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The box below reminds us where we stand on our annual operating budget. The box doesn't cover Missions– every dollar given for Mission work goes out for Mission work. Rather, the box tells us where we stand on keeping the bills paid. For several months we've been running with an "unfavorable" position. But what goes on here is far from "unfavorable." Our Church is a busy place. Seven out of seven days a week, people meet and gather here – for our Faith and for our community. The Pre-School ministry brings over 300 children and adults through our doors every week. Our staff, for the first time in years, is at full capacity. As with any building, there are unexpected expenses. Please tithe and contribute regularly. – Your tithes and contributions help keep it all running!

Stewardship Committee

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement June 30, 2016		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$328,268
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$344,196
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	- \$15,928



**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**

July 17, 2016

8:00 and 10:00 AM Worship

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

**“Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.
But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes
sinners and eats with them.” Luke 15:1-2**

PRELUDE

“The Mystery of God”

Paul Taylor

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 66:1-2, 4

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
People: Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious.
Leader: All the earth bows down to You, O God;
People: We sing praise to You, we sing the praises of Your name.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 420 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(10:00)
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Words of Introduction
Questions to the Parents – Amy (McVeigh) and Nathan Neelan
Questions to the Congregation
Presentation of Gifts
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Baptism of Olivia Noelle Neelan
Baptism Hymn No. 492 “Baptized in Water”

(10:00)
COMMISSIONING OF STEUBENVILLE TRIP STUDENTS AND LEADERS

CALL TO CONFESSION Ephesians 2:14-18

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body, with God. To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation. So live as people reconciled.
Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!!

*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

(8:00) “The Time for Singing has Come” Joseph M. Martin
Summer Choir

(10:00) Bob Wegner, Soloist

*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.**

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 LESSONS

Luke 15:11-24
(page 978 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “The Cost of Community” Rev. Michael Ludwig

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 422 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others; it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails”. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

POSTLUDE “Glorious Faith in God” Rachel Sawyer

*Special thanks to our liturgists:
8:00 – Steve Coco 10:00 – Ann Ritter*

19. VIDEOGRAPHER – Do you know someone who would be interested and able to create some video testimonials for EPC? We need someone to create the videos and someone with post production skills to add some labeling. Please contact Kelly Simile at (412) 445-3562 or ksimile1@gmail.com.

20. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR JORDAN SKOWRON who is the Program Director at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center this summer. Pray that it is an enriching experience for Jordan and that she can see God at work in the lives of the campers.

21. GOING ON A LONG VACATION OR LOOKING FOR SOME LISTENING PLEASURE? We have something for you! New Testament CDs are on the tables for you to take and enjoy. Our gift to you!

22. THE TENTH ANNUAL SHALER AREA ALUMNI SOCCER GAME will be held on Saturday, September 10th at 2 PM at the Biles Turf Field at Shaler Area High School, Wible Run Road in Shaler Township. Tickets are free. The event benefits the Scott Alexander Memorial Scholarship Fund, which was established in 2007 to honor the memory of 1989 Shaler graduate and standout athlete Scott Alexander, who lost a 22 day battle to brain cancer in 2007 at age 36. Scott is the son of George Alexander Sr. and the brother of George Alexander, Jr. and Lora Weinman.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 7-17-16

TODAY (7-17-16) 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA
10:00 AM – Commissioning of Jr. High Students and Leaders
Jr. Highs depart for Steubenville

MONDAY Jr. Highs in Steubenville
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts- FH
7:00 PM – Walking at Hartwood

TUESDAY Jr. Highs in Steubenville
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

WEDNESDAY Jr. Highs in Steubenville
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH

THURSDAY Jr. Highs in Steubenville
7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS
6:30 PM – Children and Family Ministry Meeting – KL
7:00 PM – Walking at Hartwood

FRIDAY Jr. Highs return from Steubenville

SATURDAY 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH

SUNDAY (7-24-16) 8:00 AM – Worship Service – SA
10:00 AM – Worship Service – SA

TODAY, WE WELCOME The Rev. Michael Ludwig, his wife Rachel and their children Adeline, Simeon and Zach. The Ludwigs are missionaries serving in Niger. Rachel is the daughter of Don and Ginny Dawson and the granddaughter of Dave and Dottie Frazier.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Ann Ritter.

