

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!!

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!

PLAN TO ATTEND ELFINWILD'S ALL CHURCH RETREAT! JANUARY 18-20, 2019

This would make a great Christmas present to your household. We will gather at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center for a winter weekend of fellowship, good food, crackling fires, relaxation and refreshment, and lots of laughter. Get to know your church family better and enjoy words of wisdom from Jean and Herb Kolbe who will lead us in a discussion about "Growing Together as The Body of Christ." Online registration available through the church website and via paper forms in December's church bulletins as well as in the church office. WE WANT Y-O-U! Sponsored by the Family Ministry Team.

OUR MONTHLY EVENING PRAYER gathering have changed to the first Thursday of the month. We will meet at 7 PM in the Chapel. Please prayerfully consider joining this powerful ministry.

ADULT EDUCATION – The following adult education classes will meet each Sunday between worship services from 9:45-10:45

***Faithweaver Now for Parents-** Youth House Led by Mike and Amanda Gaydos

***The Wired Word-** Cornerstone Room- Join Mike Radich for a discussion of current events from a Biblical perspective.

***Basic Christian Beliefs and Practices-** Fellowship Hall- Dr. Lesnett will be leading this class which will focus on common questions many of us have about Christian beliefs and practices

STEPHEN MINISTRY –The Holidays can be trying and difficult times. Please know you don't have to experience the difficulty alone. A Stephen Minister can come alongside and walk with you through this difficult season. Please contact Ruthie Riethmuller, Stephen Leader for care.

Verse of the Month- "There is no fear in love". 1 John 4:18a

HOSPITALITY MEAL MINISTRY –Did you know that members of your Elfinwild Family will provide a meal for you and your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you or a family member are recovering from surgery, just had a baby or are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. We sign up and deliver meals to you. Do you need a meal? Would you like to prepare and deliver a meal? Contact: Tessa Connelly, at connthree07@gmail.com or by phone at 412-600-1452.

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 every day 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 - 12 noon to assist, please contact Dick Friedline at 412-486-8000.

PLEASE INVITE AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER. This is a great way to bless the students and to give them a chance to learn about American culture and enter into the home of an Christian-American. There are so many students that have never been invited to an American home. The Pittsburgh International Student Ministry (PRISM) will match a student for you to host on November 22, 2018. Hosting includes: picking your student up (if needed), having them to your home for a meal, and returning them home. Simply include them in your family traditions! If you have any questions, you can contact Christa Saenz: christa.prism@gmail.com or the PRISM office by phone: 412-683-0342, email: office@prismphg.org, or website: www.pghcommisison.org. Please sign up by November 14 - thank you!

YOU ARE INVITED to join Jim Saraceno and Mark Connelly in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 to 7:30 for a Bible Study called "Being a Christian Witness in Modern Times of Conflict and Division." This class will meet for 5 Wednesdays from November 7th through December 5th. All you need is a Bible.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, November 11

Family Marriage Life Weekend- Cranberry
Operation Christmas Child Collection
8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School for All Ages
12:15 PM – Deacons' Meeting – CCR
12:30 PM – 3:30 PM – Youth Group Fall Service Day
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

Monday, November 12

Office closed for Veterans' Day
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child-FH

4:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Act 1 – FrH, CE
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH

Tuesday, November 13

8:00 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 – 7:00 PM – Elementary. Choir – CR
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting – CCR
7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH
7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Meeting – KL
7:00 PM – Praise Team – SA

Wednesday, November 14

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child-FH
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbells – CR
6:30 PM – Weds. Night Bible Study – FH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls' Bible Study @ the Harbaugh's
7:00 PM – Children's Ministry Meeting – KL
7:00 PM – Sr. High Guys Bible Study – YH
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

Thursday, November 15

8:00 PM – Men's Bible Study – PS
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
12:00 PM – OOO's Lunch – FH
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child-FH
6:00 PM – Wedding Rehearsal – SA
6:00 PM – Lions Club – CCR
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Surviving the Holidays FH
7:00 PM – Student Min. Leaders Mtg. – YH
7:15 PM – Youth Choir – CR

Friday, November 16

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE,
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
4:00 PM – Wedding – SA
6:00 PM – 8:45 PM – Pack 157 Mtg. – FrH
6:00 PM – Sr. Highs Depart for Laurelville
6:00 PM – Den 6 Lions – FrH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child-FH

Saturday, November 17

Sr. Highs in Laurelville
6:30 AM – All In #7 – KL
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child-FH

Sunday, November 18

Sr. Highs in Laurelville/ Consecration Sunday
8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School for All Ages
12:15 PM – 2:00 PM – M&M's – FH
12:15 PM – Mission Comm. Mtg. – KL
12:15 PM – Congregational Mtg. to elect officers - SA
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child-FH
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH

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WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
November 11, 2018

We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper, and a way to serve for all who are willing.

