

THE FOLLOWING LEADERS WERE ELECTED FOR 2017

| <u>SESSION</u> | <u>DEACONS</u> | <u>TRUSTEES</u> |
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| Nicole Graco | Marge Cain | Bob Anderson |
| Steve Heere | Mark Dudgeon | Floyd Dierker |
| Nancy Kriek | Ron Park | Janell Haygood |
| Jeff Mulkern | Robyn Smith | Robert Hughes |
| Patty Robinson | | Matt Kolodziej |
| Jim Saraceno | | |
| <u>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</u> | | |
| Bethann Dolan | Joanne Pearson | Charline Tomer |

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Moderator – Dr. Dirk M. Lesnett
Clerk of Session – Mr. Mark Riethmuller

| 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
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| Bethann Dolan | Mark Feris | Wendy Boody |
| Steve Heere | Amy Meyer | Kristin Coco |
| Nancy Kriek | Dwight Pearson | Mark Connelly |
| Bob Lindeman | Kyle Pinta | John Hart |
| Patty Robinson | Ann Ritter | Bob Siar |
| Becky Winek | Bob Wegner | Kelly Simile |

DEACONS

President – Mr. Ron Park
Secretary – Mrs. Robyn Smith

| 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
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| Linda Barto | Jenny Dayton | Sue Anderson |
| Pat Graham | Linda Kaiser | Bev Feris |
| Ron Park | Beth Meyer | Bev Friedline |
| Robyn Smith | Patti Zahnhausen | Dick Friedline |
| | | Dorothy Thompson |
| | | Penny Young |

TRUSTEES

President – Mr. Bob Anderson
Secretary – Mr. Jim Giel

| 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
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| Bob Anderson | Len Colaizzi | Doug Boody |
| Janell Haygood | Mike Gaydos | Dorothy Winter |
| Pam McKern | Jim Giel | Steve Coco |
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FINANCIAL GIVING 2016

Year-end giving is always important in our financial life. If you are able to satisfy your pledge or give beyond that amount it will greatly benefit our fiscal picture and ability to continue to do effective ministry in the name of Christ now and in the years to come. **THANK YOU** for your faithfulness in financial stewardship. You have made a difference in the lives of children and families, locally and around the world. You have provided a place of worship for hundreds of new people. You are providing meals to our local seniors each and every day. You are being the light of Christ through Elfinwild Church!

| Elfinwild Presbyterian Church | | |
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| Financial Statement | | |
| October 31, 2016 | | |
| Actual Tithes & Gifts Given | | \$524,703 |
| Total Expenses | (Y.T.D.) | \$558,772 |
| Unfavorable | (Y.T.D.) | - \$34,069 |



**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
The Third Sunday in Advent
December 11, 2016
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM Worship**

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

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7

PRELUDE

| | | |
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| (8:30) | <i>Variations on</i> “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” | Lani Smith |
| (11:10) | “What Child Is This?” Praise Team | Traditional |

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

(8:30)
INTROIT “Light of the World” John Carter
Chancel Choir

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH – THE CANDLE OF JOY
8:30 – The Cox Family
11:10 – The Muszynski/Stoker Family

Scripture reading Isaiah 61:10
Lighting of the Candle of Joy

COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)

**Thank you, God, for the gifts of this season.
Thank you for a time to set apart to prepare our hearts
for the greatest gift of all, your son Jesus.
Let the joy of this season overcome any darkness
in our lives. Amen**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 38 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION Philippians 2:3-8

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, in Jesus You came into the darkness as the Light of the world.
Jesus lived a life of *selflessness* and we live lives of *selfishness*.
He considered others *better than Himself* and we consider ourselves
better than others. He looked to the *interest of others* and we are full of
self-interest. Forgive us for making ourselves more than we are and
therefore diminishing who You are. Help us to learn humility and
walk in the way of Jesus. Give us spiritually healthy attitudes that
understand we cannot attain salvation but need to trust in the One
who died for us all. His name is Jesus and we pray in His name.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Philippians 3:7-9

Leader: 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

(8:30) “A Prayer for Advent” Douglas Nolan
Chancel Choir

(11:10) “Sing With the Angels” Kyle Hill
Elementary Choir

*DOXOLOGY

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today,
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.**

