

THE FOLLOWING LEADERS WERE ELECTED FOR 2017

<u>SESSION</u>	<u>DEACONS</u>	<u>TRUSTEES</u>
Nicole Graco	Marge Cain	Bob Anderson
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Nancy Kriek	Ron Park	Janell Haygood
Jeff Mulkern	Robyn Smith	Robert Hughes
Patty Robinson		Matt Kolodziej
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<u>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</u>		
Bethann Dolan	Joanne Pearson	Charline Tomer

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Moderator – Dr. Dirk M. Lesnett
Clerk of Session – Mr. Mark Riethmuller

2016	2017	2018
Bethann Dolan	Mark Feris	Wendy Boody
Steve Heere	Amy Meyer	Kristin Coco
Nancy Kriek	Dwight Pearson	Mark Connelly
Bob Lindeman	Kyle Pinta	John Hart
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2016	2017	2018
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Ron Park	Beth Meyer	Bev Friedline
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		Dorothy Thompson
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2016	2017	2018
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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		
September 30, 2016		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$471,592
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$512,297
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	- \$40,705



**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
November 13, 2016
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.*

“Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God- this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is- His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2

PRELUDE

(8:30)	“Shout Your Fame” Praise Team	Jonas Myrin
(11:10)	“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” Handbell Choir	Bill Ingram

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

INTROIT

(11:10)	“Give Me Jesus” Chancel Choir	Keith Wilbanks
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19:1,7-11

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God;
People: the skies proclaim the work of His hands.
 Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.
 The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making
 wise the simple.
**People: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to
 the heart. The commands of the Lord are
 radiant, giving light to the eyes.**
 Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The
 ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether
 righteous.
**People: They are more precious than gold, than much
 fine gold; they are sweeter than honey, than
 honey forms the comb.**
 Leader: By them is your servant warned;
People: In keeping them there is great reward.

(8:30)
 *SONG OF PRAISE
 Verse 1

“Come to the Cross”

Mourner wherever you are
 Wherever you are
 At the cross there is room
 Tell your burdened heart
 Your burdened heart
 At the cross there is room

Verse 2
 Sinner come today
 Come today
 At the cross there is room
 Blessed thought
 For ev'ryone for ev'ryone
 Can come to the cross

Pre-Chorus
 Tell it in the Savior's ear
 Cast away your ev'ry fear
 Only speak and He will hear

Pre-Chorus
 Now a living fountain see
 Open there for you and me
 For rich and poor
 For bound and free

Chorus
 Hallelujah ev'ryone
 Ev'ryone can come to the cross
 It doesn't matter what you've done
 Ev'ryone can come to the cross

Chorus
 Pre-Chorus
 Chorus

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(11:10)
 *HYMN OF PRAISE No. 288

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 12:9-16

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you are totally unique and different than any other.
 You alone are Holy. You alone are Sovereign. You alone are All
 Wise. And You have called us to be set apart and to live lives that are
 holy, to serve You and You alone as King and to trust in Your
 wisdom. Instead, we have lived lives that look very much like others
 and are less than holy, we have served other gods as kings and we
 have relied on worldly thinking. Forgive us for wanting to be like
 others who do not know You or have not been called by You. Turn us
 from our service to the idols of this world to worship You and You
 alone as King. And open our minds and heart to follow Your
 commands and obey Your laws instead of believing that we know a
 better way. The world's promises are empty and fleeting. Your
 promise is satisfying and everlasting and eternal life through our
 Lord Jesus. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 13:8-14

Leader: 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

(8:30) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” L. Beethoven
 Elementary Choir

(11:10) “Tune Our Hearts to Sing” Mary McDonald
 Chancel Choir

DEDICATION OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

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.**

(11:10)
 ANTHEM “Love Unmeasured, Love of God” Lloyd Larson
 Chancel Choir
 Sarah Lavelle, Violin

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 1-4; 8-13; 15
 (page 254 in the pew Bible)

(Next week's reading –1 Samuel 16-18; 24; 31; 2 Samuel 6; 22; 1 Chronicles
 17; Psalm 59)

SERMON “Be Careful for What You Ask” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)

*SONG OF COMMITMENT “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 COMMITMENT No. 467 “How Great Thou Art”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(8:30) “The Trumpet of Faith” Edward Broughton

(11:10) “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Sandra Eithun
 Handbell Choir

Special thanks to our liturgist:
 8:30-Shane Callahan 11:10 –Cayleigh Jenkins

The Elder of the Week is Amy Meyer

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: TIME, TALENT
 AND TREASURE**

**“The world asks, ‘What does a
 person own?’” God asks, “How
 does a person use what he or she
 has been given?”**

29. PRISM THANKSGIVING HOSTING: NOVEMBER 24, 2016 Do you have a space at your Thanksgiving table this year? Please consider hosting an international student or scholar to join your family. Sharing thankfulness for God's blessings on this special American holiday can make a strong impression. It is a ministry of hospitality. Hosting includes picking up your student (if needed), having them to your home for a meal, and taking them home. Simply include them in your family traditions on Thanksgiving! If you are interested please go to the PRISM website www.prismphg.org/american-volunteers.html holiday hosting section and fill out the hosting form. Please sign up by November 16, 2016. If you have any questions call the PRISM office: 412-683-0342 or Cheryl Saraceno, 412-760-5934.

