

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30—Andrew Coco
1:10—Skip Young

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday January 13, 2012
Mark 1:1-8, "Prepare the Way"
The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

ELDER OF THE WEEK is Mark Reithmuller.

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Why not start the new year by attending one of our Adult Christian Education classes? There are several options to choose from including a new class starting on January 13th taught by Rev. Jason Rea. The new class will deal with issues centered around our understanding of what the Bible is and how we go about trying to understand it. Check out the information in the hallway for more information on the different classes and where they meet and join us!

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.

YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP (ages 4 - 2nd grade) provides an opportunity for children to experience God through an age appropriate and multi-sensory worship service. The wooden figures, desert box and other materials create a visual representation of the Bible. The lighting of candles and discussion of other church traditions introduce children to the meaning of the many symbols seen in the sanctuary. The hands-on experience of the children retelling the stories by manipulating the figures helps the Bible lessons take shape in their minds and hearts. Today's lesson, "The Boy Jesus in the Temple" is being taught by Debbie Piel, Patti Toomey, Beth Interthal, and Bethann Dolan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL – GRADE 6 The Sunday School hour begins at 9:45 with music in Friendship Hall (ground floor of the C.E. building). At 10 AM teachers will take their children to the classroom for a lesson, activities, art, and more! All are welcome.

M&ms "MESSIAH & ME" Join us and bring a friend for Messiah & me – a youth group for 4th -6th graders! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar for our winter meeting and activity on January 16 (Stargazing).

CRADLE ROLL VOLUNTEER NEEDED: Once a month, on Sunday mornings, we are looking for an adult who enjoys spending time with very young children and babies. The available time slot is from 8:30-10:45 (during the early church service and Sunday School) on the 2nd Sunday of the month. We would love to have you come and care for the young children of the church.

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

For more information on these ministries, please contact Rev. Jason Rea at jason@elfinwildchurch.org or 412-486-5400.

CLUB TONIGHT! Jr. High: 4:30-6 PM (grades 6-8); Sr. High: 6:30-8 PM (grades 9-12)! Our Jr. and Sr. High Clubs are a wonderful time for fellowship with other students. We play different types of games, have some good food and spend time in worship and study together. We hope you will join us tonight!

SUMMER TRIP DEPOSITS DUE SOON! *Jr. High trip: Surf City, August 4-9th*; Sr. High Trip: YouthWorks Adirondack Mts, June 21-28. While the trips themselves are still months away we need to know who is planning to go in January! Both the Jr. and Sr. High trips require a \$50, non-refundable deposit to ensure you will have a spot for the trip. The Sr. High deposit deadline is January 13th. The Jr. High deadline is January 20th. For more information about the trips please see our Student Ministries Calendar on the church website: www.elfinwildchurch.org. *We are not guaranteed the week of August 4-9th but that is our first choice. We will most likely get that week but we won't know for sure until they let us know some time in February. The other possible week is July 28- August 2nd. However, we will do everything in our power to ensure we get the week of August 4-9th.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

NEW MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS LINE! If you missed rehearsal, or you didn't write down a date, just call the church office number (412) 486-5400, and dial *300 for Adult Music announcements or *301 for Children's Music announcements. You will be transferred to a recorded message containing all the pertinent information you need.

PARENT'S MEETING FOR ALL CHILDREN'S (K-6TH) CHOIR, BELLS AND CHIMES GROUPS: SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 after the 11:10 AM service in the choir room. An activity and snack will be planned for the kids so parents can attend. PLEASE mark your calendars so you can make every effort to attend this important meeting.

MUSIC REHEARSALS RESUME Praise Team - Jan. 8th; Chancel Choir - Jan. 9th; Youth Choir - Jan 10th; Kids Bells and Chimes - Jan. 17th; Elementary Choir - Jan. 23rd.

