

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 1-3-16**

**TODAY** (1-3-16) Communion  
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA  
9:30 AM – Reception for Bob Kennedy  
9:45 AM – Sunday School  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – God and Life – CCR  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – God and Church – CCR

**MONDAY**  
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – CE  
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH  
7:00 PM – Deacons Meeting and Undecorate – SA  
7:00 PM – Personnel Committee Meeting – KL

**TUESDAY**  
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Preschool Orientation (January students) – PR  
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL  
12:00 PM – Men’s Luncheon – FH  
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – CE  
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose  
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Kids Music – CR  
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Handbells – CR

**WEDNESDAY**  
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
6:45 PM – 8:00 PM – Confirmation Class – YH  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

**THURSDAY**  
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
7:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS  
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool Music – UGR  
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study – YH  
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Girl Scouts – Yellow and Purple Rooms  
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM – Praise Team – SA  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Webelos I – PR  
7:15 PM – 8:30 PM – Youth Choir – CR

**FRIDAY**  
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool Music – UGR  
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Act One – CE  
7:00 PM – Pack 157 Meeting – FH

**SATURDAY**  
6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH  
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Joint Board and Staff Meeting – FH  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE

**SUNDAY** (1-10-16)  
Ordination and Installation of Officers  
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA  
9:45 AM – Sunday School  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH  
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK IS** Bethann Dolan.

**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**

Michael Radich  
John Hart  
Ron Park  
Dwight Pearson  
Joanne Pearson

**11:10 AM USHERS**

Don Pritchard  
Chris Sutton  
Jim Giel  
Dick Friedline

**SOUND TECHNICIANS**

8:30 AM – Zachary Hughes  
11:10 AM – Ken Volle

**UPCOMING SERVICE**

Sunday, January 10, 2016  
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

**CHILDREN’S & FAMILY MINISTRY**

**Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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

**1. CRADLE ROLL ROOM FOR AGES BIRTH THROUGH**

**2 1/2.** The Cradle Roll room is located past the church offices and choir room. The **TODDLER/PRESCHOOL ROOM** is open during the Sunday School time and the 11:10 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 ½ to 4yrs. of age.

**2. SUNDAY SCHOOL** –Our classes will begin at 9:45 and end at 10:45 AM. Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will meet in the GREEN room of the C.E. for Kids of the Kingdom Music to start class at 9:45. Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> will meet in their classrooms.

**3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP** – For ages Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade during the 11:10 service. This week’s lesson will be *Boy Jesus in the Temple* and will be taught by Bethann Dolan, Beth Interthal, Bonnie DeMatteo, and Melissa Kutzer.

**4. CALLING ALL KIDS—GRADES 3-5! M&MS: MESSIAH & ME YOUTH GROUP** Get ready for a year of fun, games, growing and serving in Jesus Christ. Join the fun once a month—CU there! 6:30-8pm in Fellowship Hall: January 20th. Questions? Contact Amy Meyer—[littlepine@verizon.net](mailto:littlepine@verizon.net).

**MUSIC MINISTRIES**

*For more information on these ministries, please contact Ron Bernhardt at [ron@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:ron@elfinwildchurch.org) or call 412-486-5400.*

**5. ATTENTION ALL MEN!** Do you like to sing? If so, please come to a Men’s Ensemble Rehearsal on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:15 PM to 1:00 PM. We will sing on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30 service.

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

**6. CHANCEL CHOIR** will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM and is open to anyone high school age and older.

**7. PRAISE TEAM** will meet on Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM. If you play an instrument or sing, please help us to lead the congregation in songs of praise at least 2-3 times per month.

**8. HANDBELLS** will meet on Tuesdays from 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Join us in ringing God's praises each Tuesday. We will try to ring during worship at least once or twice every month. Open to anyone high school age or older.

**9. KIDS CHOIR** will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. All kids in grades 1 – 5 are welcome to join us. We will be singing songs, playing hand chimes and krystal bells, playing drums and percussion and much, much more! We will be participating in worship once or twice every month.

