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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  
November 6, 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.*

**“Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.” Ruth to Naomi (1:16-17)**

PRELUDE

(8:30)	“Intrada and Chorale”	Edward Broughton
(11:10)	“Come to the Cross” Praise Team	Michael W. Smith

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

INTROIT

(8:30)	“Give Me Jesus” Chancel Choir	Keith Wilbanks
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Rev. Jason Rea, adult leaders and the following Jr. High students are away this weekend at Laurelville. Please remember them in your prayers.

Gina Aluise	Lydia Kutzer	Riley Nist
Sami Arrigo	Peter Lesnett	Maggie Rea
Ryan Callahan	Virginia Lesnett	Kyleigh Russell
Joseph Cox	Aidan McKern	Jared Vance
Jake Grabowski	Eliza Meyer	
Laura Heere	Mason Muszynski	

**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 Connolly
Bob Lindeman	Kyle Pinta	John Hart
Patty Robinson	Ann Ritter	Bob Siar
Becky Winek	Bob Wegner	Kelly Simile

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2016	2017	2018
Linda Barto	Jenny Dayton	Sue Anderson
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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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1-8

(11:10)

“Shout Your Fame”  
Praise Team

Jonas Myrin

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.

**People: We will sing to Him, sing praise to Him and tell of His wonderful acts.**

Leader: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: We look to the Lord and His strength; we seek His face always.**

Leader: Remember the wonders He has done, all His miracles.

**People: We will remember the covenant He has made!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 356 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Philippians 4:8-9

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, You alone are the King. You are the sovereign One who reigns over heaven and earth. Forgive us for putting our trust in worldly powers and personalities. In this season of campaigning we have wrongly participated in harmful discourse. We have not always taken the high road and we have been complicit in furthering divisions that do nothing but pit people against one another. In Your mercy forgive our harsh words and allow us to seek peace and reconciliation with You and one another. May we speak truth in love and tear down the walls that divide us and help us to once again learn respect and humility. We pray in the name of the One who humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Philippians 4:4-7

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.

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

Dan Riethmuller

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

“You Are Mine”  
Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

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.**

ANTHEM

(8:30)

“In the Morning, Joy”  
Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 1-4  
(page 250 in the pew Bible)

(Next week’s reading – 1 Samuel 1-4; 8-13; 15)

SERMON

“The Faith of a Foreign Woman”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 438 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

(11:10)

\*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.**

CCLI Song # 4768151

Chris Tomlin | John Newton | Louie Giglio CCLI License # 893979

\*BENEDICTION

*Special thanks to our liturgist:  
11:10 – Bob Wegner*

*The Elder of the Week is Dwight Pearson*

**NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**A meeting of the Congregation will be held today,  
Sunday, November 6, 2016, in the Sanctuary, immediately  
following 11:10 worship. The purpose of the meeting is  
to elect officers for 2017.**

**Bob Anderson, President, Board of Trustees  
Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session**

**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?”**

**27. 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**

**28. 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!

**29. 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.

**30. SHALER AREA HIGH SCHOOL FALL PLAY** - *Cyrano de Bergerac* Performances are on Friday, November 11th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, November 12th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM in the Shaler High School Auditorium, 381 Wible Run Road Pittsburgh, PA 15209. Tickets are: Adults - \$7; Students - \$5; Sr. Citizens - \$5. For information on ticket sales, please call the Activities Office at (412) 492-1200 ext. 1530.

