

**23. ELFINWILD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** is in need of new members. If you're looking for a way to give something back to the community, this is a great opportunity! All training and equipment is provided either in-house or through local fire academies and schools. By making a commitment to the fire service, you can earn a FREE college degree through the FireVest program of the Community College of Allegheny County. For degrees offered or for more details, call 412-931-3158 ext. 5. Stop by the fire hall at 2807 Mt. Royal Blvd on any Monday evening at 7:30 PM or call Dan at 412-377-5986 for more information.

**24. SHALER AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR** – Saturday, 10/26, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 1800 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Over 50 Vendors and Crafters. Free Admission, refreshments, Chinese auction and raffle.

**TODAY** 9:45 AM – Sunday School  
 9:45 AM – Inquirers' Class - KL  
 12:15 PM – Meals Ministry Volunteer Luncheon – FH  
 1:00 PM - P.P.Mission Teams 1 & 2 depart for Dubois  
 5:00 PM -Dinner/Talent Show Scholarship Fundraiser

**MONDAY** 7:30 AM-4:30 PM– Preschool – CE  
 9:00 AM – Women's Ministry Meeting - KL  
 4:00-5:00 PM – 5<sup>th</sup> Gr Girls Bible Study – Harbaughs  
 5:30-8:00 PM - Act One - FrH  
 6:30 PM – CLC#5 – YH  
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts - FH

**TUESDAY** 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool - CE  
 10:00 AM – Staff Mtg. – KL  
 1:00 PM – Caring Hands  
 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  
 7:00 PM - AARP Board Meeting - FH

**WEDNESDAY** 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool – CE  
 7:30 AM-12:00 PM– Mom & Me – PR&TR  
 8AM – 3PM – Preschool Costume Parade – CE  
 5PM – PP Mission Team 2 returns from Dubois  
 5:30PM – PP Mission Team 3 departs for Dubois  
 6:30-8:00 PM – Confirmation Class - YH  
 7 PM – Chancel Choir – CR  
 8:05 PM – Music Min. Bible Study – SA  
 8:25 PM – Praise Team - SA

**THURSDAY** 7 AM – Men's Bible Study – KL  
 7:30 AM-4:30 PM– Preschool – CE  
 7:30 AM-12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR&TR  
 8AM – 3PM – Preschool Costume Parade - CE  
 9:15-11:30 AM – Women's Stretch & Study – YH  
 10:30 AM – Service at Grace Manor  
 6:00 PM – Girl Scouts – PR, FrH  
 6:00 PM – Lions Club  
 7:00 PM – Premarital Meeting  
 7:15 PM – Youth Choir - CR

**FRIDAY** 7:30 AM-4:30 PM – Preschool – CE  
 7:30 AM-12 PM – Mom & Me – PR&TR  
 8AM – 3PM – Preschool Costume Parade - CE  
 4:15-6:45 Act One – FrH  
 6:00 – 7:00 PM – Wolf Pack – PR  
 7:00 – 8:30 PM - Webelos I - PR  
 7:00 - 8:30 PM - Den 6 – FH

**SATURDAY** 8 AM-2 PM – Act One – FrH  
 7:30PM – PP Mission Teams 1&3 return from Dubois

**THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING** are given by Marian Berberich in honor of all of the Meals Ministry Volunteers.

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Bob Magill.

**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**  
 Jim/Donna Rea Thompson  
 Len Anderson  
 James Young  
 Tim Keenan

**11:10 AM USHERS**  
 Carl Schnelle  
 Debbie Piel  
 Don Grau  
 Scott Muszynski

**SOUND TECHNICIANS**  
 8:30 AM – Michael Beal  
 11:10 AM – Mike Dolan

**UPCOMING SERVICES**  
 Sunday, October 27, 2013  
 Rev. 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 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, "The Ark and Tent of God," is being taught by Debbie Piel, Bethann Dolan and Beth Interthal.

