

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**24. 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 Marlene Stack at 412-635-6166.

**25. 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.

**26. 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.

**27. NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH** – is collecting new toys, puzzles, games, sporting equipment, and gift cards for children ages birth through 18 from November 18<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>. 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  
12:30 PM- Congregational Meeting- SA  
1:00 PM- 4:00 PM-Operation Christmas Child-FH  
4:30-6:00 PM- Jr. High Club- YH

**MONDAY** 7:30 AM-4:30 PM– Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM-10:00 AM -Operation Christmas Child- FH  
9:00 AM- 3:00 PM- Preschool Bible Stories- UGR  
12:00 PM- Premarital Counseling  
4:00 PM- 5:00 PM- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Bible Study- Harbaugh Home  
5:30-8:30 PM - Act One – FrH  
7:00 PM- Boy Scouts- FH

**TUESDAY** 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool - CE  
9:00 AM- 3:00 PM- Preschool Bible Stories- UGR  
10:00 AM – Staff Mtg. – KL  
1:00 PM- Caring Hands- FH  
6:30 PM – Weigh To Lose  
7:00 PM – AARP Board Meeting- FH  
7:00 PM – Financial Peace University – YH

**WEDNESDAY** 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool – CE  
9:00 AM- 3:00 PM- Preschool Bible Stories- UGR  
7:00 PM- Ecumenical Service- SA  
7:00 PM- Den 2- Red Room  
8:00 PM- Dessert & punch- UGR

**THURSDAY** THANKSGIVING DAY- OFFICE CLOSED  
No Preschool

**FRIDAY** OFFICE CLOSED  
No Preschool

**SATURDAY** 8:30 AM- Deacons Meeting and Decorating- SA  
6:30 PM- College-Age Gathering- YH

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

**THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING** are given by Lora, Karen, Jim, and Jamie in memory of Jim King.

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Kristin Coco.

**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 – Marge Cain  
11:10 AM – Jerry Nist

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Sunday, December 1, 2013  
First Sunday of Advent  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)** provides an opportunity for children to experience God through an age-appropriate and multi-sensory worship service. Today's lesson, "Prophets Show Way to Bethlehem" 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-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders! We meet once a month from 6:30-8pm in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for the following fall dates: December 11<sup>th</sup>, and January 15<sup>th</sup>. In December we will bake Christmas cookies to take caroling with our Elfinwild family on December 15<sup>th</sup>. See you there!!

**4. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Please let Bethany know if you plan to bring branches.

**5. NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** Providing a loving environment for babies and infants is a vital part of Elfinwild's ministry, as well as allowing time for parents to fully participate in worship. If you are interested in serving in the nursery for a week or two, there is a sign-up sheet on the nursery door. If you have not filled out our Safe Sanctuary Clearances, please see Kristin Coco.

**6. ADVENT WORKSHOP:** On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Elfinwild will be hosting a community event! We will serve lunch in Fellowship Hall from 12:15-1PM, then families will rotate through rooms from 1-3 PM to hear about the birth of Jesus, sing, make crafts, and decorate gingerbread houses. Please RSVP by November 24<sup>th</sup>. Since this is an outreach event, we are looking for several volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up, prepare and serve food, host craft rooms, or be a storyteller. To help in any way, please contact Bethany at bethany@elfinwildchurch.org or 412-486-5400.

**7. FAMILY ADVENT WREATH-MAKING:** As we wait for the birth of Jesus, we wait knowing the hope, joy, and love that Christ brings into the world. Come make an advent wreath with your family on December 1 at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall to take home and use for the rest of advent, and join us as we light the first candle: the candle of hope. Please RSVP by November 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

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

**8. 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!

**9. CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** – Please remember to sign up for the pageant, taking place on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 11:10 service. The registration form can be found as an insert in your bulletins today, and the first rehearsal is December 1<sup>st</sup>, so please register soon!

### **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.*

**10. JR HIGH CLUB TONIGHT!** - Jr. High (grades 6-8) from 4:30 – 6:00 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! **NO SENIOR HIGH TONIGHT**

## **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**11. ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!** Please join us at the Youth house for Pizza and bonfire on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**12. 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.

**13. 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.

**14. CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS** – Please use the special white envelopes in each pew to place an order for your Christmas Poinsettias. Each 6 ½ ” 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 1<sup>st</sup> will be the last day that orders can be taken. For assistance, please call the church office.

**15. 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.

**16. 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 15, 2013. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. Please contact Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774 with any questions or how you can help this worthy cause.

**17. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** Elfinwild Church will be hosting the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service and a Hymn Sing on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We need volunteers to bring cookies or 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!

### **18. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD -**

A BIG thank you goes out to everyone who was able to participate in any way with Operation Christmas Child. These gifts will not only bring toys, candy, hygiene items and school supplies to needy children all over the world, but will also share the gospel of Jesus Christ. As a former recipient of a shoe box once said “One box equals one child equals one soul”. Thank you for being part of that equation!! We pray that as these children open their gifts and feel the love you put into preparing them, their hearts will open as well to the greatest gift of all.....Jesus!

