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### **MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: PLANNED GIVING – BY WILL, TRUST, OR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION**

We are all wise to have a will in place, regardless of our family situation or our financial circumstances. A will and other estate plan documents can assure that our personal and charitable wishes are carried out after we die. Over the years, our church has benefitted greatly from donations received from members who named Elfinwild as one of the beneficiaries in their will. Bequests can easily be made in a will, but they can also be made through a trust. Funds remaining in a retirement plan or a life insurance benefit can be designated to one's church or other charity, as well as to family members. In this way, the donor does not part with asset while living and can make changes if their circumstances change. Portions of an estate donated to charity may pass tax free. A financial advisor or an attorney could advise you regarding your options. In addition, it is often a good idea to let your family and heirs know your wishes. *If you choose to do so*, please let the church office know if you have decided to include Elfinwild in your will or estate planning.

### **Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement June 30, 2017**

<b>Actual Tithes &amp; Gifts Given</b>		<b>\$331,681</b>
<b>Total Expenses (Y.T.D.)</b>		<b>\$333,371</b>
<b>Unfavorable (Y.T.D.)</b>		<b>- \$1,690</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**

**August 20, 2017**

**8:00 and 10:00 AM Worship**

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

**“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.” 1 Corinthians 1:10**

PRELUDE

“Andante”

W.A. Mozart

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:4-9

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn— shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

People: **Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;**

Leader: let them sing before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.

All: **He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 461

“God Is Here!”

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

(based upon Hebrews 4:14-16)

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.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.  
Friends, receive and 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.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(10:00) Heather Heere & Kelly Simile, Instrumentalists

\*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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 133

(page 584 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

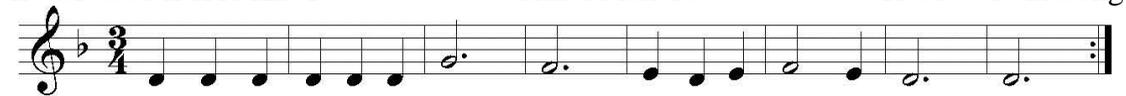
“How Sweet It Is!”

Rev. Jason Rea

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Hinei Mah Tov”

Hebrew Folk Song



Hi - nei mah tov u - ma - na - im she - vet a - chim gam ya - chad  
How good and joy-ous it is for kind-red to dwell to - geth - er.



Hi - nei mah - - - - - tov - - - - - she - vet a chim gam ya - chad.  
Good and joy - - - - - ous for kind-red to dwell to - geth - er.

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Galatians 5:22-23

**The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**

POSTLUDE

“Imperial March”

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Special thanks to our liturgists: 8:00 – Zachary Hughes 10:00 – Matt Kolodziej

The Elder of the Week is Nancy Kriek

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**21. SHALER AREA VETERAN MEMORIAL PATHWAY** – A path to the Shaler American Legion Post 785 Memorial is being made. The inscribed bricks will be woven together like pieces of a quilt into a brick walkway leading a path to the Memorial site. The bricks will be a permanent commemoration of our veterans. Individuals will have an opportunity to purchase a 4 x 8 inch brick. The goal is to memorialize and honor all veterans and those currently serving who are associated with our community, as well as to enhance and beautify the Memorial site. For more information, please contact Ken Volle at 412-576-6835 or 412-487-8183.

**22. SHALER AREA HIGH SCHOOL "MEET THE TITANS/PIE NIGHT"** Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM at Titan Stadium (Mt Royal Blvd behind library). This event honors all of the fall sports participants as well as the members of the Titan Marching Band. The finale of the event is the Annual Pie Eating Contest! A slice of pie + ice cream + drink is just \$3. This pie fundraiser benefits the band. There is NO ADMISSION fee to attend, just lots of pie and Titan pride!

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 8-20-17

**TODAY** (8-20-17) 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA  
9:00 AM – The Church Has Left the Building Meeting – KL  
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – All Church Picnic at Kiwanis Park  
7:00 PM – Back to School Prayer Service – SA

**MONDAY** 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH  
7:00 PM – Walking at Hartwood

**TUESDAY** 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL  
1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH  
6:30 PM – Children's Ministry Meeting – KL  
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose  
7:00 PM – AARP Board Meeting – FH

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY** 10:30 AM – Grace Manor Service

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY** (8-27-17) 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA  
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM – Sunday School Teacher Training – CCR  
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Youth Group Pool Party at the Feris Home

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Scott Harris by Janna, Morgan and Meghan.

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Nancy Kriek.

**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 USHERS**

Mark Connelly  
Curt Neil  
Len Colaizzi  
Marilyn Colaizzi

#### **10:00 USHERS**

Henry Tomer  
Becky Winek  
Dave Jenkins  
Jerry Nist  
Nicole Graco

#### **SOUND TECHNICIANS**

8:00 – Jim Saraceno  
10:00 – Mike Dolan

#### **UPCOMING SERVICE**

Sunday August 27, 2017  
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

### **CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY**

#### **Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**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 4yrs. 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 the church office.

#### **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

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

**3. JOIN US!** – You are invited to join our music ministry ensembles. Everyone is welcome so please come out to a rehearsal and give it a try! Rehearsals begin soon so mark your calendars:  
*Chancel Choir* - Wednesday, August 30, 7-8:30 PM      *Praise Team* - Tuesday, September 5, 6-7:30 PM  
*Handbell Choir* – Wednesday, September 6, 6-7 PM      *Youth Choir* – Thurs, September 7, 7:15-8:30 PM  
*Elementary Choir* – Thursday, September 7, 6-7 PM

#### **STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12**

*For more information on these ministries, please contact  
Rev. Jason Rea at: [jason@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:jason@elfinwildchurch.org) or call 412-486-5400.*

**4. END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY** – Our annual end of summer pool party will be on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 PM at the home of Mark and Bev Feris, 122 Eade Avenue, Glenshaw, PA.

