

COMMUNITY NEWS

22. 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.

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 Marlene Stack at 412-635-6166.

24. 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.

25. 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: _____

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

TODAY 9:45 AM – Sunday School
9:45 AM-11:00 AM- Adult Church-wide Sunday School
12:15 PM-1:00 PM-Community Lunch- FH
1:00 PM- 3:00 PM- Advent Crafts and Story Telling- FH/CE
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- Session Meeting- CCR

MONDAY 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM- Preschool- CE/FH/Stage
12:00 PM- 2:00 PM- Mary Circle- CCR
4:00 PM- 5:00 PM- 5th Gr. Girls' Bible Study@ Harbaugh's
5:30-8:30 PM - Act One – FrH
7:00 PM- Boy Scouts- FH
7:00 PM- Handbell Rehearsal- CR

TUESDAY 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool – CE/FH/Stage
8:00 AM- Prayer & Communion Service- CH
10:00 AM – Staff Mtg. – KL
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- Trustees Meeting- CCR
7:00 PM- AARP Christmas Dinner Party
7:00 PM – Financial Peace University – YH
7:30 PM- Women's Ministry Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool – CE/FH/Stage
7:30 AM- 12:00 PM- Mom & Me – PR & TR
12:00 PM- Ministerial Meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran
12:00 PM- OOO's Luncheon- FH
6:30 PM-8:00 PM- Messiah & Me- FH
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- PS
7:30 AM-4:30 PM– Preschool – CE/FH/Stage
9:15 AM- 2:30 PM- Preschool –FH & Stage
7:30 AM-12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR&TR
6:45 PM- Youth Bell Choir
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 PM-6:45 PM- Act One – FrH
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM- Wolf Pack- PR
7:00 PM- 8:30 PM- Webelos I- Red Room

SATURDAY 8 AM-2 PM – Act One – FrH
4:00 PM- 8:00 PM- Congregational Open House@ Lesnetts

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by the Reed Family in memory of Frank and Helen Reed.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Mark Riethmuller

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 – Dan Clayton
11:10 AM – Natalie Grau

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, December 15, 2013
Third 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 2nd grade) provides an opportunity for children to experience God through an age-appropriate and multi-sensory worship service. Today's lesson, "Advent- Shepherds and Christ Child" is being taught by Donna Rea 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 winter 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. ADVENT WORKSHOP: Today, 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.

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 in the nursery. If you have not filled out our Safe Sanctuary Clearances, please see Kristin Coco.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

6. 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.

7. 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!

8. 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

9. INFORMATION UPDATE FORM. Continuing for the month of 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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!

14. 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

15. ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY DRIVERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - As our snowbirds go south for the winter, we have a need for additional drivers and volunteers during the winter months. If you have a couple of hours during the week to assist in the kitchen or can assist in delivery of the meals, please contact Marion Berberich at 412-486-8000. Any time that you can provide would be greatly appreciated for this important ministry.

16. ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY HOLIDAY TREATS NEEDED- As you begin preparations for your holiday baking, the Elfinwild Meals Ministry would appreciate your considering baking an extra dozen of cookies or another baking items that we could include in the daily meals that we provide to our clients. These additional items mean a great deal to individuals who otherwise would not be able to enjoy the holiday treats many of us enjoy. Please leave your donation in the church kitchen marked for the Elfinwild Meals Ministry or contact Marion Berberich at 412-486-8000 to make arrangements to drop off your donation. Thanks in advance for considering making this type of addition to our meals ministry.

17. 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.

18. 2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES Please pick up yours on the tables at the rear of the Sanctuary.

19. DO YOU NEED GIFT WRAP? There is a lovely table in the Upper Gathering Room with gift wrap and gift bags available for purchase. All proceeds go to HEARTH.

20. ELFINWILD CHURCH PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT- Elfinwild Church Preschool is currently enrolling children for the September 2014 – May 2015 school year. Classes are held for children ages 2 (with an adult) 3,4, and 5. A choice of morning or afternoon is offered. The morning sessions fill to capacity quickly. For more information, please call the school office at 412-486-2322 or Carolyn Hervey at home at 412-487-1302. We are happy to answer any questions or concerns that parents may have regarding our Christian weekday Preschool.

21. CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR MEMBERS WE DO NOT SEE OFTEN- Enclosed in today's 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!

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Deacons’ Hospitality Contact

Marilyn Colaizzi – 412-487-6071

Elfinwild Church Preschool

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Telephone 412-486-5400 Fax 412-486-7080
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CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 and 11:10 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary.