Please use this form to register for events. After filling it out, you may tear it off and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

I would like to sign up for: _____

Number of people registering: _____ Adults _____ Children _____ Ages of Children

Other information if applicable: _____

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

DID YOU KNOW that the Deacons will provide a meal for you and for your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you, or a family member that you are caring for are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. Our Hospitality Ministry can deliver a meal to your home! Or perhaps you have a doctor's appointment, but have no transportation or are unable to drive. The Deacons' Hospitality Ministry is able to help. The Deacons are here to **SERVE YOU**. Do you have a need for either of these services? If so, please call the church office and we will respond to you

THE MEN'S LUNCHEON will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to make your reservation. You can use the Response cards found in the pews or call the church office at 412-486-5400.

BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY. The Bread of Life Food Pantry would especially like any type of crackers, Jell-O, puddings, baking items, such as cake mixes and cookie mixes, and condiments. All monetary gifts help the pantry to provide perishable goods such as turkey and vegetables. Thank you.

YOU CAN NOW SIGN UP FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR 2013. The sign-up sheet is in the back narthex on the wall. The cost of flowers is now \$42.

100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK The 100th Anniversary Book is now available for pickup in the back of the Sanctuary or in the Church Office. If you signed up for a copy, please purchase/pickup your copy. (If you are picking up your copy in the back of the Sanctuary, please leave your payment in the basket provided.) If you are unable to stop by, feel free to send a check to the Church Office and your copy will be sent to you. The cost for the book is \$25.00; please add \$5.00 to cover the cost of mailing.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES We are excited to announce that new study groups will be forming in January and February 2013. For more information pick up a flyer available on the tables at each entrance. New groups will meet on Monday evenings and Friday mornings, in addition to the existing Thursday morning weekly study and monthly Mary Circle meetings. Questions? Contact Jennifer Clayton or Kristin Coco. Watch for further upcoming opportunities for faith and fellowship together.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE ELFINWILD FAMILY WHO DONATED TO THE 1ST ANNUAL FILL THE TRUCK project for the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Your overwhelming response did in fact fill a small U-Haul box truck with food stuffs, personal items and paper and cleaning products that will go a long way in restocking the shelves at the Food Pantry. Monetary gifts given will be used to purchase other food needs from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank needed at the Bread of Life as well as fresh meats provided to the clients each week. Again – thanks! What started as a simple idea to possibly fill a pick-up truck with food turned into a small box truck of food. Your generosity and caring for our local community as well as beyond is unending!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR THE CHURCH RETREAT! JANUARY 25-27, 2013 You won't want to miss this wonderful weekend retreat at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. Relax in the beautiful setting of Ligonier valley—no cooking or cleaning, supervised activities and care for the kids (sledding, zip lines, ropes course, climbing wall, games & crafts), fireside chats & evening campfire with s'mores, movies, a quilting session, nature walks, and more. *Everyone has a story—what's yours?* Geneva College's Terry Thomas will be our speaker, leading us in laughter, biblical insight, and the sharing of our own life stories. The all-inclusive cost is \$75 for adults, \$40 kids 10-17, \$30 kids 4-9 with a family cap at \$200. A \$75 deposit is due at time of registration and the remainder payable at the event. Registration forms available at the church entrances and exits. Don't delay—send in your form today! Contact Person: Amy Meyer, littlepine@verizon.net or 412-492-9968

BABY SHOWER! All ladies of Elfinwild church and their daughters, 4th grade and older, are invited to celebrate Rev. Bethany Harbaugh and her new little boy to be! The party will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 19th at 11:30 AM. Please join us for lunch, laughter, and loving on the Harbaugh family! RSVP to Jennifer Clayton by Saturday, January 12. I also need volunteers to bring lunch items: quiches, salads and/or fresh fruit. Please contact Jennifer to sign-up to bring a lunch item. Bethany and Matt are registered at Babies-R-Us and on Amazon.com and gift cards for both places are even available at Giant Eagle! Contact Jennifer with any questions! jennifer@elfinwildchurch.org or 941-726-6996 (mobile) or call the church office!

VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES As part of the College Ministry, cards and notes are sent to the students throughout the academic year. A Care Package is sent for Valentine's Day and your help is needed and appreciated. For more information, please pick up a flyer from the table located in either Narthex.

WIDOW'S LUNCHEON Our luncheon's have been a great success.! We would like to do it again and invite others who may not have come. Please make a reservation by calling the office for our next lunch, **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012** at 12 noon. You do not need to be alone.

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