in and give you life.
I want to give you life (Chorus)**

**'Cause I, I love you.
I want you to know that I, yeah, I'll love you.
I'll never let you go (Chorus)**

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION-
Zach Hughes

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever,
Amen.**

ANTHEM “How Great Thou Art” Hannah Kalchthaler

Please join in singing the last chorus:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 1: 1-3
(page 1146 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “Children of God” Blynn Shideler, III

SONG OF PRAISE “One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”
Youth Band

**Higher than the mountains that I face,
Stronger than the power of the grave,
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains,
One thing remains.**

Chorus:

**Your love never fails; It never gives up; Never runs out on me
(Repeat 3xs)
Your love**

**On and on and on and on it goes.
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never ever have to be afraid.
One thing remains
One thing remains (Chorus)**

**In death, in life,
I'm confident and cover'd by the power of Your great love.
My debt is paid,
there's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love...
(Chorus)**