

Fill-A-Truck Suggested Items

- Package/box noodle side dish mixes
- Package/box rice side dish mixes
- Boxed hot diners or salads
- Package/box rice
- Boxed potatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned salmon, sardines, crab, tuna
- Soup
- Broth – chicken/beef /vegetable
- Canned fruit
- Ketchup
- Salad dressings
- Peanut butter
- Puddings, gelatins (ready-made or boxed)
- Baking items: cake, cookie, or brownie mix
- Sugar
- Flour
- Baby food and diapers
- Paper towels and napkins
- Toilet paper and facial tissues

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 11-23-14

TODAY 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA
 9:45 AM – Sunday School
 12:15 PM – Congregational Meeting – SA
 12:30 PM – Advent Drama Practice – UGR
 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
 7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Choir @ Glenshaw Presbyterian

MONDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM –Preschool – CE
 8:00AM – 10:00 AM – Operation Christmas Child – FH
 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – 6th Grd. Girls' Bible Study - Nursery
 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act I – FrH
 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM – Perspectives Class – UGR
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Women's Connection - CCR
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM –Preschool – CE
 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
 1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
 7:00 PM – AARP Board Meeting – FH
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH
 7:00 PM – Handbell Rehearsal – CR

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – TR, PR
 7:30 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Service – Glenshaw Presbyterian

THURSDAY THANKSGIVING DAY
 Office Closed

FRIDAY Office Closed

SATURDAY 8:30 AM –Deacons' Christmas Decorating
 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Harris/Andrews Eagle Court – SA, FH

SUNDAY (11-30-14) First Sunday of Advent
 Communion
 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA
 9:45 AM –NO Sunday School- Wreath Making – FH
 2:00 PM – Concert at Grace Manor
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING are given in memory of Jim King by Lora King and family.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Kristin Coco.

OUR ORGANIST THIS MORNING for the 11:10 service is Keith Wannamaker, newly relocated to the area. His wife, Sarah, is the Director of Music for Northmont Church. We thank him for his ministry.

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.

8:30 AM USHERS

Paul Braddock
 Max Smith
 Kim Szymoniak
 Bob Szymoniak
 Ron Tiedeman

11:10 AM USHERS

Mel Stoker
 Jennifer Muszynski
 Janell Haygood
 Patti Zahnhausen

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 AM – Marge Cain
 11:10 AM – Jerry Nist

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, November 30, 2014
 Rev. Jason Rea preaching

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Bethann Dolan, Elder for Children's Ministries at: mbergd@verizon.net or 412-492-9991

1. CRADLE ROLL ROOM FOR AGES BIRTH THROUGH

2 1/2. The Cradle Roll room is located past the church offices and choir room. The **TODDLER/PRESCHOOL ROOM** is open during the Sunday School time and 11:10 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 1/2 to 4yrs. of age.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL –Our classes will begin @ 9:45 and end at 10:45 a.m. Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2nd grade will meet in the RED room of the C.E. for Kids of the Kingdom Music to start class at 9:45. Children in 3rd grade through 6th will meet in their classrooms.

3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP – For ages Pre-K through 2nd grade during the 11:10 service. This week's lesson will be *Exile and Return* taught by Donna Rea Thompson, Sue Anderson, Elaine Jans, Beverly Friedline, and Carolyn Hervey.

4. CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS are with the regular bulletins at the entrances to the Sanctuary. If your child would like one, please see one of the ushers.

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: _____

5. FAMILY ADVENT WREATH-MAKING – As we wait for the birth of Jesus, we wait knowing the hope, joy, and love that Christ brings into the world. Come make an advent wreath with your family on November 30th at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall to take home and use for the rest of advent, and join us as we light the first candle: the candle of hope. Please RSVP by TODAY to the church office 412-486-5400. Green flyers are on the tables outside of the Sanctuary.

6. EVERGREENS FOR ADVENT WREATHS – If you have evergreen trees that can be trimmed, we would love to have some branches donated for the Advent Wreath Making here on November 30th. Please drop them off on the stage in Fellowship Hall before November 30th. Thank you!

7. PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ADVENT CELEBRATION on December 7th from 12:30 to 2:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. We will hear stories, sing songs, and make crafts. Lunch, hosted by the Church will begin at 12:30 PM. For more information, ways to help or to make reservations please pick up a purple flyer from one of the tables.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

8. CONCERT FOR GRACE MANOR – The Chancel Choir will be leading a concert and carol sing-along on Sunday, November 30 at 2:00 PM at Grace Manor, an assisted living community on Babcock, just past Passavant hospital. We would love to have you join us for this special opportunity of ministry. If you would like to sing with the choir or add your musical talents in other ways to the program, please feel invited! All ages welcome! Contact Jennifer for more information.

9. JAM WORKSHOP JAM (Jesus and Me) Music for pre-K through 6th grade workshop will be December 20th from 10:00 AM – Noon. Lunch will be included. No cost. The kids will offer their Advent story in worship the following day, December 21st, at the 11:10 service. Please contact Jennifer to sign up or to order your JAM shirts!

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.*

10. JR. & SR. HIGH CLUB – Jr. High (grades 6-8) from 4:30 – 6:00 PM and Sr. High (grades 9-12) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. This club is a wonderful time for fellowship with other students. We meet in the Youth House and play different games, have some good food and spend time in worship and study together. Please join us!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

11. PRISM THANKSGIVING HOSTING: NOVEMBER 27, 2014

Do you have a space at your Thanksgiving table this year? Please consider hosting an international student or scholar to join your family. Believe it or not, most international students in Pittsburgh never enter an American home even after years of living here. Sharing thankfulness for God's

blessings on this special American holiday can make a strong impression. It is a ministry of hospitality. Hosting includes picking up your student (if needed), having them to your home for a meal, and taking them home. Simply include them in your family traditions on Thanksgiving! To register, pick up a flyer outside the sanctuary and return it to the church office. Questions? Contact Amy Meyer at littlepine@verizon.net or 412-492-9968. Organized by PRISM: Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries.

12. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT to be held January 23-25, 2015 at the Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. The guest speaker, Saleem Ghubril, Executive Director of the Pittsburgh Promise and volunteer pastor of the Mosaic Community Church, will lead us as we focus on the theme **Light of the World**. We will explore the meaning of Jesus as *the light of the world*, what His light brings to each of us, and how we may move toward becoming a light for Christ in our world. In addition to a great speaker, the retreat offers time for fellowship; fireside chats; hiking; a 1200 foot zipline; an inside climbing wall; laser tag; sledding; young child care; and lots of activities for the kids. The cost: Adults - \$75/ Children 10-17 - \$40/ Children 4-9 - \$30 (\$200 cap for families and additional financial assistance is available if needed). Registration forms available on tables outside the sanctuary and on the church website. Questions? Patty Robinson: 412-487-0413

13. BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Over the past years a faithful group of individuals has provided a light luncheon, at a small cost, for the family and friends of a deceased individual following the funeral service. This group has dwindled in size. We need your help and assistance in creating a new group of folks who can help with this ministry. If you are interested in assisting in or leading this ministry, please contact the church office at 412-486-5400 or Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774.

14. THE PRESBYTERIAN PROJECT (includes local Presbyterian churches, Calvert Memorial, Elfinwild, Fox Chapel, Glenshaw, John McMillan, Hiland and Parkwood) has a project to which you can be part of in the early winter months. Please see the green flyer on the tables for more information.

***January 26-31, 2015 – Mission trip to Norman, Oklahoma**

The Oklahoma City suburbs experienced tremendous loss of life and property from tornadoes that swept through the area in May 2013. Volunteers will work on new construction, and install in-ground storm shelters in existing homes. There are two options for cost: - Driving in the van - \$200/person includes 1 overnight each way; Flying - \$400/person Please contact Jeff Potter (revjeff@parkwoodchurch.org) or Penny Young (youngp@fcpc.us) if you have any questions or to reserve your spot.

15. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to everyone who was able to participate in any way with Operation Christmas Child. These gifts will not only bring toys, candy, hygiene items and school supplies to needy children all over the world, but will also share the gospel of Jesus Christ. As a former recipient of a shoe box once said "One box equals one child equals one soul". Thank you for being part of that equation!! We pray that as these children open their gifts and feel the love you put into preparing them, their hearts will open as well to the greatest gift of all.....Jesus!

16. P.R.I.S.M. PROJECT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the preparation and serving of a meal to approximately 80 international students on Sunday, November 30th at Bellefield Church in Oakland from approximately 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. 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. DID YOU KNOW that you can listen to the sermons on our website? Please go to www.elfinwildchurch.org and click on the link.

