

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

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MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: PLANNED GIVING – GIFT OF ASSETS

Over the years, Elfinwild has benefited from donations of assets other than money. Assets include things such as marketable stock, bonds, mutual fund shares, artwork, collectibles, vehicles, real estate, or a paid-up life insurance policy. The church may choose to hold or sell the assets. The benefits to the donor may include avoiding capital gains taxes, a charitable deduction, and the ability to make a larger gift than with cash. If you are thinking about making such a gift, or have questions, please contact your financial or legal advisors, or the church office.

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement April 30, 2017		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$232,752
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$226,620
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$6,132



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

**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
June 4, 2017
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Worship**

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

**“If you love Me, keep My commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever-the Spirit of truth.” Jesus in John 14:15-16
about sending the Holy Spirit.**

PRELUDE
(8:00) “Ever Be” Bobby Strand
 Praise Team

(10:00) “Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove” Edward Broughton

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

(10:00)

INTROIT

“Upon This Rock”

Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

Derek Bowen, Soloist Eric Dudgeon, Drums

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Spirit of God, we have gathered together in this place to pray ... Give us faith,

People: **That when You come like the wind, though we do not see You, yet we may hear what You are saying to us and discern Your movement.**

Leader: Give us courage, that we may not fear the tongues of flame:

People: **Let all that is unworthy, impure, and sinful be burned from our lives. May we know that it is love that burns so brightly and love that strips away our sin.**

Leader: Give us an open mind, Lord, that the truth You bring may make its home with us:

People: **truth to set us free, truth to guide us and inform us, and truth to lead us in the way of Your will.**

Leader: Give us an open heart, Lord,

People: **that we may seek all people for Your realm, and set no limits to the proclaiming of Your Word.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, with the whole church we wait for You in every place and in every generation.

People: **Come, wind. Come, fire. Come truth. Come love.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 319

“Spirit”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, You send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with Your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in Your power. We hold out to You all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for Your help to live the way of Your truth and love in Jesus.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the last of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us. 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.**

(8:00)

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING

Wendy Boody
Kristin Coco
Mark Feris
Bev Friedline
Barb Harms
Diane Hart

Glenn Hofffield
Tori Panza
Jeff Powell
Cathy Rogers
Bonnie Vidt
Diana Williams

(10:00)

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:00)

“Holy Spirit”
Praise Team

Bryan & Katie Torwalt

(10:00)

“I Will Rise”
*Chancel Choir
Eric Dudgeon, Drums*

Jay Rouse

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

Acts 6:1-10 (8 AM)
(page 1024 in the pew Bible)

Romans 8:28-39 (10 AM)
(page 1060 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Stephen’s Ministry” Dr. Dirk Lesnett (8 AM)
“God’s Love is Greater” Dr. Dirk Lesnett (10 AM)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words of Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Receiving the Bread+ (Gluten free wafers are in the bowl in the center of the plate)
Receiving the Cup+
Prayer of Thanksgiving
+(please hold each element until all are served)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 142

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Go Tell the World” Robert Howell

*Special thanks to our liturgist:
Matt Kolodziej*

The Elder of the Week is Amy Meyer

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 6-4-17

TODAY (6-4-17) Pentecost
Communion and Graduate Recognition
9:00 AM – Pentecost Celebration and Photograph – FH
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA
8:00 AM – Commissioning of Stephen Ministers
10:00 AM – Graduate Recognition
11:00 AM – Deacons' Meeting – CCR
11:15 AM – Inquirers' Class – FH

MONDAY 7:00 PM – Personnel Committee Meeting – KL
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
6:30 PM – Student Leaders' Meeting

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH

THURSDAY 8:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS
6:00 PM – Lions' Club – CCR
7:00 PM – Family Ministry Meeting – KL

FRIDAY

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

SUNDAY (6-11-17) 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:00 AM – Ananias Mission Gathering – UGR
11:15 AM – Inquirers' Class – FH
11:15 AM – Honduras Mission Trip Meeting – KL
11:30 AM – Seasoned Saints Lunch – FH
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

THE TABLE ARRANGEMENTS are given in memory of Ralph Wittmer, Sr. by the Weinheimer Family and in memory of Dot Smullin by the Smullin and Bock families.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Amy Meyer.

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

Len Anderson
Tim Keenan
Jim Young
Bill Stadler

10:00 USHERS

Scott Muszynski
Don Grau
Kelly Simile
Jennifer Callahan
Shane Callahan

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:00 – Dennis Kriek
10:00 – Ken Volle

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday June 11, 2017
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

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 1/2 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. HERO CENTRAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – June 19-23 from 9:00-11:30 AM. All children ages 4 (by June 1st) through 5th grade are welcome to attend. Teachers and teen helpers are needed. Please see the registration and volunteer forms located on the tables outside of the Sanctuary.

