

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 4-12-15**

**TODAY** (4-12-15) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA  
 9:45 AM –Sunday School- CE  
 9:45 AM – Raising Rock Solid Kids Class – KL  
 10:00 AM – Inquirers’ Class – PR  
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH  
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH  
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR  
 7:00 PM – Confirmation Class meets with Session – CCR

**MONDAY** 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
 9:00 AM – 11:15 AM – Mom’s Bible Study – PR, TR  
 12:00 PM – Mary Circle – KL  
 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act I – FrH  
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH

**TUESDAY** 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
 8:00 AM – Prayer and Communion Service – SA  
 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL  
 1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH  
 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act I – FrH  
 6:15 PM – Mission Team meets with Danny Sharpe at Thai Restaurant  
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose – CCR  
 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting – CCR  
 7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH

**WEDNESDAY** 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
 12:00 PM – OOO’s – FH  
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Confirmation Class – YH  
 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – CR  
 8:15 PM – Praise Team – SA

**THURSDAY** 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study – YH  
 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Girl Scouts – FH, FrH, PR  
 7:00 PM – Calvert AC Meeting – KL

**FRIDAY** 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
 5:00 PM – Wedding Rehearsal – SA  
 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Tiger Den 8 – TR

**SATURDAY** 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH  
 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act I – FrH  
 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Women’s Ministry Tea – FH  
 2:00 PM – Wedding – SA

**SUNDAY** (4-19-15) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA  
 9:45 AM –Sunday School- CE  
 9:45 AM – Safe Sanctuary Meeting – FH  
 9:45 AM – Raising Rock Solid Kids Class – KL  
 10:00 AM – Inquirers’ Class – PR  
 12:15 PM – Deacons’ Meeting – CCR  
 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 to the Glory of God.

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Kyle Pinta.

**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**

Mark Connelly  
 Andrew Neil  
 Len Colaizzi  
 Marilyn Colaizzi

**11:10 AM USHERS**

Henry Tomer  
 Nicole Graco  
 Jerry Nist  
 Dave Jenkins  
 Becky Winek

**SOUND TECHNICIANS**

8:30 AM – Zach Hughes  
 11:10 AM – Skip Young

**UPCOMING SERVICE**

Sunday, April 19, 2015  
 Rev. Jason Rea preaching

**CHILDREN’S & FAMILY MINISTRY**

**Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> will meet in their classrooms.

**3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP** – For ages Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade during the 11:10 service. This week’s lesson will be *Road to Emmaus* by Donna Rea Thompson, Sue Anderson, Elaine Jans, Carolyn Hervey, and Beverly Friedline.

**4. G-FORCE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – *God’s Love in Action* – June 15-19 from 9:00-11:30 am. All children ages 4 (by June 1st) through 5th grade are welcome to attend. Teachers and teen helpers are needed. Please see the registration and volunteer forms located on the tables outside of the Sanctuary.

**5. 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.

**6. RAISING ROCK-SOLID KIDS IN A PLEASURE-DRIVEN-WORLD**

Calling parents with children of all ages. We will work together through this seven week video series to build a deep foundation in Christ within our children’s lives. It takes a village to raise a child. Let’s be that village together. Class will begin today, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM in the library. Please call Bethann Dolan with any questions or for more information at 412-492-9991.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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. & 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 play different games, have some good food and spend time in worship and study together.

**8. ELFINWILD CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – The Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund annually grants scholarships to students enrolled in a college or other post-high school education program. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of service to the Church, financial need and community service/extracurricular activities. Applications are available in the Church office or from Jason, and the deadline for submission is **Wednesday, April 15, 2015**. For information about applying for a scholarship or about making contributions to the Scholarship Fund, please contact Jason or the Church office.

### **9. JR. AND SR. HIGH SPRING RETREAT TO FAITH RANCH**

**When: April 24-25 Cost: \$75**

This is our second annual spring re-treat to Faith Ranch! Both Jr. and Sr. High will travel to Faith Ranch in Ohio for an overnight re-treat. We will leave at 6pm on Friday night and return around 9pm on Saturday night. Activities will include things like a hayride, horseback riding and a barn dance on Saturday. The cost includes all meals on Saturday. There won't be a meal on Friday so students should eat prior to leaving although we will have snacks that night. We think this will be a fun event for all who attend. Spots are limited so you can register by turning in a \$25 deposit to Jason. Registration deadline will be TODAY! For more information about Faith Ranch the facility, you can check out their website: <http://faithranch.org/>

For more information about how the retreat will flow, registration questions or what we will talk about contact Jason. Hope to see you all at the Ranch!

