ELFINWILD MISSION STATEMENT

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church is committed to proclaiming to the world the love of God in Jesus Christ. Our mission ministry, reaching people worldwide, is proclaiming this love by preaching the good news of Jesus Christ and giving to those in need. Our goal is to give as much to others as we give ourselves. Our understanding of mission has been set forth in our Book of Order:

*We believe in the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.*

Form of Government, Chapter III

Our efforts touch so many areas of need. As the mission ministry moves forward, we can take satisfaction in seeing the Lord’s work in action. He has given us a demanding call, and there is much work to be done. The Great Commission of Christianity is the instruction of the resurrected Jesus Christ to his disciples that they spread his teachings to all the nations of the world. Matthew 28:18-20 reads, “Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Our commitment is more than just writing a check—it means getting involved and sharing our talents, too. In doing so, we can live as Christ would have us live and work toward ending the problems of the world. In response to Christ’s command to carry His message to the ends of the earth, and recognizing that it is impossible for the local church to address all the needs throughout the world, we will encourage the congregation to give undesignated funds to mission; however, we strictly honor the request of individuals who designate all or a portion of their mission giving to recognized, legitimate missions.
Asian Christian Ministries established the first Pakistani Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Asian immigrants can now worship in their native language. Dr. Emanuel Nasir is the Founder and Director and is a friend of Elfinwild. Dr. Nasir routinely visits our Church.

Mission Statement: "The Board of Directors, officers, and staff of ACM affirm that we have been established and incorporated to preach, teach, and preserve the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the South Asian immigrants, and strive to be a ministry of reconciliation and healing among the diversity of ethnic groups in North America. In the United States we seek to evangelize the new immigrant communities and serve as a ministry of reconciliation and healing among the diversity of ethnic groups. It is our earnest desire to encourage and unite all Christians in this effort, that we may fill the earth with the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ as the water covers the sea."

The Doris Hersch Education Project
The Doris Hersch Estate provided the start up funds to ACM to educate the poorest of the poor young women in South Asian Villages by building one school per year.

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**Mission Statement:** “Bethlehem Bible College is providing a powerful and much needed Christian witness in the community and provides training for young Arab Palestinians to minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their own people. Founded in 1979 by local Arabs, the college usually enrolls 135 students who are interested in Christian service in the Middle East.”

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**Mission Statement:** “Crestfield is a year round Christian ministry facility of the Pittsburgh Presbytery that offers retreat facilities, programs, and special events to nurture others in their experience with God, through Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the spirit of Christian hospitality, we strive to offer a nurturing atmosphere in all of our retreat packages and Crestfield sponsored programs.”

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Slippery Rock, PA 16057
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Fax- 724-794-1665
Website- www.crestfield.net
Caring Hands
A ministry of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church

Mission Statement: “The goal of this mission is to provide comfort and support to those in need through the donation of handmade teddy bears.”

Since August of 2012, the Caring Hands have made 5,000 teddy bears. They have also made receiving blankets, knit baby hats, chemotherapy hats, and heart breast cancer awareness pillows. These items have been sent to missions throughout the world including Japan, Russia, China, Africa, and Nicaragua. Our senior high students took bears with them on their recent mission trip to Nicaragua this past summer.

Bears have also been donated to St. Margaret Hospital, Passavant Hospital, Kane Regional Center, Vincentian Nursing Home, Vincentian Regency Nursing Home, Children’s Hospital, Pregnancy Care Center, Shaler Police Department, and Shaler Area EMS.

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Chairperson- Mary Ann Johnson
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Bread of Life Food Pantry
A ministry of Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church

Mission Statement: “We seek to bring a measure of love and peace through sharing the blessings of food and other resources with those who are in need. We see in our neighbors the face of God and act with resolve to insure that basic needs of life are met.”

The Bread of Life Pantry hours for Calvert Memorial United Presbyterian Church are as follows:

First Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Second Wednesday of the month, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Third Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Bread of Life Food Pantry
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Lisa grew up in Pittsburgh. She is Director of Leadership Development in Honduras, El Salvador and Costa Rica for the organization. She is in charge of training Camp Counselors and Program Directors to create camping experiences for the youth of Central America to learn about Christ and Christian living.

**Mission Statement:** “We exist to glorify God through linking the ministry of camping to the work of the local church to fulfill the Great Commission.”

