

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. GLENSHAW AARP #3744 will meet Tuesday, December 10, 2013 for a Christmas Dinner Party at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Refreshments will be at 5:00 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM. Entertainment will be provided by singer, Jordan Luntz. For more information, please call Patty Padden at 412-781-2379.

26. WORKABLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- The old saying about teaching a man to fish holds true. WorkAble employment services help job seekers find jobs or better jobs so that they can support themselves and their families and attain self-sufficiency. Workable seeks volunteers county-wide to coach job seekers during the stressful job search process. Volunteer coaches provide emotional support as well as practical guidance on resume and cover letter writing, job search skills, and interview skills. Training is provided! WorkAble's services are FREE. WorkAble is a partnership with North Hills Community Outreach, South Hills Interfaith Ministries and Jewish Family & Children's Services and is funded by the United Way. Upcoming WorkAble Volunteer Coach Orientations are January 13th from 5-6:30 PM, January 15th from 6-7:30 PM, and January 22nd from 5-6:30 PM. For more information, contact Patti at 412-487-6316 Opt. 2 Extension 3204.

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: _____

TODAY **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**
 9:45 AM – Sunday School
 9:45 AM- Wreath Making- FH
 12:30 PM- Pageant Rehearsal
 4:30 PM- 6:00 PM- Discipleship Review Class- CCR
 4:30-6:00 PM- Jr. High Club- YH
 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM- New Officer Training-CCR
 6:30-8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH
 7:00 PM- Hymn Sing- SA
 8:00 PM- Dessert and Punch- UGR

MONDAY
 No Preschool
 12:00 PM- Premarital Counseling
 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM- 5th Grade Girls' Bible Study- Harbaugh Home
 5:30-8:30 PM - Act One – FrH
 7:00 PM- Boy Scouts- FH
 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM- Pack 157 Committee Meeting- PR

TUESDAY
 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool - CE
 10:00 AM – Staff Mtg. – KL
 12:00 PM- Men's Luncheon- 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 – Financial Peace University – YH

WEDNESDAY
 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool – CE
 7:30 AM-12:00 PM– Mom & Me – PR&TR
 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
 6:00 PM – 7:30 pm – Girl Scouts –PR, FH, FrH
 6:00 PM-Lion's Club- CCR
 6:45 PM- Youth Bell Choir
 7:00 PM- Den 7- Red Room
 7:15 PM – Youth Choir- CR

FRIDAY
 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool – CE
 7:30 AM-12 PM – Mom & Me – PR&TR
 4:15-6:45 Act One – FrH
 6:00 PM- Pack 157 Holiday Party- FH

SATURDAY
 8 AM-2 PM – Act One – FrH
 1:00 PM-Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting at Parkwood Church

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 Dean and Elizabeth Thomas and Pam Walker in memory of Kevin Thomas.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is John Hart.

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
 Clay Riegel

11:10 AM USHERS

Henry Tomer
 Margaret Hartley
 Jerry Nist
 Dave Jenkins
 Becky Winek

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 AM – Andrew Coco
 11:10 AM – Skip Young

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, December 8, 2013
 Second Sunday of Advent
 Rev. Jason Rea 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, "Advent- Mary and Joseph, Shepherds" is being taught by Donna Rae Thompson, Sue Anderson, 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-6th graders! We meet once a month from 6:30-8pm in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for the following fall dates: December 11, and January 15. In December we will bake Christmas cookies to take caroling with our Elfinwild family on December 15. See you there!!

4. 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 TODAY 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.

5. ADVENT WORKSHOP: On December 8th, 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. 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.

6. APPLES AND BANANAS! On December 8th, Elfinwild is hosting a lunch for our community, including many preschool families! We are looking for people to donate bananas and sliced apples for the lunch. We ask that you please bring them to the kitchen by 11am on Sunday, December 8. Thank you!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

7. 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.*

8. 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!

9. PRESENTS FOR PATIENTS We will be purchasing presents for the residents of the Orion Home on Ferguson Road. Students can obtain a patient card and purchase a present for that patient. Suggested presents with sizes are listed on the card. We will deliver the presents as a group on December 16th. We will meet at the Youth House at 6:15 PM and to together to the Orion Home. We will return to the Youth House around 7:45 PM. We may need extra drivers for this event, so parents let me know if you would like to help transport students. This has been a wonderful time the past few years and we encourage as many students to participate as possible.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

10. 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.

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. ADVENT/CHRISTMAS HYMN SING – Please plan on joining in the singing fun TONIGHT 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!

13. 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. TODAY will be the last day that orders can be taken. For assistance, please call the church office.

14. TRIPLE O’S LUNCHEON Our luncheons have been a great success! Please join us on Wednesday, December 11th 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!

15. MEN’S LUNCHEON – Please join us for our monthly Men’s Luncheon on the first Tuesday of every month. In December, we will meet THIS TUESDAY, December 3rd at 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please fill out the form in this insert to make your reservation.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. DID YOU KNOW that the Deacons will provide a meal for you and your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you, or a family member that you are caring for, are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. Our Hospitality Ministry can deliver a meal to your home! Or perhaps you have a doctor’s appointment but have no transportation or are unable to drive. The Deacon’s Hospitality Ministry is able to help. The Deacons are here to SERVE YOU. Do you have a need for either of these services? If so, please call Marilyn Colaizzi for information at 412-487-6071.