## **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**10. PRAY FOR OUR SEARCH COMMITTEES!** We have two search committees who have just begun their task of seeking the right persons to serve Christ with us as Director of Music Ministries and Director of Children and Family Ministries. Please remember them in your prayers. The two committees are:

Director of Music Ministries: Chair, Ann Ritter; Co-Chair, Bob Lindeman; Secretary, Penny Young; Sharon Griffin, Heather Heere, Tom Hegerle, Bonnie Vidt and Jeff Weber

Director of Children and Family Ministries: Co-Chair, Diane Hart; Co-Chair, Amy Meyer; Secretary, Patty Robinson; Bethann Dolan, Josh Gaydos, Matt Harbaugh and Steve Heere

If you are interested in being on a prayer team please contact one of the members of either committee.

**11. 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.

**12. WOMEN OF ELFINWILD** – The Mary Circle welcomes all women of Elfinwild Church to our meeting on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the Library. Our lesson this month is on Miriam, p. 93 in our book, *Women of the Bible*. Our Mission Project for April is our Birthday Offering.

**13. YOUR 2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND 2015 YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS** are available in the Church Office.

**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.

**14. 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).

**15. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – All women are invited to join a new study on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11am in the youth house. We will be reading *Love Speaks* by Annie Downs and talking about the positive and negative impact that our words have on others and ourselves and how we can allow God to speak through us to the world. Childcare is provided.

**16. ELFINWILD'S SECOND ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP TEA** will be held April 18, 2015 from **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Tickets are \$5.00. All ladies are invited to attend. You can come as a guest and enjoy great conversation and fellowship, or you can act as a hostess, decorating a table and welcoming guests! Either way, you will experience some wonderful friendship and some yummy treats! Let the Women's Ministry Team know you will be coming by filling out the tear-off in the Sunday Worship Bulletin or by contacting Tessa Connelly through the church office.

**17. INQUIRERS' CLASS** - If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, what it means to follow Christ, or how to become a member of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, this class is for you. We will meet for five weeks, beginning today, April 12th at 10:00 AM, during the Sunday school hour, in the Peach Room. While being present for each session is most helpful, we understand that schedules may not permit your attendance at every session. Please call the church office with any questions. 412-486-5400.

**18. PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY UPDATE** – We are in the process of updating our Professional Directory. If you would like to be included in the Directory, or need to update your current information, please call the Church Office at 412-486-5400 or email Cindy Neil at: [cindy@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:cindy@elfinwildchurch.org). Thank you!

**19. SAVE THE DATE!** Summer is coming...really! Get out your calendars and mark the Church Picnic for August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Additional information will be forthcoming.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**20. 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.

**21. HOSANNA INDUSTRIES 5 K RUN/WALK** – Come run/walk the HI-5K in North Park on Saturday, April 18th! Proceeds benefit Hosanna Industries, a local charity that helps our needy neighbors with home repairs, provides volunteer opportunities, and trains young people to be builders. Each runner receives a tech t-shirt, goodie bag, and refreshments before and after the race. Awards are given to the top time in each age bracket, as well as the top team. Teams (4 or more people) also have the option to compete in a fundraising challenge. For more information, please contact Bob Whitaker at 412-487-0663.

### **22. COMMUNITY AUTO SEEKS VEHICLES FOR WAITING WORKING FAMILIES!**

Do you or a family member have a vehicle you don't want anymore? Perhaps it's not worth the cost of repairs, or it sits unused? Community Auto, a program of North Hills Community Outreach, accepts vehicles in any condition, has them repaired, and sells them at below market value to local working families who need them to get to work. You could change a life and get the maximum tax deduction. FREE pickup, towing and notary! Call 724-443-8300 or visit [www.communityauto.org](http://www.communityauto.org).

### **23. VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP SENIORS**

Several partner agencies of United Way's Open Your Heart to a Senior initiative need volunteer drivers for various programs around Allegheny County. Meals on Wheels, Free Rides for Seniors shuttle drivers and drivers who can transport seniors to medical appointments in the volunteer's own vehicle are all needed. For more information on the program locations, or to register as a volunteer with OYHS, please call 412-307-0071 or email [allegheny@openyourhearttoasenior.org](mailto:allegheny@openyourhearttoasenior.org).

**24. LIFE LINE STROKE SCREENING** will be held at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church on May 6, 2015. The screening tests are performed by experienced professional sonographers using Doppler ultrasound technology. Pre-registration is required. To register, please call 1-877-754-9648.

