



**6. MISSION TRIP MEETINGS Tonight: Jr. High, Surf City meeting 6-6:30pm and Sr. High Charleston, SC trip meeting: 8-8:30pm**

We will have a brief informational meeting for students and parents following clubs tonight. These are for anyone who might have additional questions about the trips. Jason and other leaders will be there to answer them as best we can. These meetings are not mandatory but simply for those who would like more information about them before they register. If you are unable to attend simply contact Jason with any questions you might have. Below is the basic information about both trips:

**Jr. High: Surf City (in Michigan): cost: \$450 per student; Dates: August 2-7 (1st choice date)**

**Sr. High Trip: Charleston, SC with Habitat for Humanity; cost: \$325 per student; Dates: July 12-18<sup>th</sup>**

To register for either trip please turn in a \$50 deposit (can be taken from a student's account) to Jason by next Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. We want every student to go on a trip that can. We will have four fundraisers for students to help cover the cost of these trips and there are scholarships available (talk with Jason) so please don't let money stand in the way of a student going!!

**7. JANUARY 25TH: ICE SKATING NIGHT!** We will meet at the Youth House at 4:30pm and then travel up to the North Park Skating Rink. We will return to the Youth House Hot Chocolate and dinner around 6:30pm and parents should plan to pick students up at 7pm. The cost is \$5 per student if they need skate rentals and \$3 if they have their own. We hope you join us for this fun event! This event will be weather permitting as the rink is outdoors. Should the weather be bad we will still meet at 4:30pm but plan for an indoor event that will be announce via email that week.

### **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**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](http://www.elfinwildchurch.org) and click on the link.

**10. ATTENTION MEN:** There are several 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 is leading a small group on fatherhood which will began on January 8<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room.

If you are interested, please contact Mike Gaydos at 724-272-6951 or [projecteng@hotmail.com](mailto: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. 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 began 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:dirk@elfinwildchurch.org) or 412-486-5400.

**13. ALL MEN** are invited to join the Father's Small Group next Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15 PM in the Youth House. We will be watching the movie, "Courageous". An excerpt from the website reads, "Filled with action-packed police drama, 'Courageous' is the fourth film from Sherwood Pictures, the moviemaking ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. Riveted moviegoers will once again find themselves laughing, crying, and cheering as they are challenged and inspired by everyday heroes who long to be the kinds of dads that make a lifelong impact on their children".

**14. 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.

**15. YOUR 2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the reception room outside of the church office on the Church Avenue side. **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.

**16. 2015 YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS** – Please pick up yours on the tables at the rear of the Sanctuary.

**17. ATTENTION LADIES** – Please join us for our Monday evening Women's Bible Study! This six week study of the Beatitudes began on January 5<sup>th</sup> and is 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. 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.

**19. 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*.

**20. VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES** As part of the College Ministry, cards and notes are sent to students throughout the academic year. A Care Package is sent for Valentine's Day and your help is needed to fill the packages. For more information on what items are needed, please pick up a flyer from the tables located on the tables in and outside of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

**21. TRIPLE O'S ( On Our Own) LUNCHEON** will be on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon. Please make a reservation by completing the form in the bulletin or by calling the church office. Come and join this great fellowship!

**22. COFFEE HOUR HELP** is needed! If you are interested in helping on Sunday mornings in the Upper Gathering Room, please contact Tessa Connelly at: [connthree07@gmail.com](mailto:connthree07@gmail.com).

**23. MEN'S BREAKFAST** – You are invited to attend a breakfast for the men of Elfinwild on Saturday, January 31st at 9:00AM in Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy some good food, fun, and fellowship and learn about some future opportunities to explore how God is working in each of our lives and how we can be the men that God wants us to be. Although not required, letting us know that you are coming would be much appreciated so that we know how much food to make. You can either fill out the response form in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office.

**24. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> IS CAMP SUNDAY!** Stephanie Walker from Ligonier Camp and Conference Center will be with us that morning to share about this special ministry available to our young people!

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**25. THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** wants to thank the members of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church for their generous monetary donations at Christmas and throughout the year. Also thank you for your thoughtfulness in giving many food items every week. Marlene Stack, Manager.