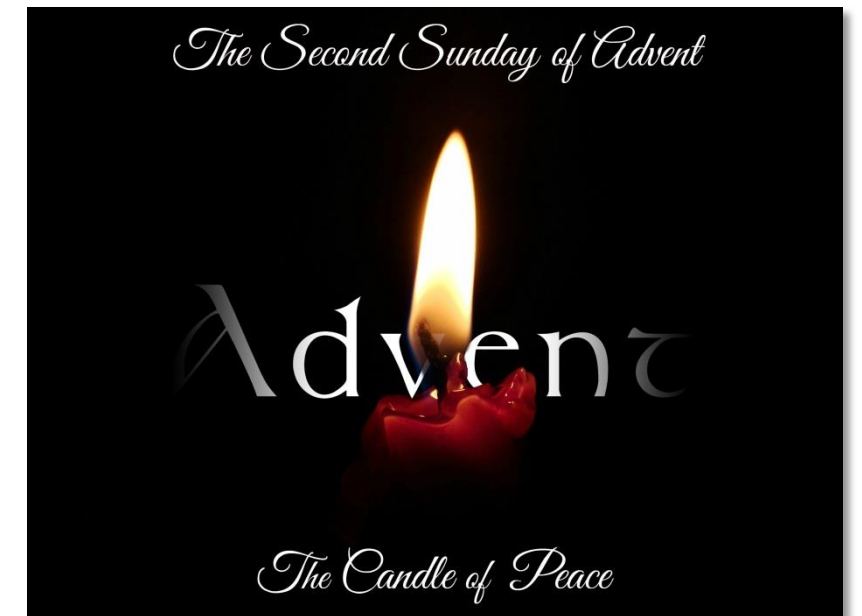
11:10 AM ONLY

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 8, 2013
Second 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 his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.

Amen and Amen.

Psalm 72

PRELUDE

8:30

“Hope is Dawning”

Praise Team

11:10

“Gloria”

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.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION Jim Giel

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of Hell Thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH –THE CANDLE OF PEACE
8:30 The Hegerle Family—Eric, Tracey, Tom and Kayleigh
11:10 The Robinson Family—Rob and Patty

COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)

**God of hope, God of peace,
You speak peace into the world
through the promise of the coming Christ, the Prince of Peace,
who will bring perfect peace to our world.
Help us embody your peace and to live in accord with each other,
That we may be people of hope.
God of promise, God of peace, into our darkness come.**

*HYMN No. 11 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION Isaiah 40:21-31

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

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of tenderness and love,
breathe your grace into our lives.
Forgive our wandering ways,
and guide us along your paths of peace.
When we lose our way,
and forget the reason and purpose of this season,
carry us back to you.
Lead us up to that high mountain of faith and hope,
that we might truly proclaim: "Here is our God!"
In calm assurance and peace of heart,
we pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 40:1-5

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 “Follow the Light” Praise Team

*Star in the sky we behold you: How could our eyes turn away?
Drawn to the light of mercy that comes to make a way
A lamp for our path that was darkness, eternity's secret revealed
A hope to illumine these shadows, a love that was born to heal
And we will follow the light
We will follow the light
Seeking the Lamb our saving love divine
Even the night will not shake us; in the desert our hearts will not fear
Drawn to the hope of salvation, we wait for the sun to appear
O star of wander star of night, star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light*

11:10 “Celtic Advent Carol” Chancel Choir

*Be not afraid, I bring you good news: the Savior is coming
in glory to you. He shall be called God's Holy One.
Will you be ready for Him when He comes?
Light the candle, Jesus is coming.
Open your hearts, prepare ye the way.
Sleepers awake, for soon is the dawning.
He will turn night into glorious day.
Be of good cheer and put away fear, the light now is coming to dry every
tear. Love now with us, God's perfect Son.
Will you be ready for Him when He comes?
Light the candle, Jesus is coming!
Veni, Emmanuel, captivum solve Israel (come ransom Israel)
Veni, Emmanuel, Jesus is coming—could he be coming today?
Light the candle, Jesus is coming!*

*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

Psalms 72

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.**

(11:10)

ANTHEM “Now Let All the World Be Silent” Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 3:1-12
(page 902 in the pew Bible)
Romans 15:4-13
(page 1065 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “Endurance” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 8
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Come, Thou Almighty King” Ron Bernhardt

*We thank our liturgists this morning:
8:30 Robert and Eileen Hughes
11:10 Rick Dayton*