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.**

ANTHEM

(8:30) “Longing for the Light” David Lantz III
Chancel Choir

(11:10) “Still, Still, Still” Robert Wetzler
Elementary Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:46-56
(page 957 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “Humility Rather Than Humbug” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 30 “Born in the Night, Mary’s Child”

(11:10)

*SONG OF COMMITMENT “A Hallelujah Christmas”

Verse 1
I’ve heard about this baby boy
Who’s come to earth to bring us joy
And I just want to sing this song to you.
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
With every breath I’m singing Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Verse 2
A couple came to Bethlehem
Expecting child, they searched the inn
To find a place for You were coming soon
There was no room for them to stay
So in a manger filled with hay
God’s only Son was born, oh Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Verse 3
The shepherds left their flocks by night
To see this baby wrapped in light
A host of angels led them all to You
It was just as the angels said
You’ll find Him in a manger bed
Emanuel and Savior, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Verse 4
A star shown bright up in the east
To Bethlehem, the wise-men three
Came many miles and journeyed long for you
And to the place at which You were
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Verse 5
I know You came to rescue me
This baby boy would grow to be
A man and one day die for me and you
My sins would drive the nails in You
That rugged cross was my cross, too
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Tag
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Hark, the Glad Sound!” Tom Birchwood

*Special thanks to our liturgists:
8:30 – Todd Obidowski 11:10 – Len Lavelle*

The Elder of the Week is Wendy Boody

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: TIME, TALENT
AND TREASURE**

**“The world asks, ‘What does a
person own?’” God asks, “How
does a person use what he or she
has been given?”**

COMMUNITY NEWS

30. 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!

31. ELFINWILD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY is in need of new members. If you're looking for a way to give something back to the community, this is a great opportunity! All training and equipment are provided either in-house or through local fire academies and schools. By making a commitment to the fire service, you can earn a FREE college degree through the FireVest program of the Community College of Allegheny County. For degrees offered or for more details, call 412-931-3158, ext. 5. Stop by the fire hall at 2807 Mt. Royal Blvd. on any Monday evening at 7:30 PM or call Dan at 412-377-5986.

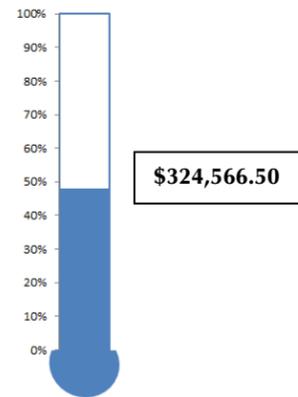
FINANCIAL ESTIMATES FOR 2017

It is important that we have as accurate a picture of our 2017 financial commitments as possible so we can budget and plan accordingly.

Please be prayerful about your Estimate of Giving for 2017 and turn in your cards as early as possible. Your giving will provide opportunities for our students to serve in mission, discipleship classes and small groups for our children and adults, outreach to our communities and a people who are welcoming and caring for those lost and in need of the Savior.

Thank you!

2017 STEWARDSHIP GOAL - \$674,000.00



Please use this form to register for church events. After filling it out, you may tear it off and place into the offering plate. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Event: _____

Number of Registrants: Adults _____ Children _____

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 12-11-16

TODAY (12-11-16)
 8:30 AM –& 11:10– Worship Service – SA
 9:45 AM – Sunday School
 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Cantata Rehearsal – All Parts – SA
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

MONDAY
 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – FrH
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH

TUESDAY
 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE
 8:00 AM – Prayer and Communion Service – CH
 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
 1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting – CCR
 7:00 PM – Woman’s Ministry Meeting – KL
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH

WEDNESDAY
 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, FH
 12:00 PM – Ministerium Lunch – Bethlehem Lutheran
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbells – CR
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Cantata Rehearsal – All Parts – SA
 7:00 PM – Israel Trip Meeting at the Lesnetts

THURSDAY
 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, FH
 7:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS
 6:00 PM – Lions’ Club – CCR
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Webelos II – PR
 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM – Youth Choir – CR

