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### **Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement July 31, 2015**

<b>Actual Tithes &amp; Gifts Given</b>		<b>\$358,998</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(Y.T.D.)</b>	<b>\$349,798</b>
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>(Y.T.D.)</b>	<b>\$9,200</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 23, 2015 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.*

**“Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders. But to this day the Lord has not given you a mind to understand, or eyes to see, or ears to hear.”**

**Deuteronomy 29:2-4**

PRELUDE

"Bird's Song"  
Claudia Brown, soloist

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations!  
**People: Extol him, all you peoples!**  
Leader: For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
**People: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**  
**All: Let us Praise the Lord!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 454

“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

ANTHEM

"I Belong"  
Claudia Brown, soloist

Kathryn Scott

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8- 9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: 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.**

Psalm 117

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Urlicht" - "Primordial Light"  
Claudia Brown, soloist

Gustav Mahler

O little red rose,  
Man lies in greatest need,  
Man lies in greatest pain.  
Ever would I prefer to be in heaven.

Once I came upon a wide road,  
There stood an Angel who wanted to turn me away.  
But no, I will not be turned away!  
I came from God, and will return to God,  
The loving God who will give me a little light,  
To lighten my way up to eternal, blessed life!

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

Romans 11  
(page 1062 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“What Kind of Plan is This?”

Rev. Jason Rea

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 281

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alec Chapman

*Special thanks to our liturgist:  
8:00 – Lori Cable*

**18. JOIN GLENSHAW AARP #3744** on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for an overnight coach trip to Elkins, WV. Trip includes lunch and Branson-style variety show at Gandy Dancer Dinner Theater; shopping & exploring downtown Elkins; dinner at 1863 Grill; evening award-winning show at American Mountain Theater; overnight at newly-renovated Isaac Jackson Hotel; breakfast at hotel; time to explore train station & nearby shops; and a 4-hour narrated train ride with lunch on New Tygart Flyer (which culminates at the High Falls of Cheat--an 18' high 150' wide waterfall). Call 412-487-1609 for more information or to make a reservation.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 8-23-15**

**TODAY** (8-23-15) 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM– Worship Service – SA  
9:00 AM – Men's Small Group – FH  
2:00-7:00 PM – Annual Church Picnic - Kiwanis Park pavilion  
7:00 PM – Back-To-School Prayer Service - SA

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY** 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – PS  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Venture Crew Planning Meeting – FrH  
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose  
7:00 PM – AARP Board Meeting – CCR

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY** 7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS  
10:30 AM – Grace Manor Service

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY** 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH

**SUNDAY** (8-30-15) 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM– Worship Service – SA  
9:00 AM – Men's Small Group – FH  
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Youth Group Picnic at Feris's Home

**THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING** are given to the Glory of God.

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Bob Wegner.

**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**

Mark Connelly  
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, August 30, 2015  
Dr. Dirk Lesnett 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 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 Carolyn Hervey at 412-487-1302.

**3. SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>: RALLY DAY!** Join us for a light breakfast from 9:45-10:45 AM and see which Sunday School Classes are available for Pre-K through adult.

**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. PLEASE JOIN US ON AUGUST 30TH FOR THE END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY FOR STUDENT MINISTRIES 3-6PM AT THE FERIS'S HOME.** We will have plenty of food and fun so come out and join us for our end of summer pool party! Feel free to bring a friend as well. We would love to have all of our new incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders come as well. The address is: 122 Eade Ave., Glenshaw, PA 15116.

**5. STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5-7PM AT THE YOUTH HOUSE** We will officially kickoff our school year clubs on September 13<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!

**6. YOUTH CHOIR BEGINS SOON!** – The Youth Choir, under the direction of Heather Heere, will begin on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15 PM in the choir room. This choir is open to students in grades 6-12. We hope to see you there!

### **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**7. PRAY FOR OUR SEARCH COMMITTEE!** Our search committee is seeking the right person to serve Christ with us as Director of Children and Family Ministries. Please remember them in your prayers. The committee is:

Director of Children and Family Ministries: Chair, Diane Hart; Secretary, Patty Robinson; Amy Meyer; Bethann Dolan, Josh Gaydos, Mark Connelly, Matt Harbaugh and Steve Heere. If you are interested in being on a prayer team please contact one of the members of this committee.

**8. START THE WEEK OFF ON THE RIGHT (OR LEFT) FOOT!** Join us each Monday in August, at 7:00PM at Hartwood Acres. We will gather in the parking lot, find some shade for a devotion & prayer, and then we'll head out for a walk. Depending on your fitness level, this can be a leisurely stroll or an energizing power walk - you decide! Everyone is invited...Bring your pooch, your kids, your spouse and/or your friends! Bikes and scooters are welcome, too! Don't forget, BYOBH2O (bring your own bottle of water!) Each week, a member of the Women's Ministry Team will be there, rain or shine, to greet you! (We will only cancel if there is thunder and lightning.)

**9. 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 tonight, Sunday, August 23, 2015, in the Sanctuary at 7:00PM. 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.  
"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever!"

**10. THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** will be held on TODAY from 2:00 – 7:00 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 – side dish; I-R – dessert; S-Z – salad. We hope to see you all there!

**11. THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GATHERING** for the needs and concerns of our church family is being restarted! We will be meeting in the newly renovated chapel on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 7 to 8 PM. In September, we will meet on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

We will 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 as we restart this endeavor, 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.

**12. 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.

**13. TWO NEW SOUND TECHS ARE NEEDED TO RUN SOUND DURING SUNDAY SERVICES!** We are looking for new Sound Techs to fill in openings in our monthly schedule. Sound Techs can be in High School or older and need to be able to commit to one regularly scheduled Sunday service a month. No previous sound experience needed as we will train you! Contact Jason Rea for more information or to sign up.

**14. MEN'S LUNCHEON** – Please join us as we resume our monthly Men's Luncheon on the first Tuesday of every month. In September, we will meet on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 PM in the Corner Conference Room. Please fill out the form in this insert to make your reservation.

**15. A MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be held on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Please note the date has been changed to allow the men to attend Shaler's Homecoming on the 19<sup>th</sup>. 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. Please contact the church office to RSVP.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**16. IN NEED OF A NEW MATTRESS?** Why not buy a mattress AND support Shaler HS Marching Band at the same time! The Mattress Fundraiser will be held on Sat. August 29th at the Middle School (Mt. Royal - Gym B) from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. Great beds at great prices. We will bring an entire mattress store to the Middle School gym. There will be Simmons Beautyrest, Restonic and Southerland Beds all at 30-60% off. Firm, Pillow-top, Orthopedic, Latex and Gel Memory Foam sets. Delivery upon request as well as free layaway. Cash / Check / Credit Card. Questions: Call Pam Dudgeon at 412-821-4829.

**17. THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY** is an interdenominational Bible study with classes throughout the U.S. and abroad that welcomes people from all backgrounds and levels of Bible knowledge. Their mission statement is "To make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through caring, in-depth Bible study, available to all." The local women's class meets Thursday mornings from 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. at North Park Church on Ingomar Road There is also a wonderful children's CBS program that meets during women's study (infant through homeschool teens). Registration has started for the 2015-16 year. The class will be studying the gospel of Matthew (30 lessons starting September 10th). Contact Pam Dudgeon 412-821-4829 with questions. pittsburghnorth.cbsclass.org