30. WOMEN'S ADVENT REFLECTION – Please join us on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM for “*Gingerbread Wishes*”. God made each of us different so that we can serve the Lord in a unique way. “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:14.

31. LOOKING FOR SOME LISTENING PLEASURE? We have something for you! New Testament CDs (mp3 format) are on the tables for you to take and enjoy. Our gift to you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

32. ATTENTION SENIORS – The Senior Center North located at Nativity Lutheran Church in Allison Park is looking for seniors to come out and join other seniors looking for fun and companionship Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Come enjoy bingo, crafts, Wii bowling, cards, trips to the grocery store and mall and lunch for a \$1.00 donation. Have a cup of coffee and good conversation. Please call Meg at 412-486-6426 for more information. Hope to see you soon!

33. 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.

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 _____

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 11-13-16

TODAY (11-13-16) Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School
12:30 PM – Youth Group Service Day meet at Youth House
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Cantata Rehearsal – Sopranos/Altos – CR
6:00 PM – New Officer Training – CCR
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

MONDAY
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – CE
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – PR
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Pack 157 Committee Meeting – CCR

TUESDAY
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Praise Team – SA
6:30 PM – Advent Gingerbread Building – Gr. Room
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH

WEDNESDAY
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
12:00 PM – OOO's – FH
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbells – CR
6:30 PM – M&Ms – FrH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls Bible Study @Harbaugh's
6:45 PM – 8:00 PM – Confirmation Class – YH
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

THURSDAY
7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study – PS
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
10:30 AM – Grace Manor Service
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH
6:00 PM – Lions' Club – CCR
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR
6:30 PM – Surviving the Holidays – FH
7:00 PM – Student Ministries Leaders Meeting – YH
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Webelos II – PR
7:15 PM – 8:30 PM – Youth Choir – CR

FRIDAY
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH
4:15 PM – 6:45 PM – Act One – CE
6:15 PM – Sr. Highs depart for Laurelville
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Pack 157 Pack Meeting – FH

SATURDAY
Sr. Highs in Laurelville
6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH

SUNDAY (11-20-16)
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Cantata Rehearsal – Tenors/Basses – CR
2:00 PM – Sr. Highs return from Laurelville
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
6:00 PM – New Officer Training – CCR

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Henry A. Beck and Ernest H. Keister, Sr. by Carol and Roger Beck.

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

Pau Braddock
Max Smith
Kim Szymoniak
Bob Szymoniak
Ron Tiedeman

11:10 AM USHERS

Mel Stoker
Jennifer Muszynski
Patti Zahnhausen
Dorothy Thompson

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 AM – Michael Beal
11:10 AM – Skip Young

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, November 20, 2016
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 11:10 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 1/2 to 4yrs. of age.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL – Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2nd grade will meet in the GREEN room of the C.E. for Kids of the Kingdom Music to start class at 9:45. Children in 3rd grade through 5th 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 *Samuel* and will be taught by Sue Anderson, Donna Rea Thompson and Carolyn Hervey.

4. CALLING ALL KIDS—GRADES 3-5! M&MS: MESSIAH & ME

YOUTH GROUP Get ready for a year of fun, games, growing and serving in Jesus Christ. Our next meeting will be November 16th at 6:30 PM in Friendship Hall. Please join us!

5. THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE is asking for donations for the Advent Celebration. We would love to have some evergreen branches donated for the Advent Wreath making at the church on November 27th. Please drop them off in the grass against the church building by the Mt. Royal mini parking lot the weekend before the celebration or on the stage that morning. We are seeking volunteers for set-up, clean-up and to be part of the live nativity. Please contact the church office or Emily Cooper. Thank you!

6. GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDERS NEEDED – Please join us on Tuesday, November 15th in the Green Room from 6:30 – 7:30 PM for lots of fun. No carpentry experience needed!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

7. 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!
Praise Team – Tuesdays 6-7:30 PM **Handbell Choir** – Wednesdays 6-7:00 PM
Chancel Choir – Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM **Youth Choir** – Thursday, 7:15-8:30 PM
Elementary Choir – Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

8. CHRISTMAS CANTATA – Rehearsals have begun for this year’s Christmas Cantata, but it’s not too late to sign up! We will be offering Joel Raney’s “Love Came Down at Christmas” on Sunday, December 18th at the 11:10 service. Rehearsals are being held on Sunday’s from 1pm-2:30 PM. I hope you’ll join us!

9. YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY FUNDRAISER – Have you seen the shirts the Youth Choir wears for their end of the year performances? Have you ever wondered where you could buy a shirt like theirs? For the next three weeks in the Upper Gathering Room, orders will be taken for the same t-shirts which will benefit the Youth Music program. Youth sizes are \$10 and regular adult sizes are \$12. As believers we are called to actively spread the word of God’s love and desires to make a positive difference in the world. Psalm 96:3 states, “Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.” Actively show your devotion to God by wearing your life on the “outside” just like our Youth Choir members do.

