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MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: PLANNED GIVING – GIFT OF ASSETS

Members of our Church regularly give their time, talents and financial support to the work and ministry of our Church. Sometimes folks give something tangible, such as a motor vehicle. Sometimes, the gift is unique, and comes from the family of members who have passed on. Our friend, longtime member, and for a time, a Sexton here at Elfinwild, Chuck Landfried, died last year. A cemetery plot reserved for him was not needed and Chuck's sons graciously gave it to Elfinwild. Someday our Church may be able to make it available for a family in need. Thanks Landfried family!

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement June 30, 2017

Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$331,681
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$333,371
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	- \$1,690



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 16, 2017

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.*

“Jesus asked, ‘But what about you?’ ‘Who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ Matthew 16:15-16

PRELUDE

“Take My Life”

Scott Underwood

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 1:3-4

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
People: Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.
Leader: For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world
People: that we might be holy and blameless before God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 458

“Earth and All Stars”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(10:00)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Bob Babicka	Eric Dudgeon	Stephen Guth	Alyssa Milliron
Dawn Babicka	Dana Duff	Ada Henigin	Maureen Profeta
Beth Carson	Ryan Graco	Sonia Henze	John Townsend
Colby Carson	Lauren Guth	Ashley Meyer	

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 8:39

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.
Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above You. We have made idols of possessions and people and used Your name for causes that are not consistent with You and Your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship You. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken that which is not ours and we have misrepresented other’s intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of Your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to Your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-17

Leader: God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Friends, receive and 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

(8:00)	“The Love of Christ”	Robert Sterling
	<i>Summer Choir</i>	
(10:00)	“Meditation on ‘Just As I Am’”	William Bradbury

*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 LESSON

Philippians 2:1-11
(page 1102 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“The Person of Christ” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 438

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

(8:00) INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Galatians 5:22-23

**The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**

POSTLUDE

	“Postlude in B Flat”	Joseph Prentiss
	<i>Special thanks to our liturgist:</i>	
	<i>10:00 – Amy Meyer</i>	
	<u>The Elder of the Week is John Hart</u>	

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

TODAY (7-16-17) 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:00 AM – The Church Has Left the Building Meeting – CH
9:00 AM – Children and Family Ministry Search Committee Meeting – KL

MONDAY 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH
7:00 PM – Walking at Hartwood

TUESDAY 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM – Children's Ministry Meeting – KL

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY 8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL

SUNDAY (7-23-17) 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA

THE TABLE ARRANGEMENTS are given in memory of Francis Weinheimer by the Weinheimer Family and in memory of Dot Smullin by the Smullin and Bock families.

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.

8:00 USHERS

Paul Braddock
Ron Tiedeman
Max Smith
Kim Szymoniak
Bob Szymoniak

10:00 USHERS

Mel Stoker
Jennifer Muszynski
Dorothy Thompson
Patti Zahnhausen

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:00 – Jim Saraceno
10:00 – Mike Dolan

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday July 23, 2017
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

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. MOVEMENT AND DRAMA CAMP – Mark your calendars for July 31 to August 4, 2017 as we “*Let your light shine before all people, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*” *Matthew 5:16.* Movement Camp is for children ages 4 through completion of 1st grade. Drama Camp is for children who have completed 2nd through 5th grade. The children will share their new skills with the Elfinwild Church Community on Sunday, August 6th at the 10 AM service. Look for the blue applications outside of the sanctuary on the tables or contact the church office.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

4. JOIN US! – You are invited to join our music ministry ensembles. Everyone is welcome so please come out to a rehearsal and give it a try! Throughout this summer we will rehearse 30 minutes prior to worship. Please feel free to join us:

July 30 at 10:00 – **Summer Choir** Aug. 13 at 8:00 & 10:00 – **Praise Team**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Give what you have. To someone it may be better
than you dare to think.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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.***

5. REGULAR CLUBS – We will not meet during the summer, but look for special events throughout the summer!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

6. 2017 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.

7. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING... Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will **be taking a break for the summer. We will resume at 7 PM on Wednesday, September 6th in the chapel.**

8. 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. 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.

9. ELFINWILD PRESCHOOL is now accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year. For information about the weekday preschool or to register for next year, please call the school office at 412-486-2322. We love to share information about the program. Learning and growing in God's love provides a wonderful opportunity for us to share Christ's love and welcome families in the community.

10. SUMMER WALKS IN THE PARK – Mondays in June, July & August at 7:00 PM at Hartwood Acres. All are welcome. Please speak with Kristin Coco if you have any questions.

11. 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.

12. STEPHEN MINISTRY informational brochures are available in the Gathering Room on the windowsill. The July article is "10 Important Steps to Help Children Navigate Grief". It contains very healthy, practical suggestions to navigate such uncharted territory in the life of a family. Pick up a copy

today! If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry, please contact Ruthie Riethmuller, Stephen Leader at 412-487-3421 or mrdd1@comcast.net.

VERSE OF THE MONTH-"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28



13. 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 8:30 AM - 12 noon to assist, please contact Dick Friedline at 412-486-8000.

14. 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 in Fellowship Hall.

15. SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS BEGAN JUNE 4TH! Our summer worship hours are at 8:00 and 10:00 AM. These worship hours will continue through the end of August.

16. THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS for the summer will be from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM beginning on June 26th and will run through Friday, August 18th.

17. A PRAYER TEAM IS NEEDED FOR THE search committee who has begun the task of seeking the right person to serve Christ with us as Director of Children and Family Ministries. The search committee members are: Kristin Coco, Elizabeth Dolan, Nicole Graco, Scott Hughes, Bob Siar, Charline Tomer and Bob Wegner. If you are interested in being part of the prayer team, please contact the church office.

18.  TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!  Please join us for Faith Night on Thursday, August 17th as the Pirates and Cardinals take the field. Tickets are limited and are \$25 each. The price includes a Pittsburgh Pirate hat! Please contact the church office to purchase tickets or for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

19. SHALER AREA VETERAN MEMORIAL PATHWAY – A path to the Shaler American Legion Post 785 Memorial is being made. The inscribed bricks will be woven together like pieces of a quilt into a brick walkway leading a path to the Memorial site. The bricks will be a permanent commemoration of our veterans. Individuals will have an opportunity to purchase a 4 x 8 inch brick. The goal is to memorialize and honor all veterans and those currently serving who are associated with our community, as well as to enhance and beautify the Memorial site. For more information, please contact Ken Volle at 412-576-6835 or 412-487-8183.