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:

June 18 at 10:00 - Men's Choir	July 16 at 8:00 - Summer Choir
July 2 at 10:00 – Summer Choir	July 30 at 10am – Summer Choir
July 9 at 8:00 – Men's Choir	Aug. 13 at 8 & 10 – Praise Team

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 _____

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 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.

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. **We will NOT meet on July 3rd.** 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. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped me this past year with Coffee, Fellowship, and Treats. Whether you donated coffee or treats, helped me with setup or cleanup, or were a Deacon who gave me a Sunday off once a month, I am very grateful for your help. God Bless all of you, and I will see you in September, Tessa Connelly.

13. STEPHEN MINISTRY informational brochures are available in the Gathering Room on the windowsill. The June article is "This Powerful Story Will Convince You to Stop Saying 'Let Me Know If You Need Anything.'" It helps to practically explain what someone who has suffered a sudden trauma or grief may need the most. 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-"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

14. 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.

15. 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 11:15 AM, after the second service in Fellowship Hall. We will have lunch and then begin class. Childcare will be provided. Classes begin TODAY, June 4th. 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.

16. ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET

No doubt many of you have heard the news that the proposed Federal budget will create a funding problem for the Meals on Wheels programs throughout the country. ***This proposed budget does not affect the Elfinwild Meals Ministry.*** Our Meals Ministry **is not** affiliated with the Lutheran Services Society Meals on Wheels program. In June, 2011, the Elfinwild meals program severed its ties with the Meals on Wheels program and has run as an independent ministry of the Elfinwild Presbyterian Church since that time. Our funding is solely through the weekly payments made by our clients, contributions of local civic organizations (Glenshaw Century Club, Elfinwild Lions Club and others), memorial gifts, gifts of cookies and baked goods as well as surplus bread/rolls and baked goods from Shop N' Save and generous contributions made by members of the Elfinwild congregation. We do not and have not received any funding from any governmental sources. Please remember, there is no financial threshold required to receive the services of the Meals Ministry. Should you have any questions concerning the Meals Ministry, please contact Jim Giel, Jr. at 412-486-2774 or Dick Friedline at the kitchen 412-486-8000.

17. ON SUNDAY JUNE 11TH THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION SPONSORED BY THE MISSION TEAM. At 9:00 AM, between the two services in the Upper Gathering Room, members of the Ananias Mission will be presenting to the congregation. Ananias Mission is one of many mission projects supported by Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. In 2014 entrepreneur Ed Wethli learned of a Syrian family who urgently needed to leave a home that was no longer safe for them, as a result of their Christian faith. Shortly before Christmas, he brought the family of four to stay in his home, and he helped them establish a new life in nearby Cranberry. Many family members were left behind in Syria. Settlement in the United States was not possible;

however, private sponsorship in Canada through a Catholic diocese in Ontario made it feasible for five family units to immigrate. The nonprofit Ananias Mission was founded and works to build partnerships between Canadian and American churches to give refugees hope and a home. Please join members of the Mission Team on June 11th to hear this amazing story of Christian faith in action.

18. SEASONED SAINTS TO BE HONORED – On June 11th the Deacons will again be hosting a luncheon to honor our congregation's amazing Seasoned Saints!! The luncheon will immediately follow the 10:00 AM service, and entertainment will be provided for your enjoyment. Invitations were mailed out but if you're 80 or over, please get this date on your calendars now!

19. 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.

20. SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS BEGIN JUNE 4TH!! Our summer worship hours of 8:00 and 10:00 AM have begun. Our Pentecost celebration and annual picture will be at 9:00 AM. During the service, Communion will be observed, we will commission our Stephen Ministers, and we will recognize our graduates. These worship hours will continue through the end of August.

21. SUMMER MEANS LCCC! It is time to register for Ligonier Camp! On the blue banner in the lower entry way of the church, you will find brochures about traditional summer camp and family camp! Scholarships are available! To apply for one, check the scholarship box on the registration form at the time of registering (a small deposit will be needed). After that, at the www.ligoniercamp.org website, under the "registration tab" you will find the word "scholarship". Click it...download the packet and complete the forms and send them to camp! Questions? Contact Ruthie Riethmuller 412-487-3421 or mrdd1@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY NEWS

22. 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.