**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. GINGERBREAD HOUSES!** Do you like food and like to craft and build things? If so, we would love your help building Gingerbread Houses! We will gather on Tuesday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8 PM in the Green Room, to construct house frames so that they can be decorated by children and families at our community-wide Advent event on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join the fun!

**4. M&m's "MESSIAH & ME"** Join us and bring a friend for Messiah & me, a youth group for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders! We meet once a month, from 6:30-8:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for the following fall dates: Monday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

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

**5. CHILDREN'S MUSIC** – The next session begins Tuesday, November 5. Please consider having your kid(s) joining us—we have a great time!

**6. TALENT SHOW – TONIGHT!** We are having a dinner and talent show this evening! All proceeds go directly to the Elfinwild Church Scholarship Fund. Dinner is at 5:00 PM and the show starts at 6:00 PM, both in Fellowship Hall. Please see the blue insert in the bulletin to sign up, but you are welcome to come even if you don't sign up. Tickets are \$5 and includes dinner and the show.

## **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 – NO CLUBS TONIGHT** – We invite all students and their families to join us for our Scholarship Fund Spaghetti Dinner tonight in Fellowship Hall. Students who have volunteered to help serve should plan to be there at 4:00 PM. The dinner begins at 5:00 PM and is \$5 per person and \$3 for those under 12. Hope to see you there!

## **8. LAURELVILLE WEEKEND RETREATS:**

**JR. HIGH: NOV 1-3, SR. HIGH: NOV 22-24** - We will be heading back to Laurelville for these great retreats in November. Cost is \$110 per person. You may use your account to pay for the retreat. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit (either by check, cash or student account) is needed to reserve a spot. Get your spot soon as these retreats will fill up quickly!

## **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**9. A NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES:** The outside lift on the Church Street side of the sanctuary has been removed thanks to Don Pritchard and Bob Anderson. The lift has not functioned for more than 2 years and, now that we have elevator access for our building, we did not need to repair the outside lift. You may also see scaffolding and other items around the tower at the corner of the church. Much needed repairs are being done to the structure of the tower. Another improvement to the appearance of our campus!

**10. FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** Anyone wishing to purchase memorial flowers for the chancel is encouraged to call the church office to place their order. The flowers are \$42 per week. Most Sundays in 2014 are available for flower purchase.

**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. 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.

**13. WOMEN'S STRETCH AND STUDY** – Please join us for Elfinwild's Women's Bible Study on Thursday mornings from 9:15-11:30 AM at the Youth House. We start with a brief time of light yoga, and then dive right into God's Word, studying the book of Ephesians. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Childcare is available. For more information, please call Kara Rea at 412-328-5367.

**14. HILLSONG UNITED CONCERT**—The church is buying a block of tickets to this amazing night of worship and praise. Saturday, November 16 at 8:00 PM at the Consol Energy Center. Tickets are \$24 for open seating. A round-trip bus ride will be available, leaving from the church at 6:30, for \$8 per person. See Jennifer Clayton to sign up by TODAY, Sunday, October 20. It will be a night to remember! Teens and adults welcome.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**15. HALLOWEEN DINNER/DANCE FUNDRAISER FOR DESTINY OSTERRITTER** – Please join Destiny and her family and friends on Friday, 10/25, at 6:00 PM at the Moose Lodge on Saxonburg Blvd for a fun night with a pasta dinner, music, games and prizes. Chinese auction, raffle drawings, costume contests and a picture booth with Harold the Skeleton! \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, free for 5 & under. Call or email Cheryl Cerny for tickets: 412-213-3538 or cmc1514@yahoo.com

**16. LIONS CLUB** invites you to stop by their “BAGS AND BROOMS” Sale for help with your fall clean up. Stop by every Saturday in October from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Church Avenue lot.

**17. VOLUNTEER LITERACY TUTORS NEEDED** – for foreign-born (ESL) adults in North Hills. Become a trained literacy tutor to help adults in our community with language skills by attending a free workshop. The next ESL workshop will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church on 10/29 and 11/2 from 9 AM-4 PM. For more information or to register, contact Becky at 412-393-7638.

