

23. 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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. 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.

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: _____

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

TODAY 9:45 AM – Sunday School
9:45 AM-11:00 AM- Adult Church-wide Sunday School
11:10 AM- Christmas Pageant

MONDAY No Preschool
7:00 PM- Boy Scouts- FH

TUESDAY No Preschool
10:00 AM – Staff Mtg. – KL
7:00 PM – Candlelight Worship Service with Children's Choirs
10:00 PM- Candlelight Worship Service with Communion

WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY CHRISTMAS BREAK
OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY No Preschool

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

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Jeff Mulkern.

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 – Michael Beal
11:10 AM – Jerry Nist

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, December 29, 2013
One Service at 10 AM
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, the children will be attending the Christmas Pageant at 11:10 AM.

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.

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 spirituality 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. JR. & SR. HIGH CLUB -We will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2014. 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.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

8. 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.

9. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Join us for a 7-week study on prayer. Led by several teachers, this study will help strengthen and deepen your prayer life through practical tools and understanding found in God's Word. Monday, January 13- February 24 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Cornerstone Conference Room. Please let Jennifer know if you'll need child care!

10. 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.

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 CARDS FOR MEMBERS WE DO NOT SEE OFTEN- Enclosed in today's bulletin on red paper 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!

13. 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

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES Please pick up yours on the tables at the rear of the Sanctuary.

18. 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. Everything is now \$1! We need ALL of it purchased, please! All proceeds go to HEARTH.

19. 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.

20. NEW WINTER ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES- Please see the bulletin insert on goldenrod paper for a listing of the new adult education classes beginning on January 5, 2014.

21. SAVE THE DATE!- On Sunday, February 9, 2014 we will be having our semi-annual All Church Event in Fellowship Hall after the 11:10 service. Please see the bulletin insert on goldenrod paper and join us to share a taste of the 'Burgh!

22. MCCAFFREY FAMILY MEALS- Please consider providing a meal for the McCaffrey's as Josh is recovering from surgery and has a long recovery ahead after a diagnosis of lymphoma. The link is <http://mealbaby.com/viewregistry/16908675> to view the schedule and sign up. Thank you!

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CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 and 11:10 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary.

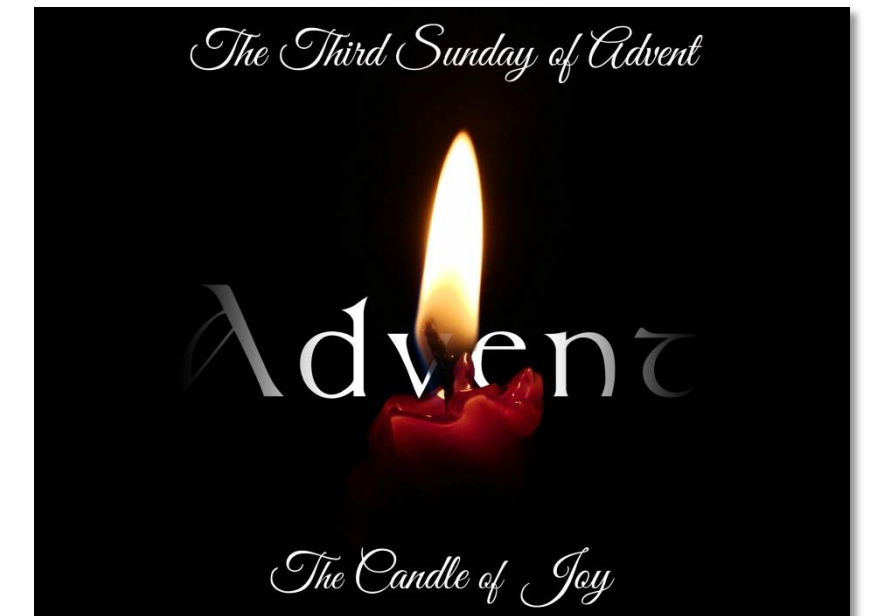
11:10 AM ONLY

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 22, 2013
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM Worship

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

*Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

Psalm 80

PRELUDE

“Christmas Joy”
Chancel Handbell Choir

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 Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH –THE CANDLE OF JOY

The Boggs Family—Scott, Carol, Curtis, and Joshua, Dick Matthews

COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)

**God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, and God of love,
You demonstrate perfect love towards us.
In the power of your love, teach us how to love each another
as reflections of your light in the world.
God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 376 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 80:1-3

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

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of unending love,
we confess our willingness to be loved
but also our reluctance to love.
We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love
but also our refusal to forgive.
We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love
but also our resistance to follow you without question.
In this Advent time, forgive us our failure
to respond as we should.
Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you
with hope, with joy, and with faith.
Through our Savior, Christ the Lord, we pray.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 43:1-7

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

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Chancel Choir

*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.**

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

“The Yearning”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25 & Romans 1:1-7
(page 901 and page 1053 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“An Honorable Man”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 40

“Joy to the World”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ron Bernhardt