

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 5-17-15

TODAY (5-17-15) Youth Sunday
 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA
 9:45 AM –Sunday School- CE
 9:45 AM – Raising Rock Solid Kids Class – KL
 10:00 AM – Inquirers’ Class – PR
 12:15 PM – Deacons’ Meeting – CCR
 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM – Youth Group Cookout – YH
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

MONDAY
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool– CE
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool End of Year Programs – FH
 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – 6th Grade Girls’ Bible Study
 @Harbaughs
 7:00 PM – Music Ministry Search Committee Meeting – KL
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH

TUESDAY
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool– CE
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool End of Year Practice – FH
 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
 12:00 PM –Caring Hands– FH
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

WEDNESDAY
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool– CE
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool End of Year Practice – FH
 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Webelos I – PR
 7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – CR
 8:15 PM – Praise Team – SA

THURSDAY
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool– CE
 7:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool End of Year Practice – FH
 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study – YH
 7:00 PM – Student Ministries Leaders’ Meeting – YH
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Bear Den 157 – PR

FRIDAY
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool– CE
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool End of Year Practice – FH

SATURDAY
 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH
 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM – Pentecost Set Up – FH

SUNDAY (5-24-15) Pentecost
 Introduction of New Members
 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA
 9:45 AM –Pentecost Celebration – FH

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING are given in loving memory of Carl T. Nelson by his family.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Henry Tomer.

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

Mike Radich
 John Hart
 Ron Park
 Dwight and Joanne Pearson

11:10 AM USHERS

Don Pritchard
 Chris Sutton
 Jim Giel
 Dick Friedline

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 AM – Michael Beal
 11:10 AM – Mike Dolan

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, May 24, 2015
 Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN’S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th 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 2nd 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 3rd grade through 6th will meet in their classrooms.

3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP – For ages Pre-K through 2nd grade during

the 11:10 service. This week’s lesson will be *Pentecost* by Bethann Dolan, Beth Interthal, Bonnie DeMatteo, and Melissa Kutzer.

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.

6. RAISING ROCK-SOLID KIDS IN A PLEASURE-DRIVEN-WORLD

Calling parents with children of all ages. We will work together through this seven week video series to build a deep foundation in Christ within our children’s lives. It takes a village to raise a child. Let’s be that village together. Classes began on April 12th at 9:45 AM in the library. Please call Bethann Dolan with any questions or for more information at 412-492-9991.

G FORCE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

GOD’S LOVE IN ACTION

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church

June 15-19, 2015, 9-11:30am

“In God we live, move, and exist.” Acts 17:28



Time: All children attend from 9:00 - 11:30am

Cost: Before June 1: \$25/child; \$60max/family

After June 1: \$30/child; \$65max/family

Ages: Preschool – Grade 5 (All children must be 4 years old before June 1st)

Please note: Friday is a parent participation day - each child will need an adult accompanying them.

Return the completed form to: Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, 3200 Mt. Royal Boulevard, Glenshaw, PA 15116 or call 412-486-5400 with any questions. In care of Jeanine Arrgio.

VBS Child Registration Form
 (one per child, please)

Child's name _____

Parent's name _____

Home # _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Child's birth date _____ Grade completed in school _____

Please state any physical limitations or allergies of which we should be aware: _____

Would like to volunteer during the week of VBS: yes no

We would like to create photographs and videos for use in church publications and bulletin boards, including candid pictures of children throughout Elfinwild Church. Children's names, however, will not be published. Please check to indicate your preference.

_____ I give permission for my child's picture to be used _____ I do not give permission for my child's picture to be used

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Medical Release Form -- June 15-19, 2015

I give permission for my child to receive necessary emergency medical care. I authorize Elfinwild Church personnel to take emergency action as might be deemed necessary.

Child's name _____ Insurance _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Home (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Emergency Contact's Name and Relationship _____

Emergency Contact's Phone# _____

<i>Office use only</i>
Reg. _____
Pd. _____
Class _____

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: _____

7. PENTECOST IS APPROACHING – This is a great time for our church family to be together. Between services on May 24th in Fellowship Hall we will have a special Holy Spirit Program including soloist Bob Wegner. We will also have special refreshments, learn about doves, have a craft for children, have a dove release, and take an All Church Photo. Please remember to wear Red and White. If you would like, please bring a red and/or white snack to share.

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.

8. JR. AND SR. HIGH END OF THE YEAR COOKOUT will be today from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM at the Youth House. Come and enjoy good food, fun and fellowship!

9. GOT SENIORS? GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY: MAY 31, 2015 – On May 31st we will recognize our graduating seniors. For this to happen we need your help. First, we would like for you to email Cindy at cindy@elfinwildchurch.org or call the church office and let us know the name of your graduate, school from which they are graduating, and their future plans (college, military, employment, apprenticeship etc.). Second, we would like to know if your senior will be able to attend the 11:10 AM service on May 31st. If so, we would like to invite them to come wearing their cap and gown in order to process together at the beginning of the service. We will meet outside of Jason's office at 11:00 AM and talk about how this will happen. If your student is unable to make the service that morning, please contact us with the above information and simply let us know that they will not be able to attend. We would appreciate responses by **Wednesday, May 27th** as we would like to honor all seniors by placing their information in the bulletin that day.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

10. 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, Carolyn Hasselman, Heather Heere, Tom Hegerle, Bonnie Vidt and Jeff Weber

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

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

11. DID YOU KNOW that you can listen to the sermons on our website? Please go to www.elfinwildchurch.org and click on the link.

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.

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. 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. Thank you!

