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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

July 31, 2017

Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$400,108
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$378,591
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$21,517



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 27, 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.*

**“These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:31**

PRELUDE

“Aria”

Cesar Franck

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever.

People: **He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.**

Leader: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy.

All: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 288

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 6:23-25

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking Your forgiveness. We seek Your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg Your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience Your grace, then act defeated. We rely on Your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:22-23

Leader: But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

“As the Deer”

Douglas E. Wagner

*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

Matthew 16:13-20
(page 918 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Who is Jesus?”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 379

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*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

“Sound the Trumpet, Praise the Lord!”

Mark L. Williams

Special thanks to our liturgists:

8:00 –Tori Panza 10:00 – Lisa Nist

The Elder of the Week is Jeff Mulkern

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. THE REGULAR WORSHIP HOURS of 8:30 and 11:10 AM resume on September 3rd.

22. MISSING ANY DISHES OR FOOD CONTAINERS? Have you provided a meal or side dish for a funeral luncheon or the picnic and have not picked up your container? Please stop by the prep kitchen to get your container.

COMMUNITY NEWS

23. 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.

24. SHALER AREA HIGH SCHOOL "MEET THE TITANS/PIE NIGHT" Thursday, August 31st 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 8-27-17

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

MONDAY 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM – Preschool Staff meet in UGR
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH
7:00 PM – Walking at Hartwood

TUESDAY 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

THURSDAY 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Preschool Open House – CE, FrH, PR

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY Communion
(9-3-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School Rally Day – FH

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of their Mom and Dad by the Smullin Family.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Jeff Mulkern.

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 – Marge Cain

10:00 – Jerry Nist

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday September 3, 2017

Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th 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.

3. MESSIAH & ME – (M&m's) - If you are in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade come join us on Sunday, September 17th from 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (following 11:10 AM Worship Service). We will meet in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided for the children. Any questions contact Tessa Connelly 412-600-1452 or connthree07@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

4. 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 or call 412-486-5400.

5. STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: SEPTEMBER 10th FROM 5-7 PM AT THE YOUTH HOUSE We will officially kickoff our school year clubs on September 10th. 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. JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY – Please join Bethany Harbaugh and Kelly Simile for a Bible Study for girls going into 6-8 grade! We meet every week to play games, ask questions, share life together, and learn how to live as followers of Jesus Christ. We always have a fun time together, so we hope you will come and bring a friend! This study will begin on Wednesday, September 20th and will continue weekly from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

7. 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.

8. 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 6th in the chapel.**

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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 connthree07@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.

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. A PRAYER TEAM IS NEEDED for the search committee which 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.

14. LADIES COME JOIN US FOR PIZZA, PRAYER AND PRAISE on Monday, September 18th at 6:30 PM. We will meet in the Upper Gathering Room to enjoy pizza and lemonade. Join us for prayer moments and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Call the church office 412-486-5400; so we know how much pizza to order.

15. COME JOIN US FOR "COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP" starting Sunday, September 10th 9:20 AM.to 9:40 AM. After the 8:30 AM Worship Service we gather for a short break before heading to Sunday School Classes that begin at 9:45 AM. Questions? Want to volunteer to help? Contact Tessa Connelly at 412-600-1452 (ok to leave a message) or connthree07@gmail.com

16. LADIES PLEASE JOIN US for a 6 week long, book study on Monday nights 9/25 through 10/30. We will be studying A Woman Overwhelmed by Hayley Di Marco based on the life of Mary, Mother of Jesus. We will walk through the story of Mary, the Mother of Jesus a woman who knew what it was like to be overwhelmed. Along the way, we'll learn how to let go of control, fear, and doubt and learn to grab onto more faith, confidence, and trust in our God.

17. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Two adult Sunday school classes will be offered starting on September 10th. 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 22nd (Stewardship Progressive Breakfast), December 3rd (Advent), December 24th (Christmas Eve), December 31st (New Year's Eve), and May 20th (The Church has Left the Building).