**10. SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS** will meet on Sundays from 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM. Kids in pre-k through 2nd grade will learn “Sunday School” songs and share their songs with the congregation on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

**11. YOUTH CHOIR** – The Youth Choir, under the direction of Heather Heere, will meet on Thursdays at 7:15 PM in the choir room. This choir is open to students in grades 6-12. We hope to see you there!

### **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.*

**12. JR. & SR. HIGH CLUB** – Jr. High (grades 6-8) from 4:30 – 6:00 PM and Sr. High (grades 9-12) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM on Sundays. 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. **We will resume on January 10, 2016.**

**13. JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BIBLE STUDY** – Where do you get your confidence? The world tricks us into thinking our confidence comes from good looks, popularity, or hanging out with “cool” people. But if we build our confidence on fleeting things, we will fall flat. Come learn about the kind of confidence that lasts a lifetime. Confidence and trust in God will inspire us to take risks and lead us into the world with a new identity. All girls in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8PM at the Harbaugh's house. We will begin on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**14. 2016 CHANCEL FLOWERS** – Flowers for the Chancel are \$47 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.

**15. DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER?** Come to the Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings, where we pray for the needs and concerns of our church family! We meet in our beautiful new chapel on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 7 to 8 PM. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and we will meet again on January 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**16. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – All women are welcome to join a time of Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11AM at the Youth House. This fall and winter, we will use the study, "Running Nowhere in Every Direction" by Navigators, examining what God has to say about the stress in our lives - our schedules, expectations, limits, and happiness. Together we can seek God's direction and encourage one another to run faithfully with Him. Contact Bethany with any questions at 724-822-6550. **We are taking a break, but will resume in January. Please join us in January!**

**17. LADIES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for the weekend of January 22-24, 2016 when a Women's Retreat will be held at the beautiful Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. Don't let distance or the possibility of snow scare you...transportation will be available if needed!

**18. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** – Do you sometimes feel as if you are sitting on the sidelines watching other Christians serve in Christ's church? Do you sometimes think that you don't have anything to offer God or aren't sure of what God is calling you to do? If you are interested in experiencing the joy of discerning, discovering, and deploying the spiritual gifts that God has given to you personally, join Reverend Bill Meyer in the Cornerstone Room during Sunday School hour starting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come and learn about how valuable you are to God and how your spiritual gifts can be used in the work and worship of Jesus Christ our Lord. “The Wired Word” will also be offered again starting on January 3. This class will allow participants to study current events from a Biblical perspective. The Wired Word will meet in Fellowship Hall during Sunday School hour.

**19. CONTAGIOUS JOY!** - Join us on Monday evenings, beginning January 11th, at 7:00PM, in the Cornerstone Classroom for a Women's Bible Study focusing on JOY! The symptoms of a joyful life are unmistakable. A twinkle in the eye. A ready smile. A skip to the step. A song in the heart. It lends a glow to the face and a lilt to the voice. Joy is the birthright of every believer, but it is sometimes so easy to lose sight of that joy. During our study, we will take a careful look at this uniquely Christian characteristic. Joy is our strength and our song. Joy is infectious, transmittable, spreadable, and catching. In a word, joy is contagious! We need to order books (\$10 each), so please call the church office to let us know you will be attending!

**20. YOUR 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available at the rear of the Sanctuary. 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 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 name and purpose (i.e. Per Capita). The Per Capita assessment amount for 2016 per member is \$29.10.

**21. SHOULDER TO SHOULDER PITTSBURGH Alternative Gifts of Health & Organic Fair Trade Coffee For Sale Sundays in December Between Worship Services to benefit the people of San Jose del Negrito, Honduras** 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. Proceeds from the sale of coffee fund the education of a Honduran youth. San Jose Del Negrito is in Northwest Honduras, population 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-four brigades have traveled to San Jose. Elfinwild Presbyterian sent a mission team to Honduras during the summer of 2011 and again in 2014! As this partnership grows, we appreciate your support. More information is available by contacting Mark & Amy Meyer, littlepine@verizon.net.

**22. MEN'S LUNCHEON** – Please join us for our monthly Men's Luncheon. In January, we will meet on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please fill out the form in this insert to make your reservation.

