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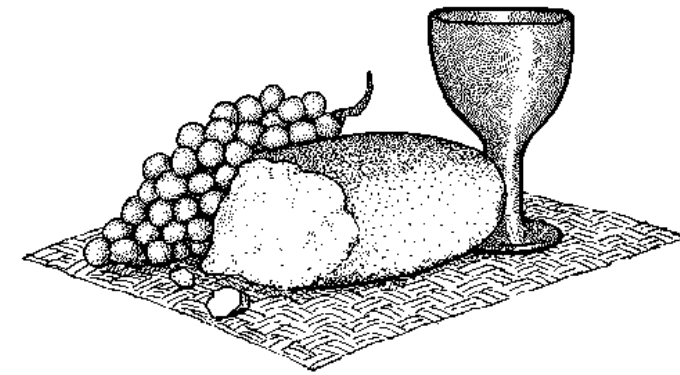
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MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: PLANNED GIVING – BY WILL, TRUST, OR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

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 assets 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

Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$331,681
Total Expenses (Y.T.D.)		\$333,371
Unfavorable (Y.T.D.)		- \$1,690



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 6, 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.*

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.” Ephesians 1:3-6

PRELUDE

“Psalm 56”

Heinrich Schutz

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

People: **Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with tumbrel and dancing, praise Him with the strings and pipe,**

Leader: praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals.

People: **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 145

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.
Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Jesus, it is hard to forgive people when they hurt us and our friends. We want to hit back-and sometimes we do. But You teach us to love our enemies no matter what they do. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, when we do not forgive others. Help us to understand why people hurt others, and let our hearts be filled with love for them. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:24

Leader: He, Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed. 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 “Movement Presentation” (10:00)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(10:00) DRAMA PRESENTATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:8-31
(page 978 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Lost and Found”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words of Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Receiving the Bread+ (Gluten free wafers are in the bowl in the center of the plate)
Receiving the Cup+
Prayer of Thanksgiving
+(please hold each element until all are served)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 507

“I Come With Joy”

*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

“Allegretto”

Johann Scholze

Special thanks to our liturgist:

8:00 – Zachary Hughes 10:00 – Noah Heere

The Elder of the Week is Nicole Graco

COMMUNITY NEWS

22. 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.

23. 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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 8-6-17

TODAY (8-6-17) 6:30 AM – Jr. High Trip to Surf City
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:00 AM – Athletes in Action Mission Gathering – UGR
12:00 PM – Memorial Service for Nancy Over – SA

MONDAY Jr. High Trip to Surf City
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH
7:00 PM – Personnel Committee Meeting – KL
7:00 PM – Walking at Hartwood

TUESDAY Jr. High Trip to Surf City
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
7:00 PM – Women's Ministry Meeting – KL
7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH

WEDNESDAY Jr. High Trip to Surf City
7:00 PM – Women's Ministry Committee Meeting – KL

THURSDAY Jr. High Trip to Surf City
6:00 PM – Lions' Club – CCR
6:00 PM – Praise Team – SA
7:00 PM – Stewardship Meeting – KL

FRIDAY Jr. High Trip to Surf City

SATURDAY 8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL

SUNDAY (8-13-17) 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:00 AM – PRISM Gathering – UGR
12:15 PM – Deacons' Meeting – CCR
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Jim King by Lora and family.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Nicole Graco.

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
Bill Stadler
Len Colaizzi
Marilyn Colaizzi

10:00 USHERS

Henry Tomer
Becky Winek
Dave Jenkins
Jerry Nist
Nicole Graco

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:00 – Dennis Kriek
10:00 – Ken Volle

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday August 13, 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.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

*For more information on these ministries, please contact
Ron Bernhardt at: 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! Throughout this summer we will rehearse 30 minutes prior to worship. Please feel free to join us: August 13th at 8:00 & 10:00 – **Praise Team**

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. REGULAR CLUBS – We will not meet during the summer, but look for special events throughout the summer!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

5. 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.

6. 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.**

7. 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, Vicky 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.

8. 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.

9. SUMMER WALKS IN THE PARK – Mondays in June, July & August at 7:00 PM at Hartwood Acres. All are welcome. Please speak with Kristin Coco if you have any questions.

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 conthre07@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. 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. SUMMER WORSHIP AND OFFICE HOURS Our summer worship hours are at 8:00 and 10:00 AM through the end of August. The church office hours through August 18th will be from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

15. 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.

16. P TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME! Please join us for Faith Night on Thursday, August 17th as the Pirates and Cardinals take the field. Tickets are limited and are \$25 each. The price includes a Pittsburgh Pirate hat! Please contact the church office to purchase tickets or for more information.

17. JAY AND CANDI WILSON TO VISIT ELFINWILD TODAY Please come to meet and greet Jay and Candi Wilson in the Upper Gathering Room at 9AM. The Wilsons serve full-time with the ministry *Athletes in Action* and they currently minister to student athletes at Robert Morris University just outside of Pittsburgh. Jay and Candi will tell us how they teach student athletes about evangelism and discipleship and equip them to do ministry. *Athletes in Action* is a part of Cru. *Cru is the name of Campus Crusade for Christ International in the U.S.*

18. PASTOR EVA TROUT TO VISIT ELFINWILD ON AUGUST 13th Please come to meet and greet Pastor Eva Trout in the Upper Gathering Room at 9AM. Pastor Eva is from the Covenant Church of Pittsburgh and serves as the church mobilizer with P.R.I.S.M., the Pittsburgh International Student Ministry. She will teach us how we can reach out to international students that are new to living in Pittsburgh. It is called 'Friendship Partnering'. The Lord has blessed us with such an opportunity to do mission work without leaving home. There are over 10,000 international students in Pittsburgh and most of them never get invited to have a meal at an American home. *The P.R.I.S.M. ministry is part of the Bellefield Presbyterian Church in Oakland.*

19. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO COMPLETE a "Workday Blitz" on Saturday, August 26th 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 or (412) 443-3419 to sign up or if you have any questions.

20. THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will be held on Sunday, August 20th 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!

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