

**25. LIFE LINE STROKE SCREENING** will be held at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church on May 6, 2015. The screening tests are performed by experienced professional sonographers using Doppler ultrasound technology. Pre-registration is required. To register, please call 1-877-754-9648.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 3-29-15**

**TODAY** (3-29-15) Palm Sunday  
 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA  
 9:45 AM –Sunday School- CE  
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH  
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Youth Group – YH

**MONDAY**  
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Bible Stories – UGR  
 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – 6<sup>th</sup> Grd. Girls' Bible Study @Harbaughs  
 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act I – FrH  
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH  
 7:00 PM – Children's and Family Ministry Search Mtg. – KL

**TUESDAY**  
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Bible Stories – UGR  
 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL  
 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act I – FrH  
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose – CCR

**WEDNESDAY**  
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Bible Stories – UGR  
 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Webelos I – PR  
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Confirmation Class – YH  
 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – CR  
 8:15 PM – Praise Team – SA

**THURSDAY**  
 No Preschool  
 7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS  
 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Women's Bible Study – YH  
 7:30 PM – Maundy Thursday Service – SA

**FRIDAY**  
 No Preschool  
 7:00 PM – Webelos II – PR  
 7:30 PM – Good Friday Tenebrae Service – SA

**SATURDAY**  
 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH

**SUNDAY** (4-5-15) Easter Sunday  
 7:00 AM – Worship Service – UGR  
 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA  
 9:45 AM –Sunday School- CE

**THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING** are given in honor of Dean and Elizabeth Thomas' 69<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**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.

**8:30 AM USHERS**

Paul Braddock  
 Max Smith  
 Kim Szymoniak  
 Bob Szymoniak  
 Ron Tiedeman

**11:10 AM USHERS**

Mel Stoker  
 Jennifer Muszynski  
 Janell Haygood  
 Patti Zahnhausen  
 Dorothy Thompson

**SOUND TECHNICIANS**

8:30 AM – Michael Beal  
 11:10 AM – Marge Cain

**UPCOMING SERVICE**

Easter Sunday  
 Sunday, April 5, 2015  
 Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

**CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY**

**Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*For more information on these ministries, please contact Bethann Dolan, Elder for Children's Ministries at: mbergd@verizon.net or 412-492-9991*

**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 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 RED 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 6<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 *Jesus' Last Passover* by Linda Barto, Barb Harms, Nicole Graco, and Carolyn Hervey.

**4. G-FORCE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – *God's Love in Action* – June 15-19 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.

**5. CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS** are with the regular bulletins at the entrances to the Sanctuary. If your child would like one, please see one of the ushers.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Other applicable information: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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.*

**6. 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. 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.

**7. ELFINWILD CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – The Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund annually grants scholarships to students enrolled in a college or other post-high school education program. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of service to the Church, financial need and community service/extracurricular activities. Applications are available in the Church office or from Jason, and the deadline for submission is Wednesday, April 15, 2015. For information about applying for a scholarship or about making contributions to the Scholarship Fund, please contact Jason or the Church office.

### **8. JR. AND SR. HIGH SPRING RETREAT TO FAITH RANCH**

**When: April 24-25 Cost: \$75**

This is our second annual spring re-treat to Faith Ranch! Both Jr. and Sr. High will travel to Faith Ranch in Ohio for an overnight re-treat. We will leave at 6pm on Friday night and return around 9pm on Saturday night. Activities will include things like a hayride, horseback riding and a barn dance on Saturday. The cost includes all meals on Saturday. There won't be a meal on Friday so students should eat prior to leaving although we will have snacks that night. We think this will be a fun event for all who attend. Spots are limited so you can register by turning in a \$25 deposit to Jason. Registration deadline will be April 12th. For more information about Faith Ranch the facility, you can check out their website: <http://faithranch.org/>

For more information about how the retreat will flow, registration questions or what we will talk about contact Jason. Hope to see you all at the Ranch!

