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**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  
January 28, 2018  
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM Worship**

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

**“And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you,  
just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members  
of my family, you did it to me.’  
Matthew 25:40**

**PRELUDE**

(8:30)	“Nothing Without You” <i>Praise Team</i>	Bebo Norman
(11:10)	“Siyahamba” <i>Handbell Choir</i>	Anna Laura Page

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

*Please sign the blue Friendship Pad in the pew near the center aisle.*

**Elfinwild Presbyterian Church  
Financial Statement  
November 30, 2017**

<b>Actual Tithes &amp; Gifts Given</b>	<b>\$622,282</b>
<b>Total Expenses (Y.T.D.)</b>	<b>\$571,181</b>
<b>Favorable (Y.T.D.)</b>	<b>\$51,101</b>

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33 (selected verses)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

People: **For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.**

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

People: **Our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.**

(8:30)

\*SONG OF PRAISE No. 1025  
(The red song book on the pew)

*Chorus x2*

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You**

*Verse*

**To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy**

*Chorus x2*

(11:10)

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 481 "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"  
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-10

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

Let us confess our sins together.

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 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.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: 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. Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) "Dry Bones" Mark Hayes  
*Youth Choir & Elementary Choir*

(11:10) "How Great Is Our God" Mark Hayes  
*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.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's 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.**

ANTHEM

(8:30) "Tell Me the Story Again" Chris Rice  
*Youth Choir*

(11:10) "Enough" Larry Shackley  
*Chancel Choir*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:1-4  
(page 905 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "Humble Giving" Rev. Jason Rea

(8:30)

\*SONG OF COMMITMENT No. 1028 "How Great Is Our God"  
(The red song book on the pew)

*Verse 1*

**The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice**

*Chorus*

**How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God**

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*Verse 2*

**And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb**

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

**Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God (repeat)**

*Chorus*

(11:10)

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"  
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

(8:30) "I Am Free" Jon Egan  
*Praise Team*

(11:10) "Praise to the Lord" Edward Broughton

*Special thanks to our liturgists:  
8:30 – Jim Saraceno 11:10 – Maggie Rea*

**The Elder of the Week is John Hart**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2018, in Fellowship Hall, at about 12:45 p.m., after a light lunch. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Janelle Haygood, President, Board of Trustees  
Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS:  
TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE**

**"Think of giving not as a duty, but as a privilege."**

*John D. Rockefeller*

**34. LADIES, HAVE YOU STARTED THINKING ABOUT A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?** Instead of losing a few pounds, or kicking a bad habit, how about challenging yourself to live a life closer to God? Join the Women's Ministry Team as we take on this "Faith Dare" (book by Debbie Alsdorf) during the month of January! Our study will be held on Mondays from January 8th through February 5th, at 7:00 PM, in the Kennedy Library.

The Faith Dare is a 30-day challenge for women who are tired of ho-hum living and want to break the pattern of self-reliance and people pleasing by putting their trust in God alone and learning to live to please Him. This energizing book will change your focus from your moods and attitudes to living in the power of God's Word. It will encourage you to take the next step and begin to live out real faith in your real life.

Please let us know you will be attending by calling the church office or by speaking with a Women's Ministry Team Member. If we know ahead of time, we will try to get the book to you prior to our first gathering! Each book costs \$9.00. Babysitting will be provided if needed - just let us know!

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**35. NEW ENGLAND AND CANADA CRUISE** on Norwegian's 5-star rated ship, the "Escape", from Sept. 23-30, 2018. Motorcoach transportation to/from New York City port included. Ship stops for one day at each of four ports: Portland, ME; Bar Harbor, ME; Saint John, New Brunswick and Bay of Fundy; and Halifax, Nova Scotia. Call Glenshaw AARP #3744 for more information at 412-487-1609.

**36. BEYOND MOURNING**—Are you or someone you know grieving the death of a loved one? The next Beyond Mourning group will begin meeting February 12, 2018. Registration is necessary. Please call 412-364-9000 to RSVP. Beyond Mourning is a short-term (8 sessions) lay-led peer support group which combines grief education and peer support. Our purpose is to provide a firm foundation of practical wisdom and emotional support during this difficult time of life. For more details or to download our free First Aid for Grief pamphlet, go to <http://hilandchurch.org/ministries/beyond-mourning-grief-support>. For questions, please contact Maureen Profeta at 412-364-9000

#### **FOURTH QUARTER TRUSTEE REPORT**

Along with routine maintenance and repair issues, the trustees have spent time investigating some issues, like water infiltration into the CE building basement, and continuing to work on our ongoing project and wish list. All of the outdoor sconces were refurbished by Don Pritchard. We participated in the progressive breakfast to bring more people into the loop on what is going on at the youth house, as well as the plans for the office and kitchen updates after many decades. We were very pleased that, after additional, thorough investigation, we do not need to replace the sewage line at the youth house! A special donation of \$10,000 through the Pittsburgh Foundation from an anonymous donor will now be used towards our capital projects next year. Also, we can now complete the refinishing job in the basement this winter – painting, trim, carpet, tile and bathroom fixtures.

