

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 1-4-15

TODAY Communion
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School- CE
9:45 AM – Sending Prayers for Jennifer and Dan – UGR
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Youth Group – YH

MONDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
9:00 AM – 11:15 AM – Mom’s Bible Study – PR, TR
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – 6th Grd. Girls’ Bible Study
@Harbaughs
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act I – FrH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Women’s Bible Study – CCR
7:00 PM – Personnel Committee Meeting – KL
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
8:45 AM – 11:00 AM – Preschool Orientation (January students) – PR
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
12:00 PM – Men’s Luncheon – FH
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act I – FrH
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
7:00 PM – Women’s Ministry Meeting – KL

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Webelos I – PR
7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – CR
8:05 PM – Music Ministry Bible Study – SA
8:25 PM – Praise Team – SA

THURSDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
7:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS
8:45 AM – 3:00 PM – Music Classes – UGR
9:15 AM – 11:30 AM – Women’s Stretch and Study – YH
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Girl Scouts – FrH, PR, Purple Room
6:00 PM – Lions’ Club – FH
7:15 PM – Youth Choir – CR
7:15 PM – Fathers’ Small Group – CCR

FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
8:45 AM – 3:00 PM – Music Classes – UGR
9:00 AM – 11:15 AM – Mom’s Bible Study – PR, TR
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Tiger Den 8 – TR

SATURDAY 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Officer and Staff Retreat – FH
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act I – FrH

SUNDAY (1-11-15) Installation and Ordination of Officers
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School- CE
3:00 PM – All Church Retreat Meeting – KL
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Youth Group – YH
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Mark Connelly.

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

Mike Radich
John Hart
Ron Park
Dwight and Joanne Pearson

11:10 AM USHERS

Don Pritchard
Chris Sutton
Jim Giel
Dick Friedline

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 AM – Andrew Coco
11:10 AM – Skip Young

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, January 11, 2015
Dr. Dirk 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 *Boy Jesus in the Temple* by Bethann Dolan, Beth Interthal, Bonne DeMatteo, and Melissa Kutzer.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

5. THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time and talent throughout the year to bring joy to worship in music. You are very much appreciated!

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: _____

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.

6. JR. & SR. HIGH CLUB -We will resume tonight, Sunday, January 4th, 2015. 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 play different games, have some good food and spend time in worship and study together.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

7. 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

8. 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.

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

10. 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 in the Conference Room.

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 Corner Conference Room. 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.

14. WOMEN'S BREAKFAST – The Women's Ministry Committee is hosting a breakfast and warmly invites the women of Elfinwild to attend on Saturday, January 17th from 9 AM to 11 AM. To make reservations, please fill out a form located on the tables and place in the offering plate or call the church office. Please let us know if you will need child care.

15. THE 2015 FLOWER CHART is now available! The cost for flowers in 2015 is \$44.00. Please contact the church office with any questions or sign up on the chart located in the north narthex.

16. YOUR 2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available at the rear of the Sanctuary. **ATTENTION!** If you are making direct payments via a financial institution and do not use nor wish to have envelopes, please notify the church office. In this case, you will be assigned a 600 account number. Pew envelopes remain for other giving.

17. ATTENTION LADIES – Please join us for our Monday evening Women's Bible Study! This six week study of the Beatitudes will begin on January 5th and will be held from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Corner Conference Room. Please call the church office or fill out the tear-off to let us know of your interest and so that materials can be ordered.

18. MEN'S LUNCHEON – Please join us for our monthly Men's Luncheon. In January, we will meet on Tuesday, January 6th at 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please fill out the form in this insert to make your reservation.

19. THE BREAD OF LIFE PANTRY extends its thanks and appreciation to the Elfinwild Church family for their generous gifts during the recent Fill the Truck Campaign as well as gifts, both of food, presents for the clients and monetary gifts during the holiday season. Your assistance in our ministry in Etna now and throughout the year is greatly appreciated. Without your help and that of our many area churches and residents, our ministry would not be able to provide Christ's love to our needy neighbors.

20. WOMEN OF ELFINWILD: NO MEETING IN JANUARY! The Mary Circle WILL HOLD OUR NEXT MEETING on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9. Our lesson NEXT MONTH is on TAMAR, p. 71 in our book, *Women of the Bible*.

COMMUNITY NEWS

21. 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.

(8:30)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 507

“I Come with Joy”

(11:10)

*SONG OF COMMITMENT

“Lord I Need You”

Verse 1

**Lord I come, I confess.
Bowling here, I find my rest
And without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart**

Chorus 1

**Lord I need You, oh I need You – Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

Verse 2

**Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me**

Bridge

**So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay**

(Chorus)

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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**

**January 4, 2015
8:30 & 11:10 AM Worship**

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

**Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
He blesses your children within you.
He grants peace within your borders;
He fills you with the finest of wheat.**

Psalm 147

PRELUDE

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement November 30, 2014		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$575,790
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$574,226
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$1,564

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

All: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

All: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

All: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

(8:30)

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 40

“Joy to the World”

(11:10)

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Amazing Grace”

Verse 1

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Chorus

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

Verse 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Generous God,
you give us the greatest gift of all, yourself,
but often we find it hard to take notice;
we are caught up with our own gifts,
given and received.
Forgive us, generous God,
for the casual way we treat your gift of love.
Cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We pray through Christ the Savior, our Lord.
Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is good news of great joy for all people:
Christ the Savior is born!

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

*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

8:30 “Let Us Be” Chancel Choir

*Let us be joy to the world, let us be peace on the earth.
That all would sing, “come let us adore Him”
Let us be wonders of heavenly grace, hope, and love
that all would sing, “come let us adore Him.”*

11:10 “Your Grace is Enough” Praise Team

Chorus:

**Your grace is enough, your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me.**

**Your grace is enough - Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me.**

*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**

*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

“Come to the Table”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

(page 902 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “How Can We Be Wise as the Kings Were So Long Ago?”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

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)