## **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**9. PRAY FOR OUR SEARCH COMMITTEES!** We have two search committees who have just begun their task of seeking the right persons to serve Christ with us as Director of Music Ministries and Director of Children and Family Ministries. Please remember them in your prayers. The two committees are:

Director of Music Ministries: Chair, Ann Ritter; Co-Chair, Bob Lindeman; Secretary, Penny Young; Sharon Griffin, Heather Heere, Tom Hegerle, Bonnie Vidt and Jeff Weber

Director of Children and Family Ministries: Co-Chair, Diane Hart; Co-Chair, Amy Meyer; Secretary, Patty Robinson; Bethann Dolan, Josh Gaydos, Matt Harbaugh and Steve Heere

If you are interested in being on a prayer team please contact one of the members of either committee.

**10. DID YOU KNOW** that you can listen to the sermons on our website? Please go to [www.elfinwildchurch.org](http://www.elfinwildchurch.org) and click on the link.

### **11. YOUR 2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND 2015 YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS** are available in the Church Office.

**ATTENTION!** If you are making direct payments via a financial institution and do not use nor wish to have envelopes, please notify the church office. In this case, you will be assigned a 600 account number. Pew envelopes remain for other giving.

**12. COFFEE HOUR HELP** is needed! If you are interested in helping on Sunday mornings in the Upper Gathering Room, please contact Tessa Connelly at: [connthree07@gmail.com](mailto:connthree07@gmail.com).

**13. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – All women are invited to join a new study on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11am in the youth house. We will be reading *Love Speaks* by Annie Downs and talking about the positive and negative impact that our words have on others and ourselves and how we can allow God to speak through us to the world. Childcare is provided.

**14. ELFINWILD'S SECOND ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP TEA** will be held April 18, 2015 from **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Tickets are \$5.00. All ladies are invited to attend. You can come as a guest and enjoy great conversation and fellowship, or you can act as a hostess, decorating a table and welcoming guests! Either way, you will experience some wonderful friendship and some yummy treats! Let the Women's Ministry Team know you will be coming by filling out the tear-off in the Sunday Worship Bulletin or by contacting Tessa Connelly through the church office.

**15. EASTER LILY MEMORIALS** - Please order your 2015 Easter Lily Memorials by using the white envelopes located in each pew. Each 6" potted lily plant will be available for \$11. All orders must be received TODAY! You may pick up the lilies you purchase AFTER the 11:10 service on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015.

**16. TROOP 157 WELCOMES** its 58<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to Morgan Harris and Kenneth Andrews. Both young men are continuing with Troop 157 as Assistant Scoutmasters. The March Troop trip will be to the Professional Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Troop 157 will participate in the Scouting for Food Program during April. The Troop will attend Beach Jam at Wildwood, New Jersey with a private tour of the Philadelphia Mint from May 14-17. The Troop and Venture Crew will be camping on the beach. Troop 157 meets in Fellowship Hall on Mondays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Call Tom Payne, Scoutmaster at 412-576-4113 for more information.

**17. PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY UPDATE** – We are in the process of updating our Professional Directory. If you would like to be included in the Directory, or need to update your current information, please call the Church Office at 412-486-5400 or email Cindy Neil at: [cindy@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:cindy@elfinwildchurch.org). Thank you!

**18. 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 five weeks, beginning April 12th at 10:00 AM, during the Sunday school hour, in the Peach Room. 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.

**19. MEN'S LUNCHEON** – Please join us for our monthly Men's Luncheon on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please fill out the form in this insert to make your reservation.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**20. 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.

**21. NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH offers free tax prep for low-income individuals** through March 31 at its sites in Bellevue and Millvale as part of the United Way Money in Your Pocket coalition.

Appointments in the **NHCO North Boroughs** location, AGH-Suburban Campus, 100 S. Jackson Ave., Bellevue, are available Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:30 – 7:30pm.

Appointments in the **NHCO Millvale** location, 416 Lincoln Ave are available Saturdays only from 9:00 am to noon.

Appointments must be made by calling United Way helpline 2-1-1 or 888-553-5778, beginning January 14.

**22. HOSANNA INDUSTRIES 5 K RUN/WALK** – Come run/walk the HI-5K in North Park on Saturday, April 18th! Proceeds benefit Hosanna Industries, a local charity that helps our needy neighbors with home repairs, provides volunteer opportunities, and trains young people to be builders. Each runner receives a tech t-shirt, goodie bag, and refreshments before and after the race. Awards are given to the top time in each age bracket, as well as the top team. Teams (4 or more people) also have the option to compete in a fundraising challenge. For more information, please contact Bob Whitaker at 412-487-0663.