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The Elfinwild Mission Committee has always put aside disaster relief monies to help in areas that are hard hit by hurricanes, floods, or any severe crisis.

Monies have been sent to:
- The tsunami disaster in Japan  
- The southern hurricane disaster in Joplin, MO and Alabama  
- Two Presbyterian Churches that had been hit by flooding and hurricanes  
- Hurricane Sandy disaster relief  
- To Presbytery for Malawi hunger relief
**EAST LIBERTY HEALTH CARE CENTER**

Mission Statement: “The Mission of the East Liberty Family Health Care Center is to witness to God's love, known in Jesus Christ, by empowering our patients through community centered, whole-person quality health care for all, which includes those who are uninsured, underinsured and underserved.”

Contact Information:
Website - http://www.elfhcc.com

Locations:
- East Liberty
  6023 Harvard Street
  Pittsburgh, PA 15206
  (412) 661-2802

- Lincoln-Lemington
  7171 Churchland Street
  Pittsburgh, PA 15206
  (412) 361-8284

- Hosanna House
  (dental care only)
  807 Wallace Avenue
  Pittsburgh, PA 15221
  (412) 345-7730

**COALITION CHRISTIAN OUTREACH**

The CCO is a campus ministry that partners with churches, colleges, and other organizations to develop men and women who live out their Christian faith in every area of life.

Mission Statement: “We partner with churches, colleges, and other organizations, placing our staff in strategic positions of influence on campus. Most of our staff people serve as an arm of the local church on campus, while others work in the chaplain's office or in multicultural relations, student services, wilderness ministry, service learning, athletics, or residence life.”

Our Core Values
- All things belong to God.
- Jesus changes people’s lives.
- We love college students.
- Faithfulness is pursued together.
- We celebrate life.

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ELFINWILD CHURCH PRESCHOOL
MISSION OUTREACH
A new local evangelism program of the Mission Committee of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church

“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never go thirsty”  John 6:35

This Scripture verse was placed on individual loaves of bread. Each loaf was then given to the parents of all incoming students to Elfinwild Church Preschool encouraging them to attend worship services at Elfinwild Church.

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mission Statement: “Friendship Community first loved us. We are called by God, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Word and the Holy Spirit, to serve as part of the Kingdom of God.”

Friendship was intentionally located in a diverse, low-income neighborhood charged to show the love of Jesus Christ by responding to the real needs of its neighbors. Friendship’s Mime group, which has performed at Elfinwild several times, brings another dimension to the musical worship at Friendship and other churches where they perform, to help move audiences to connect deeper with songs of praise. Friendship is a shining beacon showing Christ’s love in an area where there is poverty and hopelessness.

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HOSANNA INDUSTRIES INC.

Mission Statement: “Poverty tries to destroy hope...Hosanna Industries strives to restore hope. Every day, another family is helped and given the hope it needs to restore lives, restore dignity, and restore vitality in its community.”

Since 1990, the mission has completed over 2500 projects in the local Pittsburgh Region and throughout the nation while leading volunteers for over 136,000 volunteer work days. The total market value for these projects exceeds $45 million while the mission has spent approximately $12 million for this work.

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FRIENDS OF UNITED SRAM ASHRAMS

Friends of United Sram Ashrams is an organization supporting Christian pastors in India. Founded in 2002 it offers hope and encouragement to Christian pastors who are ministering in a non-Christian climate. Dr. Kuchipudi Clement, a Missionary Pastor, is the director.

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LOVE, LIGHT, AND MELODY

Daniel Bain, Hampton High School graduate, is the Site Director of the Nicaragua Branch of Love, Light, and Melody. He and his wife Jessenia have worked inside the city trash dump in Managua, Nicaragua, helping to rebuild, restore, and bring healing to the families living there.

In 2010 they founded a home for at-risk children of the families they minister to with the purpose of providing a peace-filled environment where the Holy Spirit can teach children about their identity in Christ. The children also receive practical life-lessons, learn responsibility, and better educational opportunities. Coming alongside the parents, the Bains help teach them their identity in Christ as well, with the hope that the parents will make Jesus the foundation of their family. With their house built on the Rock, parents will be ready to raise their children according to God’s Word, and the children will be reunited with their parents to live new Life in the family God gave them.

