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The box below reminds us where we stand on our annual operating budget. The box doesn't cover Missions--every dollar given for Mission work goes out for Mission work. Rather, the box tells us where we stand on keeping the bills paid. For several months we've been running with an "unfavorable" position. But what goes on here is far from "unfavorable." Our Church is a busy place. Seven out of seven days a week, people meet and gather here – for our Faith and for our community. The Pre-School ministry brings over 300 children and adults through our doors every week. Our staff, for the first time in years, is at full capacity. As with any building, there are unexpected expenses. Please tithe and contribute regularly. – Your tithes and contributions help keep it all running! Stewardship Committee

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement July 31, 2016		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$376,230
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$399,086
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	- \$22,856



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
August 28, 2016**

8:00 and 10:00 AM Worship

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

**“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!” Revelation 19:7**

PRELUDE

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
Ruthie Riethmuller, Flute

Rebecca Bonam

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 1:9-10; 4:11

Leader: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

People: **Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.**

Leader: In all things God is to be praised through Jesus Christ.

People: **To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 485

“To God Be the Glory”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, You tell us in Your Word that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. We confess that we have frequently relaxed our faith. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical, and our cynicism has boiled over with slander, criticism, prayerlessness, and pessimism. How easily we’ve allowed ourselves to crumple under the stresses of our lives. Forgive us for our smallness of faith. In Your mercy, hear us, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:8-11

Leader: Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

“House of God Forever”
Heather Heere and Scott Hughes

Jon Foreman

*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.

*AFFIRMATION 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.

ANTHEM

“Pie Jesu”
Heather Heere, Soloist

Andrew Lloyd Webber

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 150
(page 592 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“The Practice of Praise”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others; it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails”. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Rebecca Bonam

Special thanks to our liturgists: 8:00 – Bob Siar 10:00 – Lisa Nist

Special thanks to our musicians: Eric Dudgeon, Mark Dudgeon, Matt Harbaugh, Steve Heere, Ruthie Riethmuller, Jeff Weber, and Diana Williams

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 8-28-16

TODAY (8-28-16) 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Service – SA
9:00 AM – Jr. and Sr. High Mission Presentation – UGR
11:00 AM – Sunday School Teacher Training – CCR
11:15 PM – Musical Practice- CR
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Youth Group Pool Party at the Feris Home
6:00 PM – Preschool Board Meeting – KL

MONDAY 6:45 PM – 7:15 PM – Den 8 Parent Planning Meeting – TR
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts- FH

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool Staff Workshop – CE, PR
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Praise Team – SA
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool Staff Workshop – CE, PR
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbells – CR
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

THURSDAY 7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Elfinwild Community Open House

FRIDAY

SATURDAY 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH

SUNDAY (9-4-16) Communion
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA
9:45 AM – Rally Day – SA
12:15 PM – Musical Practice- CR

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is John Hart.

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.

8:00 AM USHERS

Bill Stadler
Curtis Neil
Len Colaizzi
Marilyn Colaizzi

10:00 AM USHERS

Henry Tomer
Nicole Graco
Jerry Nist
Dave Jenkins
Becky Winek

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:00 AM – Marge Cain
10:00 AM – Jerry Nist

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, September 4, 2016
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

*For more information on these ministries, please contact
Emily Cooper, Director of Children and Family Ministries
at: emily@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400*

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 the 10:00 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 ½ to 4 years of age.

2. 10 AM GREEN ROOM FOR AGES 4 THROUGH GRADE 2 - Each week throughout the summer, we will meet and do an activity during the 10:00 service. If you are interested in teaching a lesson or for more information, please contact Emily Cooper.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

*For more information on these ministries, please contact
Ron Bernhardt at: ron@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.*

3. REHEARSALS BEGINNING SOON! – You are invited to join our music ministry ensembles. Everyone is welcome so please come out to a rehearsal and give it a try!

Praise Team – Tuesday, August 30 from 6-7:30 PM
Handbell Choir – Wednesday, August 31 from 6-7:00 PM
Chancel Choir - Wednesday, August 31 from 7-8:30 PM
Elementary Choir – Thursday, September 8 from 6-7:00 PM
Youth Choir – Thursday, September 8 from 7:15-8:30 PM

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.

4. END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY – Our annual end of summer pool party will be today from 3-6 PM at the home of Mark and Bev Feris, 122 Eade Avenue, Glenshaw, PA.

5. STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: SEPTEMBER 11th FROM 5-7PM AT THE YOUTH HOUSE We will officially kickoff our school year clubs on September 11th. This will be a combined club night for grades 6-12. We will play lots of games, have dinner together and then have a time of worship and sharing about what is coming up this year for our student ministries. We hope all Elfinwild students and their friends will consider coming out!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

6. ELFINWILD OPEN HOUSE – September 1st from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Come experience all that Elfinwild has to offer...see our classrooms and meet teachers at preschool, enjoy music presentation, tour our Youth House, and find peace in our sanctuary. Learn about our ministries and upcoming events while sharing in some community group activities and food truck offerings.

7. 2016 CHANCEL FLOWERS – Flowers for the Chancel are \$47 per week for two vases, or \$25 per week for a single table arrangement. Please call the church office to place an order or sign up on the flower chart in the back narthex.

If a table arrangement is desired, you MUST notify the church office prior to the week you have chosen as the weekly standing flower order is for two vases.

8. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING... Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings are in the chapel on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, **starting at 7:00 PM**. We meet regularly to lift up concerns within the church family and for friends of Elfinwild. Please come and share in this powerful ministry! Everyone is welcome to come and join us in prayer or come to submit a prayer request. If you have any questions or would like to request prayer, please call or text Kris Shideler at 412-480-8466.

9. ELFINWILD HOME MEALS MINISTRY –The Meals Ministry serves over 70 clients each day with nutritious, well-balanced meals. Volunteers are needed for this important ministry everyday either to assist in the delivery of the meals to our clients or to assist in the preparation of the meals. If you have any time during the hours of 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM to assist, please contact Marian Berberich at 412-486-8000.

10. BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY – The Bread of Life Food Pantry is located at Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church in Etna, PA. The pantry is open the first three Wednesdays of each month - with stocking of the shelves the 1st three Tuesdays. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with stocking, sorting and assisting our clients with shopping. Bread of Life serves over 120 families each month. If you or any group to which you belong are interested in the outreach ministry of Calvert (supported by Elfinwild and our neighboring churches at Glenshaw, Parkwood, Fox Chapel

and Glenshaw Valley), please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Vickey Trader at 412-782-5742 for more information.

11. NURSERY HELP WANTED: We are looking for some extra coverage for the 8:00 service. Please contact Emily Cooper for more information if you are willing to help care for the smallest of our congregation.

12. AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRL NEW TROOP FORMING – Elfinwild Church is starting a new American Heritage Girls troop. The troop is open to girls ages 5-18. Please feel free to contact Pam McKern with any questions at: pamela_mckern@hotmail.com or 412-512-3461.

13. 2016 PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE! If your family picture appears in this year's book, you may pick up a FREE copy of the directory after signing for it. If you did NOT have your family picture taken nor submit a family photo for this year's book, copies will be available for \$10 each. Directories may be picked up during the week in the church office.

14. GOING ON A LONG VACATION OR LOOKING FOR SOME LISTENING PLEASURE? We have something for you! New Testament CDs (mp3 format) are on the tables for you to take and enjoy. Our gift to you!

15. NEW MEMBER NAME TAGS are located in the library on the counter. Please stop in and pick up yours.

16. THE TENTH ANNUAL SHALER AREA ALUMNI SOCCER GAME will be held on Saturday, September 10th at 2 PM at the Biles Turf Field at Shaler Area High School, Wible Run Road in Shaler Township. Tickets are free. The event benefits the Scott Alexander Memorial Scholarship Fund, which was established in 2007 to honor the memory of 1989 Shaler graduate and standout athlete Scott Alexander, who lost a 22 day battle to brain cancer in 2007 at age 36. Scott is the son of George Alexander Sr. and the brother of George Alexander, Jr. and Lora Weinman.

17. ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS – We would like to compile a list of all of our students working on a post-secondary education. This includes commuter students as well as students living on campus. Please see the green insert form on the tables for more information.

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

19. THE MEN'S MINISTRY TEAM invites all past and current CLC members and their families to a picnic at North Park's Superior Grove (half mile past football field on North Shore Drive) on Saturday September 17 at 1:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 3:00 with hotdogs, hamburgers, and beverages provided. Each family is asked to bring a side dish. Activities for children will include a bounce house and a nearby playground. The grove is also close to the lake. Please spread the word to your CLC brothers, and your RSVP to the church office (412-486-5400) will help us to purchase the right amount of food.