**25. CALLING ALL SCRAPBOOKERS!** The Elfinwild Women's Ministry invites you to join us in Fellowship Hall for a two day scrapbooking/crafting event – Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from (6 PM – 11 PM) and Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> (8AM to 8 PM). We will have fellowship, food, fun and the time to work on your favorite project! The cost is \$20. We will order pizza on Friday night and brunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday. Please bring your own beverages as well as a snack or dessert to share. Payment is due by Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. For more details, contact Stephanie Tegtmeier – [t Reggie2@gmail.com](mailto:t Reggie2@gmail.com) or 412 -551 -5664. We hope you can join us!

**26. GLENSHAW AARP #3744** will meet on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church at 7 PM. Refreshments and entertainment by Bill Campbell will follow the meeting.



“Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.”  
 Luke 24:13-16

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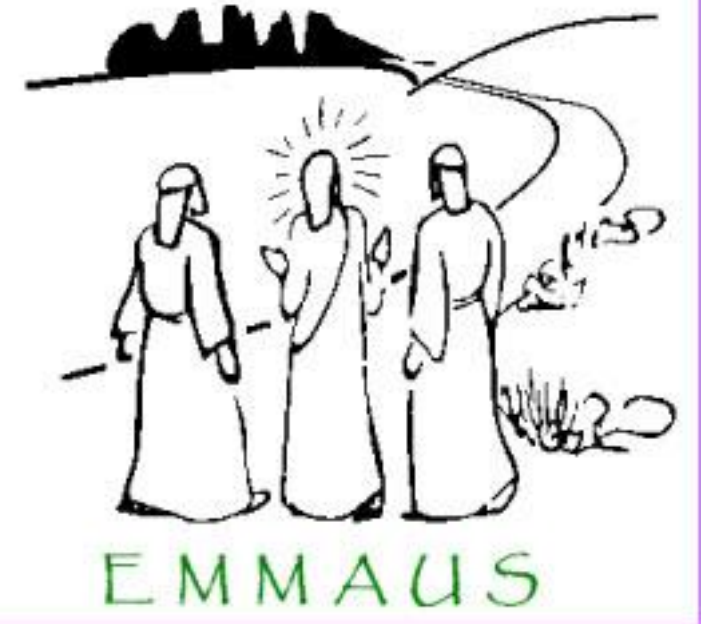
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**MINISTRIES**

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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  
 April 12, 2015  
 8:30 and 11:10 AM Worship**

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

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “MY Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (John 20:24-29)

PRELUDE

Alec Chapman

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement February 28, 2015		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$104,967
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$115,188
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	- \$10,221

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**People: He is risen, indeed!**  
 Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**People: His love endures forever.**  
 Leader: We will not die but live,  
 and will proclaim what the Lord has done.  
**People: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.**  
 Leader: The Lord has done this;  
**People: and it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
 Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 118 "The Day of Resurrection"

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;  
 new love where we have turned hard-hearted;  
 forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;  
 and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners  
 of ourselves. (silence) To all and to each, on his community and  
 on his friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon  
 and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

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

\*HYMN OF ASSURANCE No. 341 "Blessed Assurance"

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*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.**

ANTHEM

"At the River"  
 Dan Bittner, Guest Soloist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35  
 (page 990 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "Jesus Walked Along with Them" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "Because He Lives" Bill Gaither

**God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;  
 He came to love, heal and forgive;  
 He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
 An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!**

Chorus

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
 Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
 Because I know He holds the future,  
 And life is worth the living,  
 Just because He lives!**

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
 And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
 But greater still the calm assurance:**

**This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!**

Chorus

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
 Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
 Because I know He holds the future,  
 And life is worth the living,  
 Just because He lives!**

**And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
 I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
 And then, as death gives way to victory,  
 I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!**

Chorus

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
 Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
 Because I know He holds the future,  
 And life is worth the living,  
 Just because He lives!**

\*BENEDICTION

Leader: Christ is risen!  
**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Alec Chapman

*Special thanks to our liturgist:  
 8:30 AM – Jeff Weber*

I was just thinking ... about the hope we can live with when we believe in Christ and his resurrection. How empty would it be to consider that after the years of life on this earth, when our bodies give way to death, that there is no more? Of course having a "deadline" often prompts us to action and urgency, but what if "getting the most out of this life" isn't what life is all about? What if "getting" is not what life is about at all? Can you imagine if life were more about giving rather than getting? When we believe in the resurrection we have a foundation of faith that suggests our life is to be spent or poured out for a reward that is beyond what we will or can know in this world. The resurrection is our hope that after we "give it all" God raises us up with "new life" that is forever and without end.

What do you think the resurrection meant to the followers of Jesus who witnessed him in the flesh after his death? Did their life just continue on as normal or was there a new purpose or direction for their days? How does the fact that Jesus was raised from the dead affect your daily life? Does it inform how you spend your time, what you do with your days? Does it call the question on what you value? I think that this one event, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the most important historical moment ever. It changes everything.