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NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE

The New Wilmington Mission Conference is a week-long, multi-generational, Presbyterian Church (USA)-related, mission conference held on the campus of Westminster College in western PA (one hour north of Pittsburgh). The focus is on youth ages 12 to 24 but all ages are welcome. Last year 800+ people from 31 states and 19 countries were registered and 1,000 locals came to hear speakers.

Mission Statement: “The New Wilmington Mission Conference looks to deepen the missionary spirit, seeking fulfillment of the Great Commission, with a focus on youth ages 12-24. Mission interpretation meets the duty and ideal of carrying the gospel to ALL the world. NWMC uses its Presbyterian mission heritage to encourage a deep spiritual life of fellowship with God by promoting service and witness for Jesus Christ.”

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North Side Common Ministries

"To Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and receive the stranger"

Mission Statement: “NCM’s mission answers the call of Jesus “to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and receive the stranger,” and the prophet’s call to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.”

Northside Common Ministries is a non-sectarian, non-profit, community-based organization established in 1982 by a collaboration of 30 local churches to meet the increasing needs of the homeless population. An affiliate unit of Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania, NCM operates the Pleasant Valley Emergency Shelter for men who are homeless, the Northside Community Food Pantry, and a Permanent Housing Program for men with disabilities. Our work is supported and facilitated by hundreds of volunteers including members of some 60 church congregations including Elfinwild who provide evening meals for Shelter residents throughout the year.

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Mission Vision

Mission Statement: “Mission Vision strives to remove barriers that cause undiagnosed and untreated vision and hearing impairments among impoverished citizens in our community and around the world by advocating for those affected through medical services and education.”

The President of Mission Vision is William Christy, MD. Mission Vision is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization which partners exclusively with other community service providers to deliver free eye exams, custom eyeglasses and other essential supplies directly to homeless and uninsured working poor citizens in both Western Pennsylvania and abroad. Our ‘Vision of Hope’ program conducts free eye care clinics on site at crisis shelters, soup kitchens, food pantries and sliding-fee medical clinics, where many in the demographic targeted by Mission Vision are already getting their primary needs met. As a measure to prevent unnecessary blindness, Mission Vision is also dedicated to educating community and neighborhood outreach providers about the importance of maintaining eye health, and the dangers of neglecting it.

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THE PITTSBURGH PROJECT

The Pittsburgh Project is a nonprofit community development organization with a 25-year track record of developing leaders and serving the city’s most vulnerable residents. Our year-round staff of 51 operates a progressive series of afterschool and summer programs for 450 urban young people, deploys over 2800 people annually to perform free home repairs for Pittsburgh’s elderly homeowners, and spearheads economic development and job training efforts in our Pittsburgh neighborhood.

Mission Statement: Our vision is that Pittsburgh will be called a City of Truth, where once again men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets each with cane in hand because of age, and where the city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there (adapted from Zechariah 8:4-5).

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SALAM MEDICAL CENTER

The Salam Medical Center is a not-for-profit hospital in El-Qanatir Elkhaireya, Egypt. The center started in 1996 under the auspices of the Egyptian Protestant church with a mandate to provide high-quality health care to the people in and around the city while promoting positive relations among people of different faiths. Currently, the medical center includes medical and dental clinics and a pharmacy in its 640 square meters of space.

The clinic performs a vital function in enhancing the lives of its patients. Few of the patients suffer from the kind of malnutrition and disease common in other parts of Africa, but the effects of inadequate health care are evident. Poor health can affect people in their ability to obtain or maintain jobs, care for their families, and participate in many aspects of society. By placing an emphasis on assistance to the poor, the medical center is helping to equalize Egyptian society. Most staff members receive only minimal remuneration for their work, thus allowing the majority of the money raised for the center to go into improved facilities, services, and equipment. Funds also come from contracts from companies for health services for their employees, while fees from the subsidized patients help to pay for free services.

Dr. Freddy S. El-Baiady, is the Director of Salam Medical Center.

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In 2001 a group of physicians from Pittsburgh began to partner with the San Jose Health Committee, a grass-roots organization seeking to improve the health of their community. The work was started in cooperation with a Cincinnati non-profit group, Shoulder to Shoulder (STS). Since incorporating as a non-profit in 2003, Shoulder to Shoulder Pittsburgh has been serving the needs of the San Jose del Negrito region, while working with the wider STS network in other parts of Honduras.

