

22. 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!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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. 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. 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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

TODAY Fill The Truck Drive
9:45 AM – Sunday School
9:45 AM-11:00 AM- Adult Church-wide Sunday School
12:30 PM- Pageant Rehearsal
3:00 PM- Christmas Caroling- meet in FH
5:00-7:00 PM- Youth Group Christmas Party- YH
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM- New Officer Training-CCR

MONDAY 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM- Preschool Christmas Program- FH
4:00 PM- 5:00 PM- 5th Gr. Girls' Bible Study@ Harbaugh's
6:15 PM- Youth Group visit to Orion
7:00 PM- Boy Scouts- FrH
7:00 PM- Handbell Rehearsal- CR

TUESDAY 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool Christmas Program- FH
10:00 AM – Staff Mtg. – KL
6:00 PM- Pageant Rehearsal with Praise Team
6:30 PM – Weigh To Lose
7:00 PM – Financial Peace University – YH

WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool Christmas Program- FH
4:00 PM- Perspectives Meeting- Nursery
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- PS
7:30 AM-4:30 PM– Preschool – CE
10:30 AM- Service at Grace Manor
6:00 PM- 7:30 PM- Girl Scouts- PR/FH/FrH
6:00 PM- Lion's Club- CCR
6:45 PM- Youth Bell Choir- CH
7:00 PM- Den 7- Red Room
7:15 PM – Youth Choir- CH

FRIDAY 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool – CE

SATURDAY 7:00 PM- Longest Night Service- UGR

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given by the Alexander/Weinman family in memory of Jeanette Alexander and Scott Alexander.

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

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 – Marge Cain
11:10 AM – Mike Dolan

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, December 22, 2013
Fourth 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, "Magi" 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 January 15, 2014. See you there!!

4. 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.

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: _____

**Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Financial Statement
November 30, 2013**

Proposed Budget	(Y.T.D.)	\$ 532,665
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$ 557,516
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$ 570,194
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$ - 12,678

5. NURSERY ROOM ATTENDANT - We are looking to fill the position of Nursery Attendant. This person would oversee the Nursery Room on Sunday mornings and should be one who can maintain in the nursery a secure, nurturing environment. In addition, this person must be compassionate, understanding and a spiritually motivated individual who is a fully committed believer in Jesus Christ. Interested candidates should apply by letter and resume to: The Personnel Ministry, Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, 3200 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116. Applications will be accepted until January 15, 2014.

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 – If you would be interested in joining the choir for one or more of these special services, please contact Jennifer. You are most welcome!

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. CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CAROLING- Join us at 3pm for caroling which will be directly followed by our Christmas party from 5-7pm. We will meet for caroling in Fellowship hall. The Party will be at the youth house. Even if you can't make caroling you can still come for the party (but you should try to come caroling as it will be fun). We will have dinner together at the party and each student should bring one wrapped gift (\$5 or under) for our annual gift exchange/game. We hope you will join us for this wonderful time of celebration.

8. ORION HOME PRESENTS FOR PATIENTS- We will deliver the presents as a group tomorrow December 16th. We will meet at the Youth House at 6:15pm and then head over to the Orion home and then return to the Youth House around 7:45pm. If you purchased a present but cannot go with us to deliver it, please give Jason your present before tomorrow night! 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. JOIN US TODAY!-for caroling to our members who are shut ins. Please meet in Fellowship Hall at 3 pm to be part of this special ministry. Refreshments will be provided upon our arrival back at church. See you there!

10. DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES POSITION (PART TIME)- Elfinwild Presbyterian Church is seeking a part time Director of Children's Ministries (birth through Grade 6). Responsibilities would include the development, planning, implementation, administration, and oversight of the Christian Education Program and related activities for the young children of the church and community from birth to grade 6. Interested candidates should submit a resume c/o Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, Personnel Ministry Committee, 3200 Mt. Royal Boulevard, Glenshaw, PA 15116, or online to www.elfinwildchurch.org with reference to the Personnel Ministry Committee.

11. THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE will be held on Saturday, December 21 at 7:00 PM. Join us in the Upper Gathering Room for a special service of prayer and Communion, remembering that, for many, the holidays are a time of grief and loss. Through this service, we will uphold each other in that place, and refocus ourselves to the Christ Child, whose Advent means we are never alone.

12. 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.

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. 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.