We hope to begin the year replacing the remainder of the windows in the main building and finalizing plans, bids and scheduling for the office remodel in the summer.

Thank you to all who donate assets, time and talents to keep our church operating and improving, and to all those who have gone before that leave us this legacy to care for. Please contact me, or any trustee, if you have any questions or comments.

Janell Haygood  
President of Trustees

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 1-28-18

**TODAY** (1-28-18) 8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA  
9:45 AM – Sunday School for All Ages  
9:45 AM – Inquirers' Class – PR  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

**MONDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, KL, UGR  
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM – Act One – FrH  
7:00 PM – Faith Dare – KL

**TUESDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, KL, UGR  
10:30 AM – Staff Meeting – PS  
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM – Act One – CE  
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Praise Team – SA  
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

**WEDNESDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, KL, UGR  
6:00 PM – 6:50 PM – Wednesday Eve. Bible Study – FH  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbell Rehearsal – CR  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR  
7:00 PM – Stewardship Meeting – KL

**THURSDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR, KL  
8:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS  
5:30 PM – Girls Scouts – YH, Yellow, Purple Rooms  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR  
6:30 PM – Youth Choir – CR

**FRIDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR, KL  
6:00 PM – 8:45 PM – Den 8 Webelos – FrH  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Den 8 Bear – FH

**SATURDAY** 8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE  
9:00 AM – 11:00 PM – Handbell Workshop – CR

**SUNDAY** (2-4-18) Communion  
8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA  
11:10 AM – Scout Sunday – SA  
9:45 AM – Sunday School for All Ages  
9:45 AM – The Church has left the building Meeting – KL  
9:45 AM – Inquirers' Class – PR  
12:15 PM – 2:00 PM – M&M's – FH  
12:15 PM – Soup Lunch – FH  
1:00 PM – Annual Congregational Meeting – FH  
6:00 PM – Youth Group Super Bowl Party – YH

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God.

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is John Hart.

**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

Mike Radich  
John Hart  
Ron Park  
Dwight and Joanne Pearson

#### 11:10 USHERS

Don Pritchard  
Dick Friedline  
Jim Giel  
Bob Mankey

#### SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Marge Cain  
11:10 – Jerry Nist

#### UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday February 4, 2018  
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### Birth – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

*For more information on these ministries, please contact Amy Meyer, Director of Children and Family Ministries at: [amy@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:amy@elfinwildchurch.org) or call 412-486-5400*

#### **1. LOVING CARE FOR OUR YOUNGEST FRIENDS DURING WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:10 AM**

Your children will enjoy a safe, clean, and fun environment where they may play and learn with our dedicated care givers.

\***Cradle Roll:** Child Care for Children Ages Birth Through 24 Months. Located on the sanctuary level, past the restrooms at the end of the hallway.

\***Toddler Room** for Ages 2-4 years: Bible stories, music, art, and play with "Miss Tracey" who also provides care during Sunday School from 9:45-10:45AM.

**2. SUNDAY SCHOOL** for Ages 4 Years (Pre-K) to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Christian Education (CE) Building, 9:45-10:45 AM – An hour of learning God's truths, games, stories, art, and music directed by loving and knowledgeable teaching teams.

**Pre-K/K:** First Floor Red Room

**Grades 1-2:** Blue Room

**Grades 3-5** Second Floor Purple Room

**3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP** – Children Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 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 just for them. This week's lesson is *Parable of the Mustard Seed* and will be taught by Linda Barto, Barb Harms, and Debbie Piel.

**4. M&MS (MESSIAH AND ME) PROGRAM** – For kids in grades 3-5 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month 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: 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18. Questions? Tessa Connelly 412-600-1452 or [conntree07@gmail.com](mailto:conntree07@gmail.com).

### MUSIC MINISTRIES

*For more information on these ministries, contact*

*Ron Bernhardt at: [ron@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:ron@elfinwildchurch.org) or call 412-486-5400.*

**5. UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS!** – If you are interested in joining our chancel choir, elementary choir, praise team or handbell choir, please join us at the following events – *ALL ARE WELCOME!*

#### HANDBELL CHOIR WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9AM-11AM in the choir room.  
Come learn the basics in handbell ringing from Erik Roth.

#### MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM

Praise Team – Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM

Handbell Choir – Wednesdays from 6-7 PM

Elementary Choir – Thursdays from 6-7 PM (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

### EASTER CANTATA

You are invited to join us in singing the Easter cantata "Because He Lives... Amen." Please come out to our first rehearsal on Sunday, February 11 from 1-2:30. The cantata will be offered during the 11:10 worship service on April 8.

### STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

*For more information on these ministries, contact*

*Rev. Jason Rea at: [jason@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:jason@elfinwildchurch.org) or call 412-486-5400.*

**6. 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. We hope to see you there!

**7. JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY – WILL NOT MEET UNTIL AFTER EASTER. LOOK FOR A FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENT WITH THE DATE IT WILL RESUME.**

### **8. 'SOUPER' BOWL OF CARING AND SUPER BOWL PARTY**

**February 4<sup>th</sup> - 6 PM– End of Game**

On Super Bowl Sunday we encourage students and families to participate in the Souper Bowl of caring by donating non-perishable food items either at church or at our Super Bowl party. All items will go to the Bread of Life food pantry in Etna. Our super bowl party will begin at 6 PM and students are welcome to leave anytime (with parents' permission) or stay until the end of the game. We will have plenty of food for dinner and snack. We hope to see you there!

**9. DINNER OUT – WITH 200 OF YOUR FRIENDS!**...Sizzling sausages, fluffy pancakes and the smell of warm maple syrup... offered by Student Ministries at the Annual **Pancake Supper**. Served on Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 7 PM. The donation of \$6/adult or \$4/child helps defray the cost of mission trips and retreats. This summer, students will be traveling to Charleston WV and Houston, TX for service projects.

### ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

**10. 2018 CHANCEL FLOWERS** – Flowers for the Chancel are \$48 per week for two vases, or \$25 per week for a single table arrangement. Please call the church office to place an order or sign up on the flower chart in the back narthex.

**If a table arrangement is desired, you MUST notify the church office prior to the week you have chosen** as the weekly standing flower order is for two vases.

**11. ELFINWILD CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – The Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund annually grants scholarships to students enrolled in a college or other post-high school education program. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of service to the Church, financial need and community service/extracurricular activities. Applications are available in the Church office or from Jason, and the deadline for submission is Sunday, April 15, 2018. For information about applying for a scholarship or about making contributions to the Scholarship Fund, please contact Jason or the Church office.

**12. PLEASE PRAY WITH US** – Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue in the chapel on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, **starting at 7:00 PM**. We meet regularly to lift up concerns within the church family and for friends of Elfinwild. Please come and share in this powerful ministry! Everyone is welcome to come and join us in prayer or come to submit a prayer request. If you have any questions or would like to request prayer, please call or text Kris Shideler at 412-480-8466.

**13. BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** – The Bread of Life Food Pantry is located at Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church in Etna, PA. The pantry is open the first three Wednesdays of each month - with stocking of the shelves the 1st three Tuesdays. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with stocking, sorting and assisting our clients with shopping. Bread of Life serves over 120 families each month. If you or any group to which you belong are interested in the outreach ministry, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Vickey Trader at 412-782-5742 for more information. Items the Pantry is in need of are: side dishes with noodles (no rice), side dishes with potatoes, jelly - any flavor, canned whole potatoes, boxed meals like Hamburger Helper, boxed mac & cheese, jars of spaghetti sauce, canned chili or stew, broth & gravy - chicken, turkey & beef, large bottles of juice, pudding & Jello premade or to be made, Cake & brownie

mixes, Pancake mix & syrup, Bags of flour & sugar, cooking oil, boxes of crackers, salad dressing & ketchup, napkins & tissues, paper towels, and baby diapers.

**14. 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](mailto:connthree07@gmail.com) or by phone at 412-600-1452.

**15. STEPHEN MINISTRY** – In the new year, check out the "Stephen Ministry Corner" of the library for articles and books about many of the difficulties life sends our way. The resources are full of faith and shed a healthy light on maneuvering some of these tough times we all experience.

*Verse of the Month:* "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you." Psalm 55:22a

**16. 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 everyday 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.

**17. OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS** we will be updating our email distribution lists. The update process will begin today for the Men's Ministry News Category (men's Bible studies, hammer days, breakfasts and upcoming CLC Groups)

Please email Cindy at: [cindy@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:cindy@elfinwildchurch.org) and in the subject line put **MEN'S MINISTRY** – Additional categories will follow every 2-3 weeks.

These lists will be not be distributed or shared. The office will maintain the lists and will forward the information on behalf of the committees or leaders in that group. The Hospitality emails will be shared with the point person organizing the meals.