Mission Statement: “It is our mission at Shoulder to Shoulder Pittsburgh-San Jose, Inc. to improve health outcomes in San Jose del Negrito, Honduras and the surrounding rural communities by empowering these communities to provide sustainable comprehensive primary health care (medical, dental, behavioral health, preventive health, nutritional services and educational programs), provide opportunities for training for US-based health professionals in the area of international health care and international health program development, and sponsor, develop, and promote services and programs, which are charitable, scientific or educational and which address the physical and/or mental needs of the members of the communities served by Shoulder to Shoulder Pittsburgh/San Jose.

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Glenshaw, PA 15116
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Rev. Scott Boyd, Director

P.R.I.S.M.

Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries, Inc. is a unique outreach to international students and scholars and their families visiting the Pittsburgh area. The organization was founded in 1980 by Dr. Carl Templin, who was formerly a Presbyterian missionary in Ethiopia.

P.R.I.S.M. is housed in the Bellefield Presbyterian Church in Oakland, Pittsburgh’s academic center. Its purpose is threefold. The first is to provide fellowship and ministry for Christian students. The second is to seek opportunities to present the Gospel to non-Christian internationals. Finally, the third is to recruit local churches to participate. Elfinwild has hosted international P.R.I.S.M. guests in the past.

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WEE KIRK
A ministry of Presbyterians for Renewal

The purpose of Presbyterians For Renewal’s ministry with small membership congregations is to mobilize biblically faithful, missionally minded leaders in small membership congregations. Funding to Wee Kirk is done so that ministers of small Presbyterian churches can attend high quality pastoral education in a retreat format, where they can be challenged, encouraged, and supported.

Wee Kirk’s Vision:
Individuals and congregations will:

- **proclaim** Jesus Christ the incarnate Son of God as Lord of creation and the only Savior
- **rely upon Scripture** as the authority for our faith and life
- **equip followers of Jesus** to proclaim Christ in words and actions and to live in the abundance of God’s love
- **become and nurture** biblically faithful, missional leaders
- **support congregations** as primary agents of God’s mission in the world
- **nurture healthy governing bodies** for accountability, mutual encouragement, and shared witness
- **embrace** social justice and evangelism as interrelated dimensions of our primary task, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ

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WORLD MISSION INITIATIVE
at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Mission Statement: “World Mission Initiative (WMI) is a fellowship of Presbyterians dedicated to developing mission vision, nurturing missionary vocations, and cultivating missional congregations and exists to help Christians understand how God is at work in the world and how they can share in that work.”

WMI has a seminary focus in order to prepare seminary students to become pastors with a larger Christian worldview and a passion for mission.

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Andy and Sue Peck have served Wycliffe since 1987, first at the JAARS Center in North Carolina and then over nine years in Peru. Andy and Sue are now working out of Orlando in the Wycliffe office. Andy is the International Administrative Director of Human Resources and oversees and gives aid and assistance to overseas missionaries. Sue is Project Liaison for all of the Americas, from Alaska to Chile. Her job is to determine how much funding will be needed for the various staff projects in the field. They both travel extensively to fulfill these positions.

Mission Statement: “Utilizing the skills and talents God has given us, we seek to serve God and promote His kingdom by giving every man, woman and child His word in his native tongue.”

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World Harvest Mission is a missions sending agency that has over 150 missionaries in 14 countries. They believe the motive and power for mission is the gospel of grace at work in the life of a believer.

Mission Statement: “Laying down our lives to proclaim the Kingdom of Jesus Christ through preaching, healing and equipping.”

Core Values:
- Centrality of the gospel
- Primacy of missions
- Kingdom-centered prayer
- Ministering from weakness
- People-focused ministry
- Evangelism and church-planting
- Training, equipping, and mobilizing leadership
- Encouragement of churches and pastors

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Mission Statement: “Young Life brings the good news of Jesus Christ into the lives of adolescents with an approach that is respectful of who kids are and hopeful about who they can be.”

Young Life’s multicultural ministry, focused on kids in diverse cultural communities and those in economically-depressed areas, is arguably the largest of its kind in the United States. We refer to our ministry to kids with disabilities as Capernaum and to our work with teen moms as YoungLives. In a partnership with Military Community Youth Ministries, Young Life reaches military teens through a program called Club Beyond. The Small Towns initiative brings Young Life to communities of fewer than 25,000 people.

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