

Fill-A-Truck Suggested Items

- Package/box noodle side dish mixes
- Package/box rice side dish mixes
- Boxed hot dinners or salads
- Package/box rice
- Boxed potatoes
- Pasta (single serve Chef Boyardee)
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned salmon, sardines, crab, tuna
- Soup
- Broth – chicken/beef /vegetable
- Canned fruit
- Condiments such as ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles
- Salad dressings
- Peanut butter
- Puddings, gelatins (ready-made or boxed)
- Baking items: cake, cookie, or brownie mix
- Single serve cereals or instant oatmeal
- Single serve items such as granola bars, fruit cups, Easy Mac, applesauce, sandwich crackers, Ramen/Ooodles of Noodles
- Sugar
- Flour
- Baby food and diapers
- Paper towels and napkins
- Toilet paper and facial tissues
- Personal items such as soap, shampoo, shaving cream, disposable razors

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 11-30-14

TODAY (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

MONDAY
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM –Preschool – CE
 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – 6th Grd. Girls' Bible Study @ Harbaugh's
 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act I – FrH
 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM – Perspectives Class – UGR
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH

TUESDAY
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM –Preschool – CE
 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
 12:00 PM – Men's Luncheon – FH
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH

WEDNESDAY
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – TR, PR
 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Webelos I – PR
 6:30 PM – Wolf Den – Red Room
 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – CR
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Confirmation Class – YH
 8:05 PM – Music Ministry Bible Study – SA
 8:25 PM – Praise Team – SA

THURSDAY
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM –Preschool – CE
 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – TR, PR
 8:45 AM – 3:00 PM – Music classes – UGR
 9:15 AM – 11:30 AM – Women's Stretch and Study – YH
 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Girl Scouts – Purple Room, FrH, PR
 6:00 PM – Lions' Club – FH
 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Webelos I – Red Room
 7:15 PM – Youth Choir – CR

FRIDAY
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM –Preschool – CE
 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – TR, PR
 8:45 AM – 3:00 PM – Music classes – UGR
 4:15 PM – 6:45 PM – Act I – FrH
 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Tiger Den 8 – TR
 7:00 PM – Webelos II – PR

SATURDAY
 8:00 AM –Act I – FrH
 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Advent Outreach Rehearsal – FH

SUNDAY
 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA
 9:45 AM –Sunday School- CE
 12:30 PM – Advent Community Outreach/Lunch – FH, CE, UGR
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH
 7:00 PM – Casting Crowns Concert – Consol Energy Ctr.

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING are given to the Glory of God

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Nancy Kriek.

OUR ORGANIST THIS MORNING is Michele Prokopchak.

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 – Zach Hughes
 11:10 AM –

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, December 7, 2014
 Dr. Lesnett 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 ½ to 4yrs. of age.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL –Our classes will begin at 9:45 and end at 10:45 AM. 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 *Advent I – Prophets Show the Way* 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.

5. 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.

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: _____

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

6. CONCERT FOR GRACE MANOR – The Chancel Choir will be leading a concert and carol sing-along today, 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.

7. 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.*

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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!

13. DID YOU KNOW that you can listen to the sermons on our website? Please go to www.elfinwildchurch.org and click on the link.

14. 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 on January 8th.

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

15. 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. **TODAY** is the last day to order. Any orders received after that date will be applied to the Bread of Life Food Pantry.

16. 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.

17. ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY DRIVERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – As our snowbirds go south for the winter, we have a need for additional drivers and volunteers during the winter months. 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.

18. ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY HOLIDAY TREATS

NEEDED – As you begin preparations for your holiday baking, the Elfinwild Meals Ministry would appreciate your considering baking an extra dozen of cookies or another baking items that we could include in the daily meals that we provide to our clients. These additional items mean a great deal to individuals who otherwise would not be able to enjoy the holiday treats many of us enjoy. Please leave your donation in the church kitchen marked for the Elfinwild Meals Ministry or contact Marion Berberich at 412-486-8000 to make arrangements to drop off your donation. Thanks in advance for considering making this type of addition to our meals ministry.

