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Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement July 31, 2015

Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$358,998
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$349,798
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$9,200



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 30, 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.*

**“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.
You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol
in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.
You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God,
am a jealous God.” Exodus 20:1-5**

PRELUDE "O Welt, ich muss dich lassen" ("O, World, I Must Leave You") Johannes Brahms
Alec Chapman

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

Leader: We will exalt you, our God and King; we will praise your name for ever and ever.

People: **Every day we will praise you and extol your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: **One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

People: **The Lord is good to all, he has compassion on all he has made.**

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

People: **Our mouths will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 482

“Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

ANTHEM

“How Great Thou Art”

Olivia Mills, soloist

CALL TO CONFESSION

HYMN OF CONFESSION No. 347

“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Grace Will Always Be Greater Than Sin”

Olivia Mills, soloist

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 6:25-34
(page 906 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Seek First The Kingdom of God”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 333

“Seek Ye First”

*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

I was thinking ... just how faithful God has been and is to His people gathered here, that we call Elfinwild Church. My reflection on this is in relationship to our saying “thank you” to and for Alec Chapman and Mark Spondike, as well as sending them out with our prayers and love. They have both shared with us their God-given gifts of music that have enhanced our worship and stirred our souls. We have witnessed the budding of a young, talented and promising musician in the manner which Alec has grown in the year he has been with us, both as a church musician and a young man. And we have enjoyed the years of experience and expertise that Mark Spondike has shared with us, now for the second time as our interim choir director and vocalist. It has been a wonderful season of worship and music and we are grateful to both men and to our God. Let us remember to greet them today and speak our words of gratitude as we send them to what God has next for them.

Joy,

Dirk

19. ATTENTION SENIORS – The Senior Center North located at Nativity Lutheran Church in Allison Park is looking for seniors to come out and join other seniors looking for fun and companionship Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Come enjoy bingo, crafts, Wii bowling, cards, trips to the grocery store and mall and lunch for a \$1.00 donation. Have a cup of coffee and good conversation. Please call Meg at 412-486-6426 for more information. Hope to see you soon!

20. JOIN GLENSHAW AARP #3744 on Sept. 29th and 30th 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 8-30-15

TODAY 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM– Worship Service – SA
(8-30-15) 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Youth Group Picnic at Feris's Home

MONDAY

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
12:00 PM – Men's Luncheon – CCR
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – SA

THURSDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Preschool Open House – CE, Lobby, PR
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Webelos I – TR
7:15 PM – 8:30 PM – Youth Choir – CR

FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE

SATURDAY 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH

SUNDAY Communion
(9-6-15) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School Rally Day – FH
12:15 PM – Youth Group Parent Meeting – KL

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given in honor of the 25th Wedding Anniversary on September 2nd of Dwight and Joanne Pearson.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Mark Connelly.

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 – Michael Beal
10:00 AM – Skip Young

UPCOMING SERVICE
Sunday, September 6, 2015
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th 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 6TH: 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 TODAY 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 6th graders come as well. The address is: 122 Eade Ave., Glenshaw, PA 15116.

5. STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: SEPTEMBER 13TH FROM 5-7PM AT THE YOUTH HOUSE We will officially kickoff our school year clubs on September 13th. 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 3rd 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. 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 2nd and 16th. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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 1st at 12:00 PM in the Corner Conference Room. Please fill out the form in this insert to make your reservation.

13. A MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, September 26th 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 19th. 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.

14. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – All women are welcome to join a time of Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11AM at the Youth House beginning September 10th. This fall, we will use the study, "Running Nowhere in Every Direction" by Navigators, examining what God has to say about the stress in our lives - our schedules, expectations, limits, and happiness. Together we can seek God's direction and encourage one another to run faithfully with Him. Contact Bethany with any questions at 724-822-6550.

15. REGULAR WORSHIP HOURS RESUME next Sunday, September 6th at 8:30 and 11:10 AM.

16. MONDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Join us on Monday evenings, September 21st through October 26th for fellowship, friendship and study as we explore *What Happens When Women Say Yes to God* with author Lysa Terkeurst. We will meet at 7 PM in the Cornerstone Classroom. Come and learn how to "experience life in extraordinary ways." Please let us know you will be attending so we can have a workbook (cost \$9.00) ready for you by calling the church office at 412-486-5400. See you there!

17. LADIES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the weekend of January 22-24, 2016 when a Women's Retreat will be held at the beautiful Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. Don't let distance or the possibility of snow scare you...transportation will be available if needed!

COMMUNITY NEWS

18. 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