**5. STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> FROM 5-7 PM AT THE YOUTH HOUSE** We will officially kickoff our school year clubs on September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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. 2017 CHANCEL FLOWERS** – Flowers for the Chancel are \$48 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.

**7. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING...** Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will **be taking a break for the summer. We will resume at 7 PM on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in the chapel.**

**8. 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. Items the Pantry is in need of are: side dishes with noodles (no rice), side dishes with potatoes, jelly - any flavor, canned whole potatoes, boxed meals like Hamburger Helper, boxed mac & cheese, jars of spaghetti sauce, canned chili or stew, broth & gravy - chicken, turkey & beef, large bottles of juice, pudding & Jello premade or to be made, Cake & brownie mixes, Pancake mix & syrup, Bags of flour & sugar, cooking oil, boxes of crackers, salad dressing & ketchup, napkins & tissues, paper towels, and baby diapers.

**9. ELFINWILD PRESCHOOL** is now accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year. For information about the weekday preschool or to register for next year, please call the school office at 412-486-2322. We love to share information about the program. Learning and growing in God's love provides a wonderful opportunity for us to share Christ's love and welcome families in the community.

**10. HOSPITALITY MEAL MINISTRY** – Did you know that members of your Elfinwild Family will provide a meal for you and your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you or a family member are recovering from surgery, just had a baby or are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. We sign up and deliver meals to you. Do you need a meal? Would you like to prepare and deliver a meal? Contact: Tessa Connelly, at conthree07@gmail.com or by phone at 412-600-1452.

**11. STEPHEN MINISTRY** informational brochures have been moved to the "Stephen Corner" in the library! There you will also find the August Article of the Month: "Talking with My Kids About Death". It contains healthy ideas to walk through the valley of death, with kids. Pick up a copy today! If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry, please contact Ruthie Riethmuller, Stephen Leader at 412-487-3421 or [mrdd1@comcast.net](mailto:mrdd1@comcast.net).

**VERSE OF THE MONTH-"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." Romans 12:15**

**12. 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 8:30 AM - 12 noon to assist, please contact Dick Friedline at 412-486-8000.

**13. THE MEALS MINISTRY** often has leftover bread and rolls that cannot be used before they spoil. If you would like some, please help yourself to items located on a table in Fellowship Hall.

**14. A PRAYER TEAM IS NEEDED FOR THE** search committee who has begun the task of seeking the right person to serve Christ with us as Director of Children and Family Ministries. The search committee members are: Kristin Coco, Elizabeth Dolan, Nicole Graco, Scott Hughes, Bob Siar, Charline Tomer and Bob Wegner. If you are interested in being part of the prayer team, please contact the church office.

**15. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO COMPLETE** a "Workday Blitz" on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 5 PM at a home in Shaler. The Presbyterian Project will provide all the tools and food needed to complete the work. Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus. Please contact Becky Winek at [rswinek@gmail.com](mailto:rswinek@gmail.com) or (412) 443-3419 to sign up or if you have any questions.

**16. THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** will be held on TODAY from 2:00 – 6:00 PM at the Kiwanis Park pavilion in Shaler. Dinner will be served at 3:00 PM. Chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs & beverages will be provided by the Deacons. Please bring the item next to the first letter of your last name for all to enjoy: A-H – dessert; I-R – salad; S-Z – side dish. We hope to see you all there!

**17. BACK-TO SCHOOL PRAYER SERVICE** – Got the new pencils, markers, glue sticks and notebooks...But are the kids ready? Let's add prayer to those back to school supplies! As many are preparing for the start of a new school year, a prayer service will be held TODAY, Sunday, August 20, 2017, in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM. Please join us as we take this special time to pray for our schools...students, teachers, administrations, bus drivers & communities! As we pray for safety, learning and growth, we will also ask God to work in the lives of all involved, that His presence is felt and His works become evident to all.

**18. ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS** – Your membership certificates and offering envelopes are on the counter in the library. Please be sure to stop and get yours.

**19. IF YOU CARE TO SEND A CARD**, following is the address of Eric Spryn: 1031 Pittsburgh St., Apt. 202, Springdale, Pa., 15144.

### **20. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Two adult Sunday school classes will be offered starting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The first class is a study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Course content will be directly correlated with the sermon each Sunday and will encourage participants to look more in depth at Jesus' words in his Sermon on the Mount as well as explore the ways that Jesus' teachings can guide our daily lives. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour and the teachers will be Matt Harbaugh (September and October), Marie Bowen (November and December), Rick Dayton (January and February), Nancy Kriek (March and April), and Mark Connelly and Jim Saraceno (May and June).

The second adult Sunday school class will be The Wired Word. A modern issue or current event will be highlighted each week and studied and discussed from a Biblical perspective. Mike Radich will teach this class which will meet in the Cornerstone Room during the Sunday school hour.

All adult Sunday school classes will meet each week except for the following dates: October 22<sup>nd</sup> (Stewardship Progressive Breakfast), December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Advent), December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve), December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve), and May 20<sup>th</sup> (The Church has Left the Building).