18. ATTENTION MEN: There are several upcoming opportunities to strengthen your relationship with God as well as be His ambassador in the community.

* A new CLC group will be starting soon and will be meeting from 6:00 to 8:00 AM on Saturdays. Mike Gaydos and Mark Connelly will be the co-facilitators.

*Dirk will be leading a small group on fatherhood which will begin sometime in January.

If you are interested, please contact Mike Gaydos at 724-272-6951 or projecteng@hotmail.com.

19. CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS – It's time to order your Christmas Poinsettias! Please use the special white envelopes in the pews. Plants are \$11.00 each and checks should be made payable to Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Sunday, November 30th is the last day to order. Any orders received after that date will be applied to the Bread of Life Food Pantry.

20. FILL THE TRUCK! We will be filling a truck of food items to be donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry on Sunday, December 14, 2014. Please see the list on the back of the announcements for more information. Please contact Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774 with any questions or how you can help this worthy cause.

COMMUNITY NEWS

21. THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE – Glenshaw Presbyterian Church will be hosting this year's ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, November 26th. If you would like to participate in the ecumenical choir which will perform that evening, please contact Jennifer for music. This service is a wonderful expression of thanks to God and a witness to the community of believers across the Shaler-Hampton-Etna area. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

22. 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 are 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.

**QUESTIONS TO PROFESS OR REAFFIRM FAITH
IN JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOUR**

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving God's displeasure, and without hope except in God's sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Christ alone for your salvation as offered in the gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in the church by supporting and participating in its service to God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church and promise to further its purity and peace?

THREE WAYS TO JOIN A PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

1. Profession of faith.
-If you have never made a "public profession" of faith before, you may join in this manner.
2. Reaffirmation of faith.
- Some congregations, such as Roman Catholic, will not transfer membership to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations.
3. Transfer of membership.
- People joining in this manner will be asked to provide their former congregation's name and address so that our clerk of session can write for the letter of transfer.

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**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
November 23, 2014
8:30 & 11:10 AM Worship**

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

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Psalm 100

PRELUDE "Fugue in E Minor" Keith Wannamaker, Organ

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement October 31, 2014		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$531,191
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$531,721
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	- \$ 530

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**All: Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Leader: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

All: Let us worship God!

(8:30)

*SONG OF PRAISE

“How Great is Our God”

Verse 1

**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice**

Chorus

**How great is our God
Sing with me: How great is our God
And all will see how great, how great is our God**

Verse 2

**And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb**

**Name above all names, worthy of all praise
My heart will sing: How great is our God!**

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(11:10)

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 551

“Come, Ye Thankful People”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(11:10)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Words of Introduction

Questions to the Parents – Michael Milford and Jessica Bauer

Questions to the Congregation

Presentation of Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Colton Michael Milford

(11:10)

HYMN No. 498

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

(11:10)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Bovaird

Elizabeth Popovic

Andrea Volle

Clint Cable

Matt Popovic

Ruth Volle

Lori Cable

Beverly Reid

Linda Wahl

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we gather together in God’s holy presence, we are reminded that we are people in need of grace and forgiveness. God has promised to hear the prayer of the contrite heart, so in humility, we confess our sins before Him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you have given us many good gifts.
Today we thank you for all of them,
but we also confess that sometimes
we love those gifts more than we love you.
We confess wanting more and more things:
food, clothes, toys, and money.
Forgive us for not being content and thankful.
Forgive our selfishness.
Help us to love you more than everything else.
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 12:1-6

Leader: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

8:30

“Agnus Dei”

Praise Team

**Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia**

**(You are) Holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
You are holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen**

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11:10

“I Will Give Jubilant Thanks”

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.**

(11:10)

ANTHEM

“We Shall Be Thankful”

Chancel Choir

Please join in singing the refrain with us:

**Jesus is merciful, we shall be thankful!
Jesus has come and opened the door!**
(repeat)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:10-20
(page 176 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Give Thanks”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 555 “Now Thank We All Our God”

(8:30)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Minuet”

Keith Wannamaker, Organ

*Special thanks to our liturgists:
8:30 – Dwight Pearson
11:10 – Steve Heere*

NOTICE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A meeting of the Congregation will take place today
Sunday, November 23, 2014,
in the Sanctuary immediately following the 11:10 service,
for the purpose of electing Church officers.
All members are encouraged to attend.

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