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 11-6-16**

<b>TODAY</b> (11-6-16)	8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA 9:45 AM – Sunday School 12:15 PM – Congregational Meeting to elect Officers – SA 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Cantata Rehearsal – Tenors & Basses – CR 2:00 PM – Jr. Highs Return from Laurelville 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH 7:00 PM – New Officer Training – CCR
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – CE 6:30 PM – Children and Family Ministry Meeting – CCR 7:00 PM – Personnel Committee Meeting – KL 7:00 PM – Webelos I – PR 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 8:00 AM – Prayer and Communion Service – CH 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL 1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Praise Team – SA 6:30 PM – Advent Gingerbread House Building – Gr. Room 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting – CCR 7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH 7:00 PM – Women's Ministry Meeting – KL 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 9:00 AM – Shaler Library In-service – FH 12:00 PM – Ministerium Meeting – Hampton Presbyterian 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbells – CR 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls Bible Study @Harbaugh's 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study – PS 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Girl Scouts – YH 5:45 PM – TNT Dinner – FH 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Elementary Choir – CR 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Grief Class- KL 6:30 PM – Bible Study – CCR 6:30 PM – Parenting Class – FH 6:30 PM – Young Child TNT Study – Green Room 6:30 PM – Honoring Your Parents – CH 6:30 PM – Elementary TNT Study – FrH 6:30 PM – Teen TNT Study 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Youth Choir- CR
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Office Closed for Veterans' Day 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 4:15 PM – 6:45 PM – Act One – CE 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Den 8 Bear Cub Scouts- PR 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Tiger Cubs – Red Room
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Bread of Life Volunteer Lunch at Calvert
<b>SUNDAY</b> (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

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in honor of the 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Suan and Jim Giel and in celebration of the birth of their grandson Bryce Lamar Bovaird, son of Maggie Giel Bovaird and Andrew Bovaird, by Sharyl and Jim Giel, Jr.

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Dwight Pearson.

**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 – Dennis Kriek  
11:10 AM – Ken Volle

#### **UPCOMING SERVICE**

Sunday, November 13, 2016  
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

### **CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY**

#### **Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<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 *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 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

**5. GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDERS NEEDED** – Please join us on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**6. 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 from 6-7:30 PM  
**Handbell Choir** – Wednesdays from 6-7:00 PM  
**Chancel Choir** – Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM  
**Elementary Choir** – Thursdays from 6-7:00 PM  
**Youth Choir** – Thursdays from 7:15-8:30 PM

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**7. 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 18<sup>th</sup> at the 11:10 service. Rehearsals are being held on Sunday’s from 1pm-2:30 PM. I hope you’ll join us!

**8. 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](mailto:jason@elfinwildchurch.org) or call 412-486-5400.*

**9. REGULAR CLUBS** – Sr. High (grades 9-12) will meet tonight from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Youth House. The Jr. Highs will not meet tonight as they are returning from Laurelville. We hope to see you there!

**10. 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!

### **11. LAURELVILLE WEEKEND –Sr. High November 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

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 the Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.pittsburghkidsfoundation.org)  
**Deadline for the Sr. High trip is November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**12. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**13. 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.

**14. 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.

**15. 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.

**16. 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, Baby diapers

**17. 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.

**18. 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](mailto:pamela_mckern@hotmail.com) or 412-512-3461.

### **19. 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**- 6:30-7:30 following dinner at 5:30

October 6 through November 10 (6 weeks)

1. “How to Raise a Christian Child in a Post Christian World” taught by Mark and Tessa Connelly (Fellowship Hall)
2. Bible Study on “Law and Grace in Galatians” taught by Reverend Bill Meyer (Cornerstone Room)
3. “Honoring Your Aging Parents” taught by Dr. Dirk Lesnett (Chapel)
4. “Grieving with Hope” taught by Matt and Bethany Harbaugh (Kennedy Library)

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)

**20. 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 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 PM. Contact Bethany Harbaugh or the church office with questions and reservations.

### **21. 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://facingdarknessmovie.com). Don’t miss out on the ministry movie event of the year.

### **22. 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](mailto:connthree07@gmail.com) (724) 939-7665.

**23. 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](mailto:connthree07@gmail.com) (724) 939-7665.

**24. 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](mailto:voller82@verizon.net).

**25. 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.

**26. 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. Believe it or not, most international students in Pittsburgh never enter an American home even after years of living here. 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](http://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.