### **23. COMMUNITY AUTO SEEKS VEHICLES FOR WAITING WORKING FAMILIES!**

Do you or a family member have a vehicle you don't want anymore? Perhaps it's not worth the cost of repairs, or it sits unused? Community Auto, a program of North Hills Community Outreach, accepts vehicles in any condition, has them repaired, and sells them at below market value to local working families who need them to get to work. You could change a life and get the maximum tax deduction. FREE pickup, towing and notary! Call 724-443-8300 or visit [www.communityauto.org](http://www.communityauto.org).

### **24. VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP SENIORS**

Several partner agencies of United Way's Open Your Heart to a Senior initiative need volunteer drivers for various programs around Allegheny County. Meals on Wheels, Free Rides for Seniors shuttle drivers and drivers who can transport seniors to medical appointments in the volunteer's own vehicle are all needed. For more information on the program locations, or to register as a volunteer with OYHS, please call 412-307-0071 or email [allegheny@openyourhearttoasenior.org](mailto:allegheny@openyourhearttoasenior.org).



**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 AM  
8:30 AM  
11:10 AM

*Celebrate the joy and glory of Easter morning  
as we gather to rejoice around the empty tomb!  
The darkness of the journey  
vanishes in the light of  
the Resurrection of Christ from the dead.*

*“This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad!  
The stone the builders rejected has become  
the cornerstone!  
The Lord has done this  
and it is marvelous to our eyes!”  
Psalm 118*

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**Elfinwild Presbyterian Church  
Financial Statement  
February 28, 2015**

<b>Actual Tithes &amp; Gifts Given</b>		<b>\$104,967</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(Y.T.D.)</b>	<b>\$115,188</b>
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>(Y.T.D.)</b>	<b>- \$10,221</b>



**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**

**March 29, 2015**

**Palm Sunday**

**8:30 and 11:10 AM Worship**

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

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”  
John 14:27*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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



CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:26; Zechariah 9:9

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**All: Hosanna in the highest!**  
 Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
**All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**  
 Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;  
**All: triumphant and victorious is He,**  
 Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,  
**All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

(8:30)

\*SONG OF PRAISE “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

**Verse 1**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
 I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.**

**Verse 2**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
 How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**Chorus**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
 My God my Savior has ransomed me.  
 And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.**

**Verse 3**

**The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.  
 He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.  
 (Chorus)**

**Verse 4**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.  
 But God who called me here below will be forever mine,  
 Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.**

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(11:10)

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No 88 “All Glory Laud, and Honor”

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

(11:10)

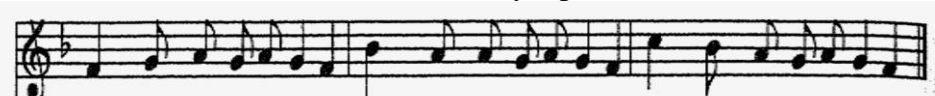
ANTHEM “Sing Hosanna” Chancel Choir

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Hymn 572

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious  
 city that later rejected you,  
 we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's,  
 that our faith is often more show than substance,  
 that our hearts are in need of cleansing.  
 Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.  
 Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are,  
 trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken,  
 to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 118

Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”  
 Out of my distress I called on the Lord and the Lord answered me and set  
 me free. The Lord is my strength and my song;  
 he has become my salvation.  
 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
 In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!

Leader: Friends, 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.**

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) “This is Amazing Grace “ Praise Team

(11:10) “O Thou Eternal Christ, Ride on!” Chancel Choir

\*HYMN NO. 428 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH Matthew 5:3-10

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
 for they will be filled.  
 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
 Blessed are the peacemakers,  
 for they will be called children of God.  
 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

PRAYER 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 READING

Luke 19:28-44  
 (page 983 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Opening Our Eyes to Peace”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)

\*SONG OF RESPONSE “How Great is Our God”

**Verse 1**

**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,  
 Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
 He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,  
 And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice**

**Chorus**

**How great is our God!  
 Sing with me, how great is our God,  
 And all will see how great, how great is our God.**

**Verse 2**

**And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,  
 Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End  
 The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son  
 The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb**

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

**Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
 My heart will sing, “How great is our God!”**

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(11:10)

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 447 “Lead on, O King Eternal”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Special thanks to our liturgists:*

*8:30 – Bob Lindeman*

*11:10 – Rev. Bill Meyer*