**\*PLEASE EMAIL CINDY EVEN IF YOU ARE ALREADY ON THE LIST SO WE CAN BE SURE OUR RECORDS ARE UP TO DATE.**

**18. COME JOIN US FOR "COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP"** from 9:20 AM to 9:40 AM. After the 8:30 AM Worship Service we gather for a short break before heading to Sunday School Classes that begin at 9:45 AM. We are looking for volunteers for the third Sunday of the month. If interested, please contact Tessa Connelly at 412-600-1452 (ok to leave a message) or [connthree07@gmail.com](mailto:connthree07@gmail.com)

**19. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** Two adult Sunday school classes will be offered. The first class is a study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Course content will be directly correlated with the sermon each Sunday and will encourage participants to look more in depth at Jesus' words in his Sermon on the Mount as well as explore the ways that Jesus' teachings can guide our daily lives. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour and the teachers will be Matt Harbaugh (September and October), Marie Bowen (November and December), Rick Dayton (January and February), Nancy Kriek (March and April), and Mark Connelly and Jim Saraceno (May and June). The second adult Sunday school class will be The Wired Word. A modern issue or current event will be highlighted each week and studied and discussed from a Biblical perspective. Mike Radich will teach this class which will meet in the Cornerstone Room during the Sunday school hour.

All adult Sunday school classes will meet each week except for the following: May 20<sup>th</sup> (The Church has Left the Building).

**20. WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP** – All women are welcome to join us in the Kennedy Library for a time to support one another while discussing scripture and how it applies to our life. Please contact Kara Rea with any questions at 412-328-5367.

**21. THE MEALS MINISTRY** often has leftover bread and rolls that cannot be used before they spoil. If you would like some, please help yourself to items located on a table outside of Fellowship Hall.

**22. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** On Sunday, May 20, 2018, the Church will once more "leave the building"! Please help us to determine the needs in our community. Is there a park that needs to be cleaned up? Is there a family in need of help around their home? Help us to come up with ideas to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Contact Becky at [rswinek@gmail.com](mailto:rswinek@gmail.com) with your ideas.

**23. PLEASE HELP US** by recycling your papers in your home recycling bin as we no longer benefit financially from the recycling of the paper. The paper recycling bin is used heavily by the church and the preschool and it fills up quickly. Thank you for your cooperation!

**24. NURSERY VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the 8:30 service. If you are interested, please contact Amy Meyer at 412-486-5400 or [amy@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:amy@elfinwildchurch.org)

**25. 2018 PER CAPITA** For anyone who uses auto pay, PayPal or ACH, this is a notification that you did not receive a Per Capita envelope for 2018. You may pay your per capita by placing it in a pew envelope and making sure that your name (first and last) and the words "Per Capita" are written on the envelope.

**26. PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT** is the amount assessed on all churches of the Presbyterian Church (USA) based on the number of its communicant members. The 2018 Per Capita Apportionment for churches in the Pittsburgh Presbytery is **\$33.05 per member**

1 Member **\$33.05** 2 Members **\$66.10** 3 Members **\$99.15** 4 Members **\$132.20**

**27. YOUR 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the office. If you intend to use envelopes and 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 the 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 2018 is **\$33.05 per member**.

**28. DISCOVER A NEW PERSPECTIVE AND LEARN TO USE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!** Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is a college level course that will teach you to view the world in God's perspective. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings, January 16 through May 8, 2018, 6:30 to 9:30 pm. The Elfinwild Mission Team is offering scholarship help to members attending the course. Certificate Level: \$275.00, (textbooks are included in price) To register, either go on line to [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org), or you can send a letter with your name and address and any payment to: Christ Church at Grove Farm, Kathy Klein, 249 Duff Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

**29. ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>**. Please email your reports to: [cindy@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:cindy@elfinwildchurch.org)

**30. CLC MEN'S GROUP:** A new 2 year CLC men's group will be starting in February. It is a small group of men who meet weekly to gain a greater understanding of who God is, strengthen their relationship with Him, and form a bond as brothers in Christ. If you are interested, please contact Dirk Lesnett or Matt Harbaugh at [harbaugh.matthew@gmail.com](mailto:harbaugh.matthew@gmail.com).

**31. CAMP SUNDAY** is almost here! Stef Walker, Summer Camp Director at LCCC (Ligonier Camp and Conference Center) will visit on Sunday, February 4! In addition to sharing with us about the wonderful ministry that happens there each summer, she is bringing STICKY BUNS FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME! If you have any LCCC logo wear, plan to wear it on Feb. 4! Stef will be with us all morning!!!

**32. LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED** to join us for a Women's Breakfast on Saturday, February 10th from 9:00am - 11:00am in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious morning meal and connecting with fellow sisters, while together we explore how God wants us to abide in Him and live loved! Bring a Bible and please let us know you are coming by calling the church office. Babysitting is available if needed - just let us know!

**33. INQUIRERS' 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 meet for six weeks at 9:45 AM, after the first service in Peach Room. Classes began on January 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.