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.*

10. REGULAR CLUBS – We will not meet tonight due to the Youth Group Service Day.

11. NOVEMBER 13TH SERVICE DAY – Today, we will be doing yard clean-up work. We encourage all students to come and participate in this meaningful service to our members who help support our student ministry in many ways. We will have lunch together at 12:30 PM at the youth house and then break up into service teams. Be sure to check the weather for that day and dress appropriately as we will work even in light rain. Hope to see you there!

12. JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS’ BIBLE STUDY – Please join Bethany Harbaugh and Kelly Simile for a Bible Study for girls going into 6-8 grade! We meet every week to play games, ask questions, share life together, and learn how to live as followers of Jesus Christ. We always have a fun time together, so we hope you will come and bring a friend. This study will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany’s house. We hope you will come and bring a friend!

13. LAURELVILLE WEEKEND –Sr. High November 18th – 20th
This is a wonderful retreat for students. Students are welcome to invite friends to come along as well. It takes place at Laurelville Camp and Conference Center and is run by the Pittsburgh Kids Foundation. Cost for each retreat is \$120 per student. Students can use their fund-raising accounts to pay for all or part of the retreat cost. To register for Laurelville students must turn in a \$25 nonrefundable deposit (this deposit can come by check or by their fundraising account) and a Laurelville registration waiver form. All checks should be made out to Elfinwild Presbyterian Church with the student’s name and ‘Laurelville’ in the memo line. The registration/waiver form can be picked up at club or down-loaded from our website. Spots for the retreats are limited and thus will be filled on a first come first served basis—so get your deposits into Jason soon! We will leave from the church for Laurelville at 6:15 PM on Friday, November 18th and return by

approximately 2 PM on Sunday. For more information about the retreat please contact Jason or check out PKF’s website. www.pittsburghkidsfoundation.org
Deadline for the Sr. High trip is today, November 13th.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

14. CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS – It’s time to order your Christmas Poinsettias! Please use the special white envelopes in the pews. Plants are \$12.00 each and checks should be made payable to Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Monday, December 1st is the last day to order. Any orders received after that date will be applied evenly to the Bread of Life Food Pantry and North Hills Community Outreach.

15. 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.

16. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING... Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue this fall 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. NURSERY HELP WANTED: We are looking for some extra coverage for the 8:30 service. Please contact Emily Cooper for more information if you are willing to help care for the smallest of our congregation.

20. 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.

21. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – September through May

* The Story taught by Dr. Dirk Lesnett (Fellowship Hall)

* “The Wired Word” taught by Mike Radich in the Fall (Cornerstone Room)

Thursday Evening Classes-

January 5 through January 26 (4 weeks)

1. “Elfinwild Unplugged: Telling our Stories” taught by Reverend Jason Rea and Mark Connelly (Fellowship Hall)
2. Bible Study on 1 John taught by Bob Siar and Bob Wegner (Cornerstone Room)

22. SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS – If you have lost a loved one, the holidays might be a difficult time. As a church, we want to help you navigate these seasons and discover hope amid the heartache. We invite you to gather with others for a time of encouragement, reading Scripture, and hearing how others have found hope through some of the hardest moments of grief. We will meet in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 17th from 6:30-8 PM. Contact Bethany Harbaugh or the church office with questions and reservations.

23. COMING TO THEATERS FOR ONE INSPIRING NIGHT

It’s the story that shook the world ... and challenged the faith of those who lived through it. Now, the amazing true story of how Samaritan’s Purse staff trusted God in the midst of the devastating Ebola crisis in Africa is coming to theaters for one night. Plan now to see **FACING DARKNESS** on Thursday, March 30th only. **Tickets Are Now Available!** You can find a preliminary list of theaters and tickets can be purchased online from participating theaters at facingdarknessmovie.com. Don’t miss out on the ministry movie event of the year.

24. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NATIONAL COLLECTION

WEEK IS HERE! During this week, we are asking you for the most valuable support you can give. We are asking for your prayers. Prayer is a vital part in the ministry of Operation Christmas Child. Please join Christians around the world in prayer by using the Prayer Guide found in today’s bulletin. Thank you for all your support you have given so far!!

25. SEVERAL TRACTOR TRAILER TRUCKS will be parked in the Church Avenue parking lot for the next two weeks as we are the regional drop off location for Operation Christmas Child. Please be patient with the lack of parking and the congestion the trucks will create. Thank you!

26. COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP

We gather after the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service and before Sunday School Classes start. Volunteers prepare and serve coffee, juice and treats. Would you like to volunteer? Contact: Tessa Connelly, connthree07@gmail.com (724) 939-7665.

27. 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, connthree07@gmail.com (724) 939-7665.

28. A VOLUNTEER is needed to assist Shirley Voller with the preparation of the dinner on the first Tuesday of each month for the afterschool program at Calvert Memorial Church in Etna. 25-30 children eat at 5 PM. Assistance is needed from 4-6 PM for the preparation, serving and cleanup. Please contact Tor Voller at voller82@verizon.net.