FRIDAY
 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE, FH
 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Den 8 Bear Cub Scouts – PR
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Wolf Den – TR
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Tiger Cubs – Red Room

SATURDAY
 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Music Christmas Party – FH

SUNDAY (12-18-16)
 Fill-A-Truck Food Pantry Drive
 8:30 AM –& 11:10– Worship Service – SA
 9:45 AM – Christmas Program – FH
 9:45 AM – Adult Sunday School
 11:10 AM – Cantata – SA
 3:00 PM – Christmas Caroling – Meet in FH
 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Youth Group Christmas Party – YH

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of our parents by Dale and Cheryl Harry.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Wendy Boody.

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.

8:30 AM USHERS

Mark Connelly
 Curtis Neil
 Len Colaizzi
 Marilyn Colaizzi

11:10 AM USHERS

Henry Tomer
 Nicole Graco
 Jerry Nist
 Dave Jenkins
 Becky Winek

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 AM – Michael Beal
 11:10 AM – Skip Young

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, December 18, 2016
 Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN’S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Emily Cooper, Director of Children and Family Ministries at: emily@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400

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 11:10 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 ½ to 4yrs. of age.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL –Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2nd grade will meet in the GREEN room of the C.E. for Kids of the Kingdom Music to start class at 9:45. Children in 3rd grade through 5th will meet in their classrooms.

3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP – For ages Pre-K through 2nd grade during the 11:10 service. This week’s lesson will be *Advent II* and will be taught by Linda Barto, Barb Harms, and Nicole Graco.

4. CALLING ALL KIDS—GRADES 3-5! M&MS: MESSIAH & ME YOUTH GROUP Get ready for a year of fun, games, growing and serving in Jesus Christ. Our next meeting will be December 21st at 6:30 PM in Friendship Hall. Please join us!

5. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT to be held January 20-22, 2017 at the Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. The guest speaker, Herb Kolbe, Coalition for Christian Outreach will lead us as we focus on the theme of being *Deeply Rooted*. Registration forms are available on the tables outside the sanctuary and on the church website. Questions? Emily Cooper through the church office at 412-486-5400

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

6. 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!

Praise Team – Tuesdays 6-7:30 PM **Handbell Choir** – Wednesdays 6-7:00 PM
Chancel Choir – Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM **Youth Choir** – Thursday, 7:15-8:30 PM
Elementary Choir – Thursdays 6-7:00 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.

7. REGULAR CLUBS – Jr. High (grades 6-8) meets from 4:30-6:00 PM and Sr. High (grades 9-12) meets from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Youth House. We hope to see you there!

8. 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 be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house. We hope you will come and bring a friend!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

9. FILL THE TRUCK! We will be filling a truck of food items to be donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry on Sunday, December 18, 2016. Please contact Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774 with any questions or how you can help this worthy cause. Items that are needed are: package/box noodle side dish mixes, package/box rice side dish mixes, boxed hot dinners or salads, package/box rice, boxed potatoes, pasta (single serve Chef Boyardee), pasta Sauce, canned salmon, sardines, crab, tuna, soup, broth – chicken/beef /vegetable, canned fruit, condiments such as ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles, salad dressings, peanut butter, puddings, gelatins (ready-made or boxed), Baking items: cake, cookie, or brownie mix, single serve cereals or instant oatmeal, single serve items such as granola bars, fruit cups, Easy Mac, applesauce, sandwich crackers, Ramen/Oodles of Noodles, sugar, flour, baby food and diapers, paper towels and napkins, toilet paper and facial tissues, personal items such as soap, shampoo, shaving cream, disposable razors.

10. CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS–Please use the special white envelopes in the pews. Checks should be made payable to Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Thursday, December 1st was the last day to order poinsettias. Any orders received now will be applied evenly to the Bread of Life Food Pantry and North Hills Community Outreach.

11. 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.

12. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING... Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue in the chapel on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, **starting at 7:00 PM.** We 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 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.

13. 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 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM to assist, please contact Marian Berberich at 412-486-8000.

14. 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.

15. NURSERY HELP WANTED: We are looking for some extra coverage for the 8:30 service. Please contact Emily Cooper for more information if you are willing to help care for the smallest of our congregation.

16. AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRL NEW TROOP FORMING – Elfinwild Church is starting a new American Heritage Girls troop. The troop is open to girls ages 5-18. Please feel free to contact Pam McKern with any questions at: pamela_mckern@hotmail.com or 412-512-3461.

17. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – September through May

* The Story taught by Dr. Dirk Lesnett (Fellowship Hall)

* “The Wired Word” taught by Mike Radich in the Fall (Cornerstone Room)

Thursday Evening Classes-

January 5 through January 26 (4 weeks)

1. “Elfinwild Unplugged: Telling our Stories” taught by Reverend Jason Rea and Mark Connelly (Fellowship Hall)
2. Bible Study on 1 John taught by Bob Siar and Bob Wegner (Cornerstone Room)

18. COMING TO THEATERS FOR ONE INSPIRING NIGHT

It's the story that shook the world ... and challenged the faith of those who lived through it. Now, the amazing true story of how Samaritan's Purse staff trusted God in the midst of the devastating Ebola crisis in Africa is coming to theaters for one night. Plan now to see **FACING DARKNESS** on Thursday, March 30th only. **Tickets Are Now Available!** You can find a preliminary list of theaters and tickets can be purchased online from participating theaters at facingdarknessmovie.com. Don't miss out on the ministry movie event of the year.

19. 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.

20. COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP

We gather after the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service and before Sunday School Classes start. Volunteers prepare and serve coffee, juice and treats. Would you like to volunteer? Contact: Tessa Connelly, connthree07@gmail.com (724) 939-7665.

21. 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, connthree07@gmail.com (724) 939-7665.

22. THE PRESBYTERIAN PROJECT. A group of local churches including; Elfinwild, Fox Chapel, Glenshaw, Hiland, John McMillan and Parkwood, are planning a mission trip to the Carolinas the week of January 15-21, 2017. There has been significant damage to homes along the East coast, but we will focus our efforts in the Carolinas to try to keep the destination within a reasonable driving distance. The cost of the trip is estimated at \$400/person at this time, but more details will follow, keep checking back!! We do have scholarship money available if you would like to experience this type of mission work. Please think and pray about it!! If you have any questions or are interested please contact Penny Young at (412) 767-4325 or youngp@fcpc.us.

23. TRIPLE O'S (On Our Own) LUNCHEON will be on Wednesday, December 21st at 12 noon. Please make a reservation by completing the form in the bulletin or by calling the church office. Come and join this great fellowship!

24. THANK YOU to all those that donated their time and breakfast items for the Advent Celebration. It was a huge help to me and to our church. Blessings and hugs, Tessa Connelly.

25. WE EXTEND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to the Deacons for decorating the church so beautifully for our Christmas season. We are blessed by their service.

26. HOSPITALITY MEALS – Thank you to those that have been signing up to bring our Elfinwild Family meals. I wanted to mention that in order for you to be able to sign up you need to receive the email from the direct link that I set up. You cannot forward my email as the link connects with the emails that I allow access to. Please email me if you need to be added or if you have questions. Thank you Tessa Connelly connthree07@gmail.com.

27. YOUR 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available at the rear of the Sanctuary. If you intend to use envelopes and do not find yours there, please notify the church office. Each box of regular offering envelopes includes a specific per capita payment envelope. If you are using any of the “direct payment” methods and wish to pay the per capita or for any other payment, you may use the pew envelopes making sure to include your name and purpose (i.e. Per Capita). The Per Capita assessment amount for 2017 is \$31.50 per member.

28. FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN THIS SEASON –Located in your bulletin is a list of members who are unable to come to Church or live out of the area. They would certainly be pleased to receive a Christmas greeting or note. Please remember them as you prepare your Christmas cards this year!

29. STEPHEN MINISTRY informational brochures and the upcoming class syllabus are available in the Gathering Room, on the windowsill. Also, for folks experiencing difficulty at this time of year, a number of "Surviving Christmas" articles are there for the taking! If you have any questions about contact Ruthie Riethmuller, Stephen Leader at 412-487-3421 or mrdd1@comcast.net.