19. SHOULDER TO SHOULDER PITTSBURGH Alternative Gifts of Health & Organic Fair Trade Coffee For Sale – Sundays in December During Coffee Hour

Each donation comes with a lovely Christmas ornament explaining what has been purchased as well as the mission of Shoulder to Shoulder Pittsburgh. Gifts of Health will be on sale each Sunday during the month of December and on Christmas Eve. All contributions are tax deductible and 100% of donations go directly to the people of San Jose del Negrito, Honduras. Proceeds from the sale of coffee fund the education of a Honduran youth. Since 2000, twenty-four medical brigades have traveled to San Jose del Negrito. Elfinwild Presbyterian sent a mission team to Honduras during the summer of 2011 and again in 2014! As this partnership grows, we appreciate your support. More information is available by contacting Mark & Amy Meyer, littlepine@verizon.net.

20. WOMEN OF ELFINWILD – The Mary Circle welcomes all women of Elfinwild Church to our meeting on Monday, December 8th at Noon in the Library. Our lesson this month is on Rachel and Leah, pp. 55 through 70 in our book, *Women of the Bible*.

21. ATTENTION FATHERS!!! Every father knows how difficult parenting can be. If you want to find some encouragement for, support in and guidance to being a father who loves his children with a godly type of love we invite you to come and join us. We will begin meeting Thursday, January 8 at 7:15 pm in the Cornerstone Classroom. This time coincides with the Youth Choir rehearsal time. We will meet initially for six weeks through February 13th. If you have any questions or would like to confirm your place around the table please email or call Pastor Dirk Lesnett at dirk@elfinwildchurch.org or 412-486-5400.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

8:30 and 11:10 AM

November 30,th—First Sunday of Advent

“Keep Watch”

Rev. Jason Rea Preaching

Sunday School hour in Fellowship Hall:

Family Advent Wreath Making

December 7th—Second Sunday of Advent

“Preparing the Way for the Lord”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett Preaching

Adult Sunday School hour in Fellowship Hall

12:30 PM - Advent Community Outreach begins with lunch
in Fellowship Hall by reservation only

December 14th—Third Sunday of Advent

“The True Light”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett Preaching

Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall

December 21st—Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Nothing is Impossible with God”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett Preaching

Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24th

Sermon: “The Child will be a Sign for You”

Text: Luke 2:1-14

7:00 PM - Family Candlelight Service

This service is designed for families with children.

10:00 PM - Candlelight Service

This service will be filled with music presented

by the Chancel Choir

and will include Communion.

Sunday, December 28, 2014

“Nunc Dimittis”

Rev. Jason Rea Preaching

One Service at 10:00 AM

No Sunday School

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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

The First Sunday of Advent



The Candle of Hope

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 30, 2014

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 & 11:10 AM Worship

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

Restore us, O God of hosts;

Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Psalm 80

PRELUDE

“Veni, Emmanuel”

Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

BRINGING THE LIGHT

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:11-14

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH – THE CANDLE OF HOPE

8:30 – The Kaiser Family

11:10 – The Tomer Family

UNISON PRAYER

*God of hope, even in the darkness, your presence shines brightly.
Renew us in hope, that we may be alert
To the coming of Christ’s advent among us.
God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 2

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: John the Baptist was sent by God to announce the coming of Jesus on earth. As he proclaimed long ago, we continue to say, “Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight paths for him in your heart.” Let us do so by confessing our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts
to receive the One whom you are sending,
forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst,
for all the times we have doubted your presence,
and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way.
Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and the promise of new life in God through Christ.

**All: Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve. In Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*RESPONSE OF THANKS No. 23 (refrain)

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo!

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Handbell Choir

“The King Shall Come”
“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

*DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.**

Oh, sing we, Alleluia!

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,**

Oh, sing we Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into Hell;
On the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.
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.**

(8:30)

ANTHEM

“Celtic Advent Carol”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 13:24-37
(page 951 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Keep Watch”

Rev. Jason Rea

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words of Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Receiving the Bread+
Receiving the Cup+
Prayer of Thanksgiving
+(please hold each element until all are served)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Dove of Peace

**In hope we wait for Christ to come
By God’s all-pow’rful hand,
To dwell with us in humble flesh
Divinity made man,
Divinity made man.

The one foretold by prophets past,
Messiah is his name,
He comes to bring God’s peace to earth,
God’s kingdom to proclaim,
God’s kingdom to proclaim.

And by the Spirit of the Lord
Our hearts we will prepare
To see the Advent of our Lord,
And wake our souls through prayer,
And wake our souls through prayer.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Michele Prokopchak, organ