

COMMUNITY NEWS

23. BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY would appreciate all kinds of non-perishable foods. Thank you for your faithful donations to your neighbors in Etna. They are always looking for volunteers who have a couple of hours a month to help sort and stock our shelves for our clients or can assist our clients when using the Pantry. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Sandra McDermott at 412-487-4028.

24. DO YOU LOVE AND SUPPORT FAIR TRADE? Are you looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of men and women in developing countries around the world? Are you looking for a way to serve in the Pittsburgh community? We want to talk to you! Ten Thousand Villages-Pittsburgh is a fair trade non-profit retail store located on Forbes Avenue in Squirrel Hill (near Little's Shoe Store). Our sales support artisans and their families, and fund our operations. We are looking for talented and committed individuals to join our board of directors. We are presently seeking potential board members with retail management, marketing, human resources and public relations skills. Please contact Glenn Carr via e-mail at BrownCarrs@verizon.net or by phone at 412 369-0495, for more information.

25. GLENSHAW VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is serving Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day at 12 noon. This annual event is offered in fellowship to the community FREE of charge. No reservations are required. If you are alone or unable to prepare your holiday meal, please join them at 1520 Butler Plank Road, Glenshaw, PA.

26. NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH – is collecting new toys, puzzles, games, sporting equipment, and gift cards for children ages birth through 18 from November 18th through December 11th. Gifts appropriate for teens are especially needed. Donations can be dropped off at NHCO, 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101, Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 4 PM. For more information contact Vicki at vdburst@nhco.org or 412-487-6316 option 1.

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 _____

Ages of Children: _____

Other applicable information: _____

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

TODAY 9:45 AM – Sunday School
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication
4:30-6:00 PM- Jr. High Club- YH
6:30-8:00 PM – Sr. High Club - YH

MONDAY 7:30 AM-4:30 PM– Preschool – CE
12:00 PM- Premarital Counseling
4:00 PM- 8:00 PM- Operation Christmas Child- FH
5:30-8:30 PM - Act One – FrH
6:30 PM- CLC#5- YH
6:30 PM- Messiah & Me at Fun Fest
7:00 PM- Boy Scouts- FH
7:00 PM- Women's Ministry Committee Meeting- Library

TUESDAY 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool - CE
10:00 AM – Staff Mtg. – KL
1:00 PM-4:00 PM Operation Christmas Child- FH
6:30 PM – Weigh To Lose
6:30 PM – K-3 Gr Music – CR
7:00 PM – 4-6 Gr. Music – CR
7:00 PM – Personnel Mtg - Library
7:00 PM – Financial Peace University – YH

WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool – CE
7:30 AM-12:00 PM– Mom & Me – PR&TR
12:00 PM- Triple O's Luncheon
4:00-7:00 PM- Operation Christmas Child- FH
6:30 PM-8:00 PM- Confirmation Class- YH
7 PM – Chancel Choir – CR
7 PM- Den 2- Red Room
8:05 PM – Music Min. Bible Study – SA
8:25 PM – Praise Team - SA

THURSDAY 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
7:30 AM-4:30 PM– Preschool – CE
7:30 AM-12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR&TR
9:15-11:30 AM – Women's Stretch & Study – YH
10:30 AM- Service at Grace Manor
1:00 PM- 4:00 PM- Operation Christmas Child- FH
6:00 PM – 7:30 pm – Girl Scouts –PR & FH
7:00 PM-Student Ministries Leaders Meeting- YH
7:00 PM- Den 7- Red Room
7:15 – Youth Choir- CR

FRIDAY 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool – CE
7:30 AM-12 PM – Mom & Me – PR&TR
4:00 PM- 6:00 PM Operation Christmas Child- FH
4:15-6:45 Act One – FrH
6:00 PM- Wolf Pack- PR
6:00 PM- Sr. High Group departs for Laurelville
7:00 PM- Webelos I- Red Room
Webelos II- Faith Ranch

SATURDAY Sr. High Group in Laurelville
8 AM-2 PM – Act One – FrH
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM- Operation Christmas Child- FH
2:00 PM-5:00 PM- Women's Christmas Bazaar- FH/PR/TR

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church		
Financial Statement		
October 30, 2013		
Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$ 485,580
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$ 505,837
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$ 522,819
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$ - 16,982

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by Dorothy Winter in honor of her parents' Lois and Al Ehrenberger's 62nd wedding anniversary.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Kyle Pinta.