**19. 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

**20. THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** – Elfinwild Church will be hosting this year's ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**21. ADVENT/CHRISTMAS HYMN SING** – Please plan on joining in the singing fun on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

**22. 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

**23. SEXTON POSITION AVAILABLE**- Our dear Anna Barrett is retiring at the end of the year. We thank her for her faithful service to our church! As a result of Anna's retirement, Elfinwild Presbyterian Church is seeking a mature, hardworking and reliable individual to fill an immediate part time custodial position within the Church complex. Applicant must have transportation and the ability to work weekend and evening hours (24hrs weekly). Responsibilities include assisting with general building maintenance, cleaning, outdoor grounds care, and fulfilling the janitorial needs for special church events. Prior experience, good people skills, and a pleasant disposition is preferred. Background check, resume and references will be required.

**STAFF**

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett – dirk@elfinwildchurch.org  
Associate Pastor: The Rev. Jason Rea – jason@elfinwildchurch.org  
Director of Children’s Ministry: The Rev. Bethany Harbaugh – bethany@elfinwildchurch.org  
Director of Worship and Music: Jennifer Harris Clayton—jennifer@elfinwildchurch.org  
Organist: Ron Bernhardt-ron@elfinwildchurch.org  
Church Secretary: Cindy Neil - cindy@elfinwildchurch.org  
Business Manager/Treasurer: Jack Ritenbaugh – jack@elfinwildchurch.org  
John Steinmiller – Sexton  
Bob Slahtovsky – Sexton  
Anna Barrett – Sexton  
Bob Kennedy – Financial Secretary – rgkmjk1@verizon.net  
Jim Thompson – Parish Visitor  
Amanda Gaydos - amandaga@consolidated.net–Web Page  
Jeanine Arrigo – jeanine.arrigo@gmail.com – CALL Editor

**Officers**

Clerk of Session – Mark Riethmuller  
President of Trustees – Steve Coco  
President of Deacons – Tessa Connelly

**MINISTRIES**

**Elfinwild Home Meals Ministry**  
Marian Berberich - 412-486-8000

**Deacons’ Hospitality Contact**  
Marilyn Colaizzi – 412-487-6071

**Elfinwild Church Preschool**  
Carolyn Hervey, Director  
Telephone – 412-486-2322

3200 Mt. Royal Boulevard, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania 15116  
Telephone 412-486-5400 Fax 412-486-7080  
Email: epchurch@elfinwildchurch.org

**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 1<sup>st</sup> floor of church building

Discipleship for Children

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

Children 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24, 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.

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
"Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."  
The LORD of hosts is with us.  
The God of Jacob is our refuge.  
Psalm 46*

PRELUDE “Simple Gifts” Ron Bernhardt

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH**  
(Please sign the friendship pad that is located  
near the center aisle of each pew.)

INTROIT "This is the Day" Psalm 118  
Chancel Choir, Praise Team, Youth Choir and JAM Singers

*This is the day (this is the day) that the Lord has made.  
This is the day (this is the day), let us rejoice (let us rejoice)!  
This is the day (this is the day) that the Lord has made,  
This is the day, let us rejoice, let us be glad.  
Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.  
Offer your thanks unto Him and bless His name.  
Serve the Lord with gladness, in joyful song.  
Tell of His excellent greatness, and praise Him all day long.*

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 98

Leader: Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, is also enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness, and come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet, and appointed him, the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church.

**All: We enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and come into his courts with praise.  
We give thanks to him and bless his name!**

Leader: Let us stand and worship God!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

**Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be. (Chorus)**

#### CHORUS

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with his glory. (repeat)  
The earth is filled with his glory.**

CCLI Song # 4158039 Chris Tomlin | Louie Giglio © 2003 sixsteps Music CCLI License # 893979

**Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power in love and purity. (Chorus)**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity. (Chorus)**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION John 15:5-8

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful One,  
You know when we are afraid to love;  
You know when we are too cowardly to show mercy.  
Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears.  
Surround us and strengthen us with Your perfect love,  
that, even in the face of our imperfections,  
we will bear the fruit of righteousness in our lives.  
Saturate us with Your Holy Spirit,  
that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 15:9-17

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.**

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "To The King"  
Chancel Choir, Praise Team, Youth Choir and JAM Singers

*To the King, eternal, immortal, invisible,  
To the King, eternal, to the only wise God,  
We bring honor, we bring glory,  
we bring praises forever, amen.  
Let the sound ring out, lift a mighty shout,  
Bring an offering to the King.  
Let your soul rejoice with a mighty voice,  
All the praises ring to the King.*

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 95

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 "That's the Way It Is" OmegaJAM Singers  
11:10 "Jesus Loves Me" AlphaJAM Singers

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24  
(page 1111 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "Thankful Giving" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "For the Fruits of All Creation"

**For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God.  
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Thankful Heart Rejoices" Ron Bernhardt

*We thank our liturgists this morning:  
8:30 Mike Dolan  
11:10 Amy Meyer*

**There will be a congregational meeting TODAY,  
November 24, 2013, immediately after the 11:10 worship service,  
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**