**18. 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 Sandra McDermott at 412-487-4028.

**19. FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** is a 9-week, biblically based course teaching us practical ways to manage our financial affairs. No matter what you know about finances, you don't know enough! This course, written and conducted by nationally syndicated radio host (8-11p.m. M-F 104.7 FM) and best-selling author Dave Ramsey, has helped over 1.5 million families! Subjects include: how to save, dumping debt, budgeting, real estate, mortgages, the role of insurance, college planning, retirement and much more. The course will help you set goals that you can achieve. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever! The course will be offered on Tuesdays, beginning October 22 from 7 to 9p.m. Cost for the course materials is \$85. You can order the materials through the church. You can't afford to NOT take the course! Reminder: If you have already taken the course, you are lifetime FPU members. Feel free to return for a “tune-up.” Go to [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) for a taste of what you'll get. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions at 412-487-4437.

**20. READING READINESS IN ETNA:** Kindergarteners and first graders are invited to the Reading Readiness Program at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 66 Grant Street, Etna. Led by the Shaler North Hills Library, it uses games, art, music and drama to boost reading power to the max! Join them at 4:30 PM on Fridays, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, and December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Call the church for more details: 412-781-2764.

## **21. HELP SOMEONE IN NEED STAY WARM THIS**

**WINTER** – NHCO is collecting new and gently used coats for all ages through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Coats should be clean with working zippers. Children's sizes and adult XL-3XL are especially needed. Please contact Vicki at [vdburst@nhco.org](mailto:vdburst@nhco.org) or 412-487-6316, opt. 1.

**22. COMMUNITY CRAFT FAIR** will be presented on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at Parkwood Presbyterian Church in Allison Park. Please join us and shop early for unique and different Christmas gifts. Get pictures taken with Santa Claus for Christmas cards, portraits or just for fun. Children and adults can have their faces painted with shiny and glittery designs. A supervised Children's Crafting Corner will be available. There will also be a bake sale, silent auction with over 50 items, a 50/50 raffle and a Steeler quilt. Refreshments and lunch will be available in the Crafter's Cafe including soup, sandwiches and goodies. For additional information or vendor application forms please contact Elaine Edelman at 412-486-8755.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

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

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119

Leader: O God, you are righteous and loving.

**People: Transform us by your Word!**

Leader: Your ways are upright and true.

**People: Encourage us by your Word!**

Leader: Your teachings are sweeter than honey.

**People: Draw us close to you by your Word!**

Leader: You give us understanding and we give you thanks.

**People: Re-form us, reconcile us,  
transform us by your Word!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

“In Christ Alone”

##### Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

##### Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

##### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

##### Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home

Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 32:1-6

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Awesome and compassionate God,  
You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,  
But we have not loved you well in return.  
You constantly call us, but we ignore your voice.  
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace, because of your great mercy,  
We repent in spirit and in truth.  
We admit our sins, and gratefully ask for  
And receive your forgiveness  
Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 34:1-9

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

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

#### \*HYMN OF THANKS

“Amazing Grace”

##### Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see

##### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

##### Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free,  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love amazing grace

##### Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures (Chorus)

##### Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below will be forever mine (Chorus)

Will be forever mine

You are forever mine

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#### RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

8:30 “Lord, I Need You”

Praise Team

11:10 “Sit Down”

Youth 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.**

(8:30)

PRAYER AND COMMISSIONING OF DUBOIS MISSION TEAM  
Carol Boggs, Amy Payne, Penny Young

(11:10)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEALS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

(11:10)

ANTHEM OF PRAISE “God of Grace and Glory” Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

8:30 Mitch Whitaker

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 “Watching Over You” Youth & Chancel Choir

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION NO. 321 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-13

(page 944-5 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“The Transfiguration”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 485

“To God Be the Glory”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him”