

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**-Our sermon on 12/30/18 taught about Jesus, as an older boy being lost. Or so we thought (Luke 2:41-52). Do you ever think or feel you can't find Jesus?? The new year is a good time to look...and you need not look alone. A Stephen Minister would come alongside as you search. Please contact Ruthie Riethmuller, Stephen Leader, if you would like a "search partner". Verse of the Month: "Your love has given me great joy and encouragement because you brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints." Philemon 1:7

**HOSPITALITY MEAL MINISTRY** –Did you know that members of your Elfinwild Family will provide a meal for you and your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you or a family member are recovering from surgery, just had a baby or are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. We sign up and deliver meals to you. Do you need a meal? Would you like to prepare and deliver a meal? Contact: Tessa Connelly, at connthree07@gmail.com or by phone at 412-600-1452.

**ELFINWILD HOME MEALS MINISTRY** –The Meals Ministry serves over 70 clients each day with nutritious, well-balanced meals. Volunteers are needed for this important ministry every day either to assist in the delivery of the meals to our clients or to assist in the preparation of the meals. If you have any time during the hours of 8:00 AM - 12 noon to assist, please contact Dick Friedline at 412-486-8000.

**YOUR 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available on the table in the library. If you do not find yours there, please notify the church office. Each box of regular offering envelopes includes a specific per capita payment blue envelope. If you are using any of the "direct payment" methods and wish to pay your per capita or for any other payment, you may use the pew envelopes making sure to include your first and last name and purpose (i.e. Per Capita). The Per Capita assessment amount for 2019 is \$33.05 per member.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** from all organizations are due by **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please email your reports to: cindy@elfinwildchurch.org

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** beginning on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and ending on February 25<sup>th</sup> in the Cornerstone Conference Room. We will be using the book, *A Perfect Mess: Why You Don't Have to Worry About Not Being Good Enough for God*, by Lisa Harper. This book Bible study explores selected Psalms that remind us how immersed we are in God's love despite our messy lives. Please join us as we examine what happens when we stop trying to hide our imperfection and start using God with our flaws and messes. Please contact the office or a member of the Women's Ministry Team to register. We hope to see you there!

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**CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday, January 20</b> All Church Retreat- Ligonier 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM –Worship Services – SA 9:45 AM – Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM – Inquirers’ Class – PR 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM – Youth Group Ice Skating At North Park	<b>Thursday, January 24</b> 8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 10:30 AM – Grace Manor Service 6:00 PM – Lions’ Club – CCR 7:15 PM – Youth Choir – CR
<b>Monday January 21</b> 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – NO Preschool – CE 7:00 PM – Women’s Bible Study – CCR	<b>Friday, January 25</b> 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
<b>Tuesday, January 22</b> 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 10:00 AM –Staff Meeting – KL 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose 7:00 PM – Praise Team – SA 7:00 PM – AARP Board Meeting – FH 7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Mtg. – KL	<b>Saturday, January 26</b> 6:30 AM – All In #7 – KL 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act 1 – CE
<b>Wednesday, January 23</b> 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbells – CR 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls’ Bible Study @ the Harbaugh’s 6:30 PM – Wednesday Evening Bible Study – FH 7:00 PM – Sr. High Guys Bible Study – YH 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – SA	<b>Sunday, January 27</b> Ligonier Camp Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM –Worship Services – SA 9:45 AM – Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM – Inquirers’ Class – PR 12:30 PM – Annual Congregational Mtg. – FH 5:00 PM – Youth Group attending “The Event” – Meet at Youth House

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**WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**January 20, 2019**

**We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper, and a way to serve for all who are willing.**

You are invited to use Scripture for reflection or prayer as you prepare your hearts for worship.

**“Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of Your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”**

**Order of Worship**

PRELUDE “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Burkhardt

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH  
*Please sign the blue Friendship Pad in the pew near the center aisle.*

CALL TO WORSHIP John 1:14, 12  
Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us.  
**People: and we have seen His glory.**  
Leader: To all who received Him,  
**People: He gave power to become children of God.**

\*HYMN No. 263 “Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise”

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 Jon 1:8, 9  
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sins to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel!  
**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Psalm" Young

\* 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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell;
On the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God,
the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 9:51, 57-62
(page 970 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "Followers, Not Just Fans" Dr. Bill Jackson

\*HYMN No. 361 "How Firm a Foundation"

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Recessional" Asper

Special thanks to our liturgists:

8:30 - Sharon Griffin 11:10 - Rick Dayton and Patti Zahnhausen

Special thanks to our guest organist, Mr. Mark Nurnberger

The Elder of the Week is Nancy Kriek

NOTICE OF 2019 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on
Sunday, January 27, 2019, in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p.m. A soup
and potato bar lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome and
encouraged to attend.

Janell Haygood, President, Board of Trustees
Mark S. Riethmuller, Clerk of Session

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God.

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 USHERS

Michael Radich
John Hart
Ron Park
Matt Geary

11:10 USHERS

Don Pritchard
Bob Mankey
Jim Giel
Dick Friedline

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 - Jim Saraceno
11:10 - Mike Dolan

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, January 27, 2019
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Birth - 5th Grade

LOVING CHILD CARE FOR OUR YOUNGEST FRIENDS

All adults working with our children have full security clearances.

Sundays 8:30AM-12:30PM

Infant Nursery (Birth-2 Years), Sanctuary Level

Staffed by "Miss Holly" Schreiber, Church Members & Youth Assistants

Toddler Room (2-4 Years), Basement

Staffed by "Miss Tracey" Hegerle & Youth Assistants

We are looking for adult volunteers to partner with our child care coordinators. If you love
spending time with babies and toddlers, please consider helping in this area of ministry.