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

Paul Braddock
Max Smith
Kim Szymoniak
Bob Szymoniak
Ron Tiedeman

11:10 AM USHERS

Mel Stoker
Jennifer Muszynski
Jack Ritenbaugh
Patti Zahnhausen
Bill Sausser

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 AM – Michael Beal
11:10 AM – Mike Dolan

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, November 24, 2013
Dr. Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth-6th Grade

*For more information on these ministries, please contact
Rev. Bethany Harbaugh at
bethany@elfinwildchurch.org or 412-486-5400.*

1. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP (ages 4 to 2nd grade) provides an opportunity for children to experience God through an age-appropriate and multi-sensory worship service. Today's lesson, "Exile and Return" is being taught by Elaine Jans, Bonnie DeMatteo and Carolyn Hervey.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL – GRADE 6: The Sunday School hour begins at 9:45 AM for all ages. Children in preschool-2nd grade meet in Friendship Hall (ground floor of C.E. building) to begin with a time of music. Others meet in their classroom for a lesson, activities, art and more! All are welcome!

3. M&m's "MESSIAH & ME" Join us and bring a friend for Messiah & me, a youth group for 4th to 6th graders! Our next gathering will be on Monday, November 18th. Instead of our regular meeting, we will be bowling at FunFest in Harmarville from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. We ask that you drop off and pick up your child at FunFest (but adults are WELCOME to stay for the fun)! The cost is \$10 per person and includes shoe rental, bowling AND PIZZA! Please RSVP for this event to Bethany. Feel free to invite friends!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

*For more information on these ministries,
please contact Jennifer Clayton at
jennifer@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400.*

4. ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC –With the busy season coming, we are in need of additional help in music for the special services we hold during Advent and Christmas. If you would be interested in joining the choir, praise team, or handbell choir for one or more of these special services, please contact Jennifer. Your presence would be wonderful!

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. JR. & SR. HIGH CLUB TONIGHT! - Jr. High (grades 6-8) from 4:30 – 6:00 PM and Sr. High (grades 9-12) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. This club is a wonderful time for fellowship with other students. We play different games, have some good food and spend time in worship and study together. We hope you will join us tonight!

6. LAURELVILLE WEEKEND RETREAT FOR SR. HIGH: NOV 22-24 - We will be heading back to Laurelville for this great retreat. Cost is \$110 per person. You may use your account to pay for the retreat. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit (either by check, cash or student account) is needed to reserve a spot. Get your spot soon as this retreat will fill up quickly!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

7. ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS! Please join us at the Youth house for Pizza and bonfire on Saturday, November 30 at 7:00. Bring a friend. Email your hosts Jeanine and Phil Arrigo at jeanine.arrigo@gmail.com or text at 412-918-9900. We are looking forward to seeing you.

8. INFORMATION UPDATE FORM. For the months of November and December a form will be provided in the bulletin to update the church with your current contact information. Please fill the form out and return it to the office as soon as possible. Our hope is that we may update our records and give you the option to move to more digital communications (emails/texting) if you wish. We would like everyone to fill out a form even if nothing has changed for you so we can check the accuracy of our records! Questions? Contact the church office. Thank you.

9. EVERGREENS FOR ADVENT WREATHS – If you have evergreen trees that can be trimmed, we would love to have some branches donated for the Advent Wreath Making here on December 1st. Please let Bethany know if you plan to bring branches.

10. FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL -- Anyone wishing to purchase memorial flowers for the chancel is encouraged to call the church office to place their order. The flowers are \$42 per week. Most Sundays in 2014 are available for flower purchase.

11. COFFEE HOUR - Please join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship in the Upper Gathering Room immediately following the 8:30 AM service. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with Coffee Hour in the future is encouraged to contact Tessa Connelly for more information: connthree07@gmail.com or 724-939-7665.

12. CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS – Please use the special white envelopes in each pew to place an order for your Christmas Poinsettias. Each 6” plant is \$10. Please make your check payable to ELFINWILD CHURCH and include it with your order. Also, please be sure to include your name and the name/s of those you wish to honor. Sunday, December 1st will be the last day that orders can be taken. For assistance, please call the church office.

13. HART FAMILY MEALS - Diane Hart fell on 9/19 and fractured her leg in several places. After multiple surgeries, she will have many weeks of recuperation. Please consider providing a meal for the Hart Family to make things a little easier for them during this time. Go to <http://mealbaby.com/viewregistry/16714650> to view the meal schedule and to sign up. For more information or assistance, call the church office.

14. WOMEN’S STRETCH AND STUDY – Please join us for Elfinwild’s Women’s Bible Study on Thursday mornings from 9:15-11:30 AM at the Youth House. We start with a brief time of light yoga, and then dive right into God’s Word, studying the book of Ephesians. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Childcare is available. Our last study for this year will be this Thursday, November 21st. We will resume again in the new year with a study on Grace. For more information, please call Kara Rea at 412-328-5367.

15. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Saturday, November 23 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Vendors will be gathered together so you can do your Christmas shopping and support a very good cause. All monies raised will be used to help HEARTH housing ministries, a non-profit organization that offers transitional housing for homeless women and families and supports them in their efforts toward independent living. There will be complimentary refreshments, and activities for children during the bazaar hours. If you would like to be a vendor, we have openings! **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** for many things, including set-up/clean-up and helpers for the children’s activities. Please contact Jennifer Clayton for more information. This event is open to the public, so please invite your friends and neighbors!

16. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Elfinwild Church will be hosting several special events for the holidays, including the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service and a Hymn Sing on December 1. We need volunteers to bring cookies or other desserts and to donate bottles of cran-raspberry juice and ginger ale for punch. If you are able to help, please let Jennifer Clayton or Tessa Connelly know!

17. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - THE POWER OF PRAYER

Operation Christmas Child....The Power of a Simple Gift..... National Collection Week is here! During this week, we are asking you for the most valuable support you can give. We are asking for your prayers. Prayer is a vital part in the ministry of Operation Christmas Child. Please join Christians around the world in prayer by using the Prayer Guide found in today’s bulletin. Thank you for all your support you have given so far!!

18. DEACONS’ HOSPITALITY – If you would be able to provide a dinner once in a while for an Elfinwild family in need, the Deacons’ Hospitality would like to hear from you. Please contact Marilyn Colaizzi at (412) 487-6071 or mgcolaizzi@hotmail.com

19. THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE – Elfinwild Church will be hosting this year’s ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 27. This service is a wonderful expression of thanks to God and a witness to the community of believers across the Shaler-Hampton-Etna area. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! Items will also be collected that evening for a special donation: food donations to benefit Bread of Life Food Pantry and personal toiletries and cleaning supplies to benefit HEARTH Housing Ministry. Thank you for your generosity!

20. ADVENT/CHRISTMAS HYMN SING – Please plan on joining in the singing fun on Sunday, December 1st at 7:00 PM. We will be singing the music of the season together with the organ, and celebrating the reason for the season in song. There will be dessert and punch afterwards in the Upper Gathering Room. We look forward to seeing you there!

21. PLEASE UPDATE MARK AND TESSA CONNELLY’S new address: 4942 Meadow Crest Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101. Phone number- 724-939-7665. Email- connthree07@gmail.com

22. TRIPLE O’S LUNCHEON Our luncheons have been a great success! Please join us on Wednesday, November 20th 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!

STAFF

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CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 and 11:10 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary.

11:10 AM ONLY

Toddlers (ages 2 - 4) are welcomed in the Toddler Room
located on the 1st floor of church building

Discipleship for Children

(ages 4 - 2nd grade) Location – Green Room, 1st floor C.E. Building

Children 3rd grade and up worship with their families.



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
November 17, 2013
8:30 and 11:10 AM Worship

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

*You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
For though you were angry with me, your anger turned away,
And you comforted me.*

*Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
For the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;
He has become my salvation.*

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

*And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD,
Call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations;
Proclaim that his name is exalted.*

Isaiah 12

PRELUDE

“Faith of our Fathers”
Ron Bernhardt, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the friendship pad that is located
near the center aisle of each pew.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done
marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him the victory.

**All: The LORD has made known his victory; he has
revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness to his people. All the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD with voice and
instruments, with joyful shouts and trumpets.

**All: Let the trees clap their hands for joy in the
presence of the LORD, for he is coming again
soon to bring justice and peace to the world.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 478

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

(11:10)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Margaret Hite, Donna Jenkins, Kelly Simile

(11:10)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Words of Introduction

Questions to the Parents – Christian and Jessica Bonicky

Questions to the Congregation

Presentation of Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism of Ashlyn Jessica and Kendall Jonna Bonicky

(11:10)

HYMN No. 493

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 12:1-3

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous Father,
We who own more than we use, and request more than we need,
We come humbly to ask for 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,

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

The truth of God, and the life of love, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 12:4-6

Leader: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please place your Estimate of Giving cards into the offering plates
along with your tithes and offerings.*

OFFERTORY

8:30

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Youth Choir

11:10

“Peace in the Midst of the Storm”

Chancel Choir

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 428

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

*During the hymn, please bring your shoeboxes forward
and place them on the chancel steps.*

PRAYER 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

“O For A Thousand Tongues”

Youth Choir

11:10

“On Eagles’ Wings”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 27:26-34

(page 122-123 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Intentional Giving”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN No. 421 “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

(8:30)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

Ron Bernhardt, Organ

We thank our liturgists this morning:

8:30 Matthew Harbaugh

11:10 Andrew Lesnett

**There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday,
November 24, 2013, immediately after the 11:10 worship, in the
sanctuary, for the purpose of voting on officers to serve on the
Session, Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees, and Nominating
Committee for 2014. All members of the church are invited and
encouraged to attend.**

Steve Coco, President, Board of Trustees

Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session