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

"One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. " Proverbs 11:24

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

(11:10) "The Church's One Foundation" Wesley
Elementary Choir Chimes

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-2

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;
People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name;
People: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

*HYMN No. 467 "How Great Thou Art"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel!
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Steve Heere

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DEDICATION OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

OFFERTORY

(8:30) "Joy of the Lord" Rend Collective & Ed Cash
Chancel Choir & Youth Choir arr. by Angerman

(11:10) "Part of the Plan" Sleeth
Elementary Choir

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell;
On the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God,
the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.**

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.**

(8:30) ANTHEM "For Your Beauty" Pierpoint, Kocher
Chancel Choir & Youth Choir & Sorenson

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 14:22-29
(page 181 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "Giving as Celebration" Rev. Jason Rea

*HYMN No. 428 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Special thanks to our liturgists:
8:30 – Victoria Panza 11:10 – Mike Radich*

The Elder of the Week is Nancy Kriek

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, November 18, 2018, immediately following 11:10 worship, in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is the election of church officers for 2019.

*Janell Haygood, President, Board of Trustees
Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Henry A. Beck and Mildred I. Keister by Carol and Roger Beck.

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 USHERS

Paul Braddock
Max Smith
Kim Szymoniak
Bob Szymoniak
Ron Tiedeman

11:10 USHERS

Jennifer Muszynski
Patti Zahnhausen
Dorothy Thompson

SOUND TECHNICIANS

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

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday November 18, 2018
Dr. Dirk Lesnett

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Birth – 5th Grade

LOVING CHILD CARE FOR OUR YOUNGEST FRIENDS

All adults working with our children have full security clearances.

Sundays 8:30AM-12:30PM

Infant Nursery (Birth-2 Years), Sanctuary Level
Staffed by "Miss Holly" Schreiber, Church Members & Youth Assistants
Toddler Room (2-4 Years), Basement
Staffed by "Miss Tracey" Hegerle & Youth Assistants

We are looking for adult volunteers to partner with our child care coordinators. If you love spending time with babies and toddlers, please consider helping in this area of ministry. Contact Amy Meyer at 412-486-5400 or amy@elfinwildchurch.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for Ages 4 Years (Pre-K) to 5th Grade: Christian Education (CE)

Building, 9:45-10:45 AM –An hour of learning about God through the bible, games, stories, art, and music directed by loving and knowledgeable teaching teams.
Pre-K/K: First Floor, Red Room with Mrs. Nist and Mrs. Thompson
Grades 1-2: First Floor, Blue Room with Mrs. Graco, Mrs. Laing, and Mrs. Dierker
Grades 3-5 Second Floor, Purple Room with Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Connelly, and Mrs. Alexander.

YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP – During the 2nd Worship Service. Meet in the Green Room, first floor of the CE Building, for a time to experience and learn about God in a worship space designed specifically for young children. Children who attend Sunday School may be dismissed directly to YCIW with a parent's permission. This week's lesson is "Exile and Return" and will be taught by Sue Anderson, Debbie Piel, and Carolyn Hervey.

M&MS (MESSIAH AND ME) PROGRAM – For kids in grades 3-5 from 12:15-2pm in Fellowship Hall. Starting with a light lunch, children dive into a time of games, activities, prayer, and lessons to build each child's walk with God. 11/18, 12/16. Questions? Tessa Connelly 412-600- 1452 or connthree07@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS! – If you are interested in joining our chancel choir, elementary choir, youth choir, praise team or handbell choir, please join us at rehearsal – **ALL ARE WELCOME!** You may join at any time.

2018-2019 MUSIC SCHEDULE

Elementary Choir - Tuesdays from 6-7pm Chancel Choir - Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm
Praise Team – Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm Youth Choir – Thursdays from 7:15-8:30pm
Handbell Choir – Wednesdays from 6-7pm

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

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 2nd and 4th Wednesday 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 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house.

SENIOR HIGH GIRLS BIBLE STUDY will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Harbaugh's house from 6:30-8PM. We will be studying Rachel and Leah and learning from them about how to combat comparison. Please let us know if you plan to come so we can order a book for you.

REGULAR CLUBS – Jr. High (grades 6-8) meets from 4:30-6:00 PM and Sr. High (grades 9-12) meets from 6:30-8:00 PM on Sundays at the Youth House. **WE WILL NOT MEET TODAY.**

YOUTH GROUP 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!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE on Wednesday, November 21st, 2018 at 7:30PM at Hampton Presbyterian Church. The offering will be given to Anchorpoint, Crisis Center North, North Hills Community Outreach, and HEARTH.

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 9th 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.

2018 DONATIONS/GIFTS FROM STOCK SALES & IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

Many individuals have taken advantage of the tax benefits of giving through the transfer of stocks to the church or through IRA distributions directly to the church. These transactions often take additional time to process, and so we encourage those interested in such giving options to make them by early December. This will help to ensure that the transactions are completed and captured in 2018. If you have any questions, please contact either Karen Dorsey (week days 412-486-5400) or Peg McNeil (evenings/weekends 412-486-7364).

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 15th from 6:30-8 PM. Contact Bethany Harbaugh or the church office with questions and reservations.