**26. 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.

**27. NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH** offers free tax prep for low-income individuals through March 31 at its sites in Bellevue and Millvale as part of the United Way Money in Your Pocket coalition.

Appointments in the **NHCO North Boroughs** location, AGH-Suburban Campus, 100 S. Jackson Ave., Bellevue, begin Monday, January 26 and are available Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:30 – 7:30pm.

Appointments in the **NHCO Millvale** location, 416 Lincoln Ave., begin Saturday, January 31 and are available Saturdays only from 9:00 am to noon.

Appointments must be made by calling United Way helpline 2-1-1 or 888-553-5778, beginning January 14.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Special thanks to our liturgists:  
8:30 – Jeff Mulkern  
11:10 – Diane Hart*

**NOTICE OF 2015 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2015, in the sanctuary, immediately following 11:10 worship. Everyone is welcome.

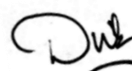
Mike Radich, President, Board of Trustees  
Mark S. Riethmuller, Clerk of Session

I was just thinking ... about next weekend. 114 people are signed up to go to Ligonier Camp and Conference Center to be together in the name of Christ. Every generation of our congregation will be represented on this outing. It will be a time full of wonder and new understanding of what it means to be the Body of Christ and follow Jesus who is the Light of the world. For those who are not going, I ask you to pray for the Team of folks who have organized this weekend, the speaker, Dr. Saleem Ghubril, Executive Director of the Pittsburgh Promise and Pastor of Mosaic Community Church, and for all who are there, that God we will strengthen our walk with Himself and we will grow in our faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

For those who will be here for worship next week, Rev. Terry Stoops will be coming home to preach. Many know, but some do not, that Terry served as the Assistant Pastor with Dr. Henderson for many years. He then returned as the Interim Associate Pastor with Dr. Tuttle, and served as the Interim Pastor and Head of Staff, after Dr. Tuttle's retirement and prior to my arrival at Elfinwild. Terry and his wife, Jan, have been and are part of our family! They live and breathe Elfinwild. Terry led many of our now adults on youth trips when they were students and began the ministry of Senior Achievers, taking trips, providing programs and serving our seniors.

Our God is faithful through all generations! He is worthy of our praise!

Joyfully,



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**Elfinwild Presbyterian Church  
Financial Statement  
November 30, 2014**

<b>Actual Tithes &amp; Gifts Given</b>		<b>\$575,790</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(Y.T.D.)</b>	<b>\$574,226</b>
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>(Y.T.D.)</b>	<b>\$1,564</b>



**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 18, 2015  
8:30 & 11:10 AM Worship**

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

*Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ,  
if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any  
tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being  
like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.  
Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather in humility  
value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but  
each of you to the interests of the others.  
Philippians 2:1-4*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19:1-4, 14

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**All: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.**

Leader: Their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.

**All: May the words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

(8:30)

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

(11:10)

\*SONG OF PRAISE "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" Praise Team

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. (Chorus)

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

(8:30)

ANTHEM "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" Chancel Choir

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

I am the Church, you are the Church,  
we are the Church together.  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,  
yes, we're the Church together.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Based on Heb. 4:14-16

Leader: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*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.**

MOMENT FOR GIVING

Mike Radich

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Bob Wegner

\*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.**

PRAYER 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 "Grace and Power" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 150  
(page 592 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"The Power of Praise" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 458 "Earth and All Stars"

(11:10)

\*SONG OF RESPONSE "The Stand" Praise Team

You stood before creation,  
Eternity in Your hand,  
You spoke the earth into motion,  
My soul now to stand.

So what can I say,  
And what can I do,  
But offer this heart O God,  
Completely to You. (Repeat)

You stood before my failure,  
And carried the cross for my shame,  
My sin weighed upon Your  
shoulders,  
My soul now to stand.

So I'll stand,  
With arms high and heart  
abandoned,  
In awe of the One who gave it all.  
I'll stand,  
My soul Lord to You surrendered,  
All I am is Yours.

So what can I say,  
And what can I do,  
But offer this heart O God,  
Completely to You.

So what can I say,  
And what can I do,  
But offer this heart O God,  
Completely to You.

So I'll walk upon salvation,  
Your Spirit alive in me,  
My life to declare Your promise,  
My soul now to stand.