Contact Amy Meyer at 412-486-5400 or amy@elfinwildchurch.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for Ages 4 Years (Pre-K) to 5th Grade: Christian Education (CE) Building,

9:45-10:45 AM - An hour of learning about God through the bible, games, stories, art, and
music directed by loving and knowledgeable teaching teams.

Pre-K/K: First Floor, Red Room with Mrs. Nist and Mrs. Thompson

Grades 1-2: First Floor, Blue Room with Mrs. Graco, Mrs. Laing, and Mrs. Dierker

Grades 3-5 Second Floor, Purple Room with Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Connelly, and Mrs. Alexander.

YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP - During the 2nd Worship Service. Meet in the Green Room,
first floor of the CE Building, for a time to experience and learn about God in a worship space
designed specifically for young children. Children who attend Sunday School may be
dismissed directly to YCIW with a parent's permission. This week's lesson is "Jesus in the
Wilderness" and will be taught by Elaine Jans, Linda Barto, and Barb Harms.

M&MS (MESSIAH AND ME) PROGRAM - For kids in grades 3-5 from 12:15-2pm in
Fellowship Hall. Starting with a light lunch, children dive into a time of games, activities,
prayer, and lessons to build each child's walk with God. Upcoming sessions are:
February 3rd and 17th, March 3rd and 17th, April 7th, May 5th and 19th.
Questions? Contact Tessa Connelly 412-600-1452 or connthree07@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS! - If you are interested in joining our chancel choir,
elementary choir, youth choir, praise team or handbell choir, please join us at rehearsal -
ALL ARE WELCOME! You may join at any time.

2018-2019 MUSIC SCHEDULE

Elementary Choir - Tuesdays from 6-7pm

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm

Praise Team - Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm

Youth Choir - Thursdays from 7:15-8:30pm

Handbell Choir - Wednesdays from 6-7pm

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY - Please join Bethany Harbaugh and Kelly Simile for a Bible
Study for girls going into 6-8 grade! We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday to play games, ask
questions, share life together, and learn how to live as followers of Jesus Christ. We always have
a fun time together, so we hope you will come and bring a friend! This study will be from 6:30 -
8:00 PM at Bethany's house.

SENIOR HIGH GIRLS BIBLE STUDY will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Harbaugh's
house from 6:30-8PM. We will be studying Rachel and Leah and learning from them about how to
combat comparison. Please let us know if you plan to come so we can order a book for you.

REGULAR CLUBS - Jr. High (grades 6-8) meets from 4:30-6:00 PM and Sr. High (grades 9-12)
meets from 6:30-8:00 PM on Sundays at the Youth House.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

2019 PLEDGE CARDS If you have not returned your 2019 Pledge Cards, please prayerfully
consider what you are able to pledge so that the many programs and everyday activities of the
church may continue and grow. In order to meet our building expenses and for our programs to
continue we ask that you return a Pledge Card. We need to know what is available through our
pledges so we may generate a balanced 2019 budget.

BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY: The Deacon Ministry is dedicating the 2nd Sunday of each
month to collect items to keep the shelves full at the Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church Food
Pantry. The Bread of Life Food Pantry serves a valuable service to the local community in Etna,
PA. The Deacons are asking for the Elfinwild Family to contribute items on the 2nd Sunday of
each month to support this mission. If the food pantry is in need of a specific item an
announcement will be made to the Elfinwild Family on the 1st Sunday of the month. Examples of
needed food items include, but not limited to: boxed meals/rice & potato mix/crackers/jello &
pudding/fruit juice/baking mixes. They also need toothpaste/brushes diapers-especially small
size, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, and cleaning products. The items are to be placed in
the designated bins located throughout the church.

PRAYER REQUEST - ELFINWILD ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Approximately 100 members of our church family will be at Ligonier Camp and Conference
Center on retreat from January 18-20. Please pray for good health leading up to and during the
retreat, safe travel, good fellowship, and spiritual growth during this time. Please lift up our
retreat leaders, Jean and Herb Kolbe. We will be studying and meditating on God's word from the
book of Ephesians 4:15-16--Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect, the
mature body of him who is the head, that is Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held
together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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ADULT EDUCATION - The following adult education classes will meet each Sunday
between worship services from 9:45-10:45

\*Faithweaver Now for Parents- Youth House Led by Mike and Amanda Gaydos

\*The Wired Word- Cornerstone Room- Join Mike Radich for a discussion of current events
from a Biblical perspective.

\*Inquirer's Class - If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, what it
means to follow Christ, or how to become a member of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, this
class is for you. We will begin Jan. 6 for six weeks at 10:00 AM, after the first service in Peach
Room. While being present for each session is most helpful, we understand that schedules
may not permit your attendance at every session. Please call the church office with any
questions. 412-486-5400.

\*Mission Sunday School - Fellowship Hall

Dan Bain will be leading this class on Jan 6 and Jan 13. Dan will be teaching from the book of
Genesis. Bring your Bible. This class will be offered for about 6 weeks. It will be an informal
"conversational class" with the focus on Mission. There will be more leaders to be
announced.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN Jim Saraceno and Mark Connelly on Wednesday evenings
from 6:30 to 7:30 in Fellowship Hall for a Bible Study focusing on The Fruit of the Spirit. The
first session will run from January 23 through February 20, and the second session will run
from May 1 to May 29. Bring yourselves and your Bible.