15. SAVE THE DATE! Summer is coming...really! Get out your calendars and mark the Church Picnic for August 23rd. Additional information will be forthcoming.

16. ROY AND MARION JOHN are now living at the Haven at North Hills, 1 Windsor Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. They would welcome cards and phone calls. Their phone number is 412-931-3635.

17. CHANCEL FLOWERS will be on display only when ordered by members of the congregation for a specific Sunday. The cost of flowers is \$44 each Sunday. If you would like to place an order for flowers the following dates are available: July 19th, August 23rd, September 6th, October 11th, and October 18th. If you are interested, please call the church office.

18. MEN OF ELFINWILD – The first Hammer Day of the year will occur on Saturday, May 23. Meet in the church parking lot at 7:30 AM. Contact Mike Gaydos at projecteng@hotmail.com with any questions.

19. ATTENTION ALL MEN! – The summer months are here or coming quickly. Some men have talked about a small group or two for the purpose of growing in their faith, growing as brothers in Christ and growing as men of God. There are several suggestions for small groups over the summer months. In order to discuss the options and see who is interested in the different foci we will meet on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall. Worship is 8 and 10 AM for the summer and that schedule begins Sunday, June 7th. There will be coffee and maybe even a food item for your consumption. We will talk schedules and topics or themes. Dr. Lesnett is interested in either a Bible study or a study that will cover some basic Christian themes, such as Experiencing God. Please join us for this important discussion. Proverbs says, as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another!

20. SCOUTMASTER TOM PAYNE OF ELFINWILD TROOP 157 suffered a heart attack and is now home recovering. The three most recent Eagle Scouts, Morgan Harris, Kenny Andrews, and Jeff Nix will be taking over for the summer as Tom recuperates. Please contact Morgan Harris at 412-821-2727 with any questions.

COMMUNITY NEWS

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. FUNDRAISERS FOR MATT TAYLOR – Matt is a Shaler resident who has been diagnosed with malignant brain tumors. He will be having surgery in San Francisco on May 14th. There are two fundraisers scheduled to help offset some of his expenses. First, on May 21st, there will be an event at the Ross Park Mall Chick Fil-A from 5-8 PM. Please mention that you are there for Matt Taylor Spirit Night. Second, there will be a Spaghetti Dinner at St. Bonaventure Church on June 14th from 4-7 PM. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children 10 and under.

25. COMPASSIONATE CARE HOSPICE is in search of volunteers for patients and their families in the Pittsburgh area. Would you like to help a person in need? Volunteers can contribute in many ways: friendly visitors, pet therapy, music therapy, phone calls, running errands, cutting grass and more. Please call the Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Walters at 412-529-1495.

*BENEDICTION

Hannah Kalchthaler

POSTLUDE

Alyssa Boody

Youth Band:

Instrumentalists:

*Eric Dudgeon
Josh Gaydos
Tim Mills
Jason Rea*

Vocalists:

*Shane Callahan
Hannah Kalchthaler
Andrew Lesnett
Anna Meyer*

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**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**

May 17, 2015

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.*

**“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation”**

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

(This has been our Student Ministries Theme verse for 2014-15)

PRELUDE “Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho” Noah Heere, Piano

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement April 30, 2015		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$225,162
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$206,422
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$18,740

CALL TO WORSHIP

Proverbs 3:5-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18
Riley Nist

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.

**People: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!**

Leader: In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

**People: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself
through Christ, and has given us the ministry of
reconciliation.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord!

*SONG OF PRAISE

“The Stand”

Youth Band

**You stood before creation,
Eternity in Your hand,
You spoke the earth into motion,
My soul now to stand.**

**So what can I say,
And what can I do,
But offer this heart O God,
Completely to You. (Repeat)**

**You stood before my failure,
And carried the cross for my shame,
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders,
My soul now to stand.**

**So I'll stand,
With arms high and heart
abandoned,
In awe of the One who gave it
all.**

**So what can I say,
And what can I do,
But offer this heart O God,
Completely to You.**

**I'll stand,
My soul Lord to You
surrendered,
All I am is Yours.**

**So I'll walk upon salvation,
Your Spirit alive in me,
My life to declare Your promise,
My soul now to stand.**

**So what can I say,
And what can I do,
But offer this heart O God,
Completely to You.**

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Kevin Hart

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 32:1-2, 5
Andrew Lesnett

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does
not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, please forgive us for getting off track,
getting distracted and straying on our own path.
We've done work for our own benefit, not for your glory.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness
and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 43:25 (CEV)

Leader: The Lord says: “But I wipe away your sins because
of who I am. And so, I will forget the wrongs you
have done.” Friends 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

Sam Baird

OFFERTORY

“Lead Me to the Cross”
Virginia Lesnett and Shane Callahan

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)”

Youth Band

**You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand**

Chorus:

**And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine**

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now**

Chorus:

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander**

**And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour (Repeat 3Xs then to Chorus)**

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Elizabeth Dolan

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.**

ANTHEM

“I Can Only Imagine”

Anna DeMatteo

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMON

Hannah Kalchthaler

*SONG OF PRAISE

“One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”
Youth Band

**Higher than the mountains that I face,
Stronger than the power of the grave,
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains,
One thing remains.**

Chorus:

**Your love never fails; It never gives up; Never runs out on me
(Repeat 3xs)
Your love**

**On and on and on and on it goes.
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never ever have to be afraid.
One thing remains
One thing remains (Chorus)**

**In death, in life,
I'm confident and cover'd by the power of Your great love.
My debt is paid,
there's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love...
(Chorus)**

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