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. 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

21. SHOULDER TO SHOULDER PITTSBURGH Alternative Gifts of Health & Organic Fair Trade Coffee For Sale on Sundays in December Between Worship Services. Each donation comes with a lovely Christmas ornament explaining what has been purchased as well as the mission of Shoulder to Shoulder Pittsburgh. Gifts of Health will be on sale each Sunday during the month of December and on Christmas Eve. All contributions are tax deductible and 100% of donations go directly to the people of San Jose del Negrito, Honduras. San Jose Del Negrito is in northwest Honduras, and has a population of 1,600. The average annual salary is \$400, and 50% of village members are under 16 years of age. A typical house is made of mud bricks with a pit latrine and an open fire for cooking. Shoulder to Shoulder Pittsburgh, in partnership with the village of San Jose Del Negrito, uses the gifts of Pittsburgh area professionals, students, and churches to provide essential medical care, health education, and community resources for the most needy. Since 2000, twenty-two brigades have traveled to San Jose. Elfinwild Presbyterian sent a mission team to Honduras during the summer of 2011. As this partnership grows, we appreciate your support. More information is available by contacting Mark Meyer or Wendy Stormer.

COMMUNITY NEWS

22. 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.

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CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 and 11:10 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary.

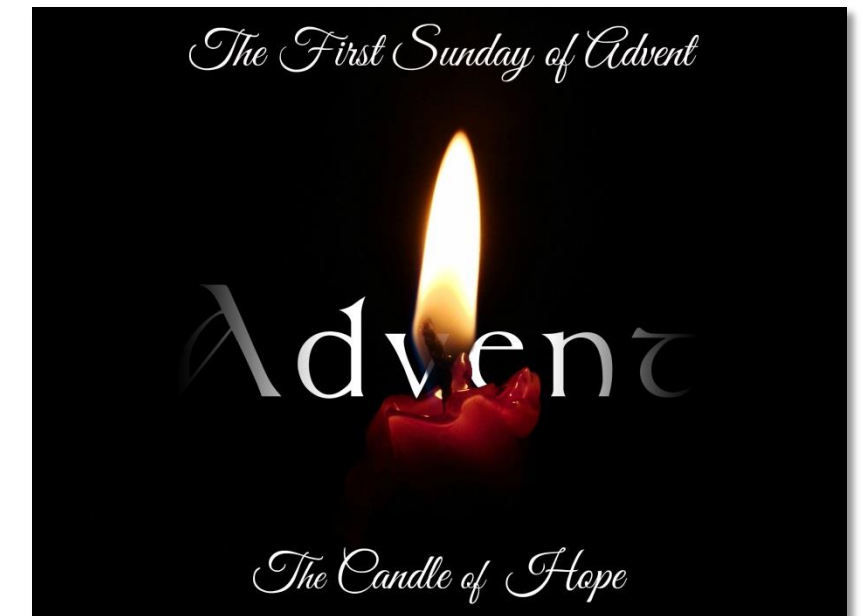
11:10 AM ONLY

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 December 1, 2013 First Sunday of Advent 8:30 and 11:10 AM Worship

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

*In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

Isaiah 2

PRELUDE

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Ron Bernhardt, Piano
Ruthie Riethmuller, Flute

WORDS OF WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

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

BRINGING THE LIGHT “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:11-14

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH – THE CANDLE OF HOPE
8:30 Naomi Rea and Kelly Simile
11:10 Patti Zahnhausen and Virginia Petcoff

COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)

**Faithful God, out of death you bring life.
Renew us in hope, that we may be alert
To the coming of Christ’s advent among us.
God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

HYMN No. 2 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 85:4-7

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!
Let us make our confession to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: It is Advent. This is the season in which we prepare
our hearts to welcome Christ, who is the bringer of
all peace.

**All: We confess to you the ways in which we block the
peace of Christ in our lives.
God of peace, hear our prayer.**

Leader: The rushing and scurrying to get things done,
and the worry about the little details,

All: we confess to you, O God of peace.

Leader: The financial burdens we put on ourselves,

All: we confess to you, O God of peace.

Leader: The impatience and irritability we feel and take out
on one another,

All: we confess to you, O God of peace.

Leader: The arguments we cause and the self-pity we feel because
we are too busy,

All: we confess to you, O God of peace.

Leader: Though we make ourselves less than peaceful at this time of
the year, your peace is always there for us.

All: Instill within us your peace, O God.

Leader: When we feel overwhelmed,

All: instill within us your peace, O God.

Leader: When we are filled with worry,

All: instill within us your peace, O God.

Leader: When we become irritable,

All: instill within us your peace, O God.

Leader: When the guilt of our ways threatens to overcome us,
help us to remember that we are forgiven in Christ.

**All: Instill within us your peace, O God, and help us to be
more peace-full so that we may spread Christ’s peace
and love to others. Through his name we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 85:8-13

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

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 576 GLORIA PATRI

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY
8:30 “Celtic Advent Carol” Chancel Choir
Ruthie Riethmuller, Flute
11:10 Ron Bernhardt, Organ

*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 Isaiah 2:1-5

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.**

(8:30)
ANTHEM “Now Let All the World Be Silent” Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 24:36-44
(page 927 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “We Don’t Know When, But We Know What to Do”
Rev. Jason Rea

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words of Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Receiving the Bread and the Cup
*(We will receive Communion today by intinction. Please use the
center aisle to come up to the chancel, and the side aisles to return to
your seat. If you prefer to be served in your pew, please remain
seated and someone will be happy to serve you at your seat.)*
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**In hope we wait for Christ to come
By God’s all-pow’rful hand,
To dwell with us in humble flesh
Divinity made man,
Divinity made man.**

**The one foretold by prophets past,
Messiah is his name,
He comes to bring God’s peace to earth,
God’s kingdom to proclaim,
God’s kingdom to proclaim.**

**By the Spirit of the Lord
Our hearts we will prepare
To see the Advent of our Lord,
And wake our souls through prayer,
And wake our souls through prayer.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Ron Bernhardt, Organ