### **23. THE PRESBYTERIAN PROJECT HAS 2 EXCITING MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR CONGREGATION.**

2016 Mission Trips to Andrews, SC. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we travel to South Carolina to assist in the rebuilding from the severe flooding in SC.

2 Different Options available, but act now, filling up fast!

1. January 24-29, 2016 (Sunday-Friday)
  - Cost \$400 includes travel, meals (except 2 meals out) and accommodations
  - Cost \$150 includes mini-bus travel, meals (except 2 meals out) and accommodations
2. February 7-12, 2016 (Sunday-Friday)
  - Cost \$400 includes travel, meals (except 2 meals out) and accommodations
  - Cost \$150 includes mini-bus travel, meals (except 2 meals out) and accommodations

If you are interested contact your church Presbyterian Project representative or Jeff Potter (revjeff@parkwoodchurch.org), Penny Young (youngp@fpc.us) or Sharon Lee (slsouthernatheart@gmail.com)

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**24. ATTENTION SENIORS** – The Senior Center North located at Nativity Lutheran Church in Allison Park is looking for seniors to come out and join other seniors looking for fun and companionship Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Come enjoy bingo, crafts, Wii bowling, cards, trips to the grocery store and mall and lunch for a \$1.00 donation. Have a cup of coffee and good conversation. Please call Meg at 412-486-6426 for more information. Hope to see you soon!

**25. 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 are 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.

**26. VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES** As part of the College Ministry, cards and notes are sent to students throughout the academic year. A Care Package is sent for Valentine's Day and your help is needed to fill the packages. For more information on what items are needed, please pick up a flyer from the tables located in and outside of the sanctuary. There are 32 students this year. Thank you for your support!

**ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS**

**SESSION**

**2016**

Bethann Dolan  
Steve Heere  
Nancy Kriek  
Bob Lindeman  
Patty Robinson  
Becky Winek

Clerk of Session – Mark Riethmuller

**2017**

Mark Feris  
Amy Meyer  
Dwight Pearson  
Kyle Pinta  
Ann Ritter  
Bob Wegner

**DEACONS**

**2016**

Linda Barto  
Pat Graham  
Ron Park  
Robyn Smith

**2017**

Jenny Dayton  
Linda Kaiser  
Beth Meyer  
Dr. Jim Thompson  
Patti Zahnhausen

**TRUSTEES**

**2016**

Bob Anderson  
Janell Haygood  
Pam McKern  
Peggy McNeil

**2017**

Len Colaizzi  
Mike Gaydos  
Jim Giel  
Tim Keenan  
Don Pritchard  
Matt Schlegel  
Bev Weber

**2018**

Wendy Boody  
Kristin Coco  
Mark Connelly  
John Hart  
Bob Siar  
Kelly Simile

**2018**

Sue Anderson  
Bev Feris  
Bev Friedline  
Dick Friedline  
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Penny Young

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WELCOME TO  
**ELFINWILD  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR  
THE LORD'S DAY  
January 3, 2016  
8:30 AM Worship**

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

**“Cyrus is my anointed king. I take hold of his right hand. I give him the power to bring nations under his control. I help him strip kings of their power to go to war against him. I break city gates open so he can go through them.” Isaiah 45:1**

PRELUDE “A Song in the New Year” David Paxton

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

INTROIT “Love Came Down at Christmas” Christina Rossetti  
(11:10) Chancel Choir

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement November 30, 2015		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$550,428
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$545,173
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$5,255

Praise the LORD!

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**People: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.**

Leader: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

**People: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

\*HYMN No. 63

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

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

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

\*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

“Reminiscence”

Rex Koury

(11:10)

“Let Us Be”  
Chancel Choir

Jason Webb

\*DOXOLOGY

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

“What Star Is This?”

David Lantz III

Chancel Choir

*Ruthie Riethmuller, Flute*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 13:1-7

(page 1064 in the pew Bible)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread+

Receiving the Cup+

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*+(please hold each element until all are served)*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 66

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Refrain*

**O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light!**

POSTLUDE

“Praise and Thanks for the New Year”

Franklin Ritter