15. 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

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES Please pick up yours on the tables at the rear of the Sanctuary.

20. DO YOU NEED GIFT WRAP? The Women's Ministry Committee has a table in the Upper Gathering Room with gift wrap and gift bags available for purchase. All proceeds go to HEARTH.

21. 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.

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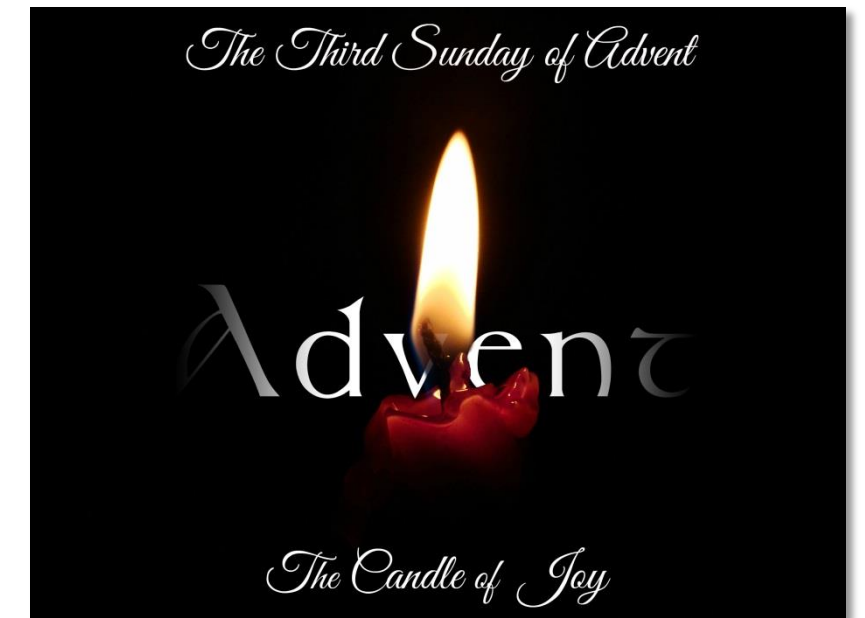
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CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP
8:30 and 11:10 A.M.
Cradle Roll (infants)
Location – end of hall from sanctuary.
11:10 AM ONLY
Toddlers (ages 2 - 4) are welcomed in the Toddler Room
located on the 1st floor of church building
Discipleship for Children
(ages 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 15, 2013
Third 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.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God...
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 146

PRELUDE			
	8:30	“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”	Ron Bernhardt
	11:10	“Hope is Dawning”	Praise Team

WORDS OF WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-10

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH –THE CANDLE OF JOY
8:30 The Radich Family- Michael, Mandie and Benjamin
11:10 The Lavelle Family- Len, Sarah, Grace, and Anne

COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)

**God of hope, God of peace, God of joy,
You have promised that, in your presence,
We will find unending joy.
Dispel the gloom that threatens to overtake us,
And raise us up as a joyful people,
That our joy will spread the good news
of our God who comes near.
God of promise, God of joy, into our darkness come.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 464 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION Isaiah 64:3-9

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

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things—
our hearts are filled with joy.
By your power, you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin
and brought us with joy into your kingdom.
Salvation is your gift to us.
But we confess that often we try to replace your gift
with our own efforts.
We try to complete what is already perfect;
we try to add to what is already full;
we try to create our own joy.**

**Forgive us for our foolishness.
Cleanse our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit.
Fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in you,
so that we may overflow with hope.
Through our Savior, Christ the Lord, we pray.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 146

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! (repeat)**

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

8:30 “Savior of the Nations, Come” Chancel Choir
11:10 “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*

*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 146

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 “A Prayer for Advent” Chancel Choir

*Veni, veni Emmanuel, Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Deliver us from doubt and fear, grant us joy and peace.
Restore our hope, redeem our hearts. Let our sorrows cease.
Let all our bitterness and hate surrender to Your loving way,
Oh, Veni, veni Emmanuel, Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Our longing hearts are waiting, Lord, waiting in the night,
Let all the clouds of sin and shame give way to truth and light.
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease.
Fill all the world with joy and peace.
Veni, veni Emmanuel, Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

11:10 “Carols Around” Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:46-55
(page 957 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “Mary’s Song” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Lord of All Hopefulness”

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Hark, the Glad Sound!” Ron Bernhardt