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.

8:00 AM USHERS

Paul Braddock

Max Smith

Kim Szymoniak

Bob Szymoniak

Ron Tiedeman

10:00 AM USHERS

Mel Stoker

Jennifer Muszynski

Janell Haygood

Patti Zahnhausen

Dorothy Thompson

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:00 AM – Michael Beal

10:00 AM – Ken Volle

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, July 24, 2016

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

*For more information on these ministries, please contact
Emily Cooper, Director of Children and Family Ministries
at: 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 10:00 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 ½ to 4yrs. of age.

2. 10 AM GREEN ROOM FOR AGES 4 THROUGH GRADE 2 - Each week throughout the summer, we will meet and do an activity during the 10:00 service. If you are interested in teaching a lesson or for more information, please contact Emily Cooper.

3. MUSICAL THEATER – If you are still interested in auditioning for *Haphazardly Ever After the Musical* please contact Ron or Emily as soon as possible. There are still a few parts available.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

4. SUMMER CHOIR – All are invited to sing in our summer choir. We will rehearse 30 minutes before the service at which we are singing. No experience is necessary – just a willing spirit! The dates we will be singing are:

July 17st at 8 AM

July 31st at 10 AM

August 14th at 8 AM

5. MEN'S CHOIR – All men are invited to join us in singing this summer as part of a men's ensemble. We will rehearse 30 minutes before the service at which we are singing. The last date we will be singing is August 7th at 8 AM.

6. MUSICAL OFFERINGS – You are invited to share your musical gifts as the offering during our summer services. Please contact Ron Bernhardt if you are interested. We would love to be blessed by your talents.

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. THE JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS AND LEADERS will be leaving for their mission trip to Steubenville today. Please pray for their safety and for an enriching experience.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

8. 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.

9. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING... Are you looking for a summer ministry? Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue through the summer (June, July and August) 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.

10. 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 – 11:30 AM to assist, please contact Marian Berberich at 412-486-8000.

11. 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 of Calvert (supported by Elfinwild and our neighboring churches at Glenshaw, Parkwood, Fox Chapel and Glenshaw Valley), please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Vickey Trader at 412-782-5742 for more information.

12. NURSERY HELP WANTED: We are looking for some extra coverage for the 8:00 service. Please contact Emily Cooper for more information if you are willing to help care for the smallest of our congregation.

13. SAVE THE DATE!! Summer is here!! Get out your calendars & mark the Church Picnic for Sunday August 21st!

14. ARE YOU MISSING SOME DISHES OR CONTAINERS? Please stop by the kitchen to claim your items.

15. AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRL NEW TROOP FORMING – Elfinwild Church is starting a new American Heritage Girls troop. The troop is open to girls ages 5-18. Please feel free to contact Pam McKern with any questions at: pamela_mckern@hotmail.com or 412-512-3461.

16. OUR SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS are at 8:00 and 10:00 AM. These worship hours will continue through the end of August.

17. CHURCH OFFICE HOURS for the summer will be from 9:00AM to 1:00 PM from June 27th through Friday, August 12th.

18. WEST VIRGINIA FLOODING 2016

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

The flooding in West Virginia left a trail of destruction, and the road to recovery has just begun. Please continue to pray for those affected. The Presbyterian Project (consisting of the churches of Calvert Memorial, Elfinwild, Fox Chapel, John McMillan, Glenshaw and Parkwood) has committed to helping with the clean-up process. In response to immediate needs in the communities we are collecting the following items to deliver to those in need in West Virginia.

Bleach, large trash bags, sponges, latex gloves, paper towels, toilet paper, baby formula, diapers, hand-held can openers, and pop-top canned goods. If you wish to donate to help purchase the items, please make your check payable to Elfinwild Presbyterian Church and mark on the line "West Virginia Relief."

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials.

They are also collecting Walmart and Sheetz gift cards to give to families for needed personal items and gasoline.

We are working with the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy & Work camps to find the best time for a group of volunteers to travel there and help with the rebuilding process. If you are interested in joining a team in your congregation, please contact Penny Young, Becky Winek, or Bob Whitaker.