

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

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MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: PLANNED GIVING – GIFT OF ASSETS

Do you sometimes wonder where our mission dollars end up? One place is Nicaragua --transporting children. With contributions from Elfinwild Church and another North Hills Church and a Church in Colorado, Daniel Bain, through his Ministry, Casa Libertad y Sanidad (Deliverance in Healing House), along with his wife, Jessenia, purchased a 16 passenger Toyota van. It is used regularly to transport children and their families involved with that ministry on outings, to church and to other gatherings!

**Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
 Financial Statement
 October 31, 2017**

Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$562,685
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$524,861
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$37,824



**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 19, 2017
 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM Worship**

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

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” Colossians 3:15

PRELUDE

(8:30) “A Thankful Heart” Anna Laura Page
 “Reflection on ‘For the Beauty of the Earth’” S. Eithun
Handbell Choir

(11:10) “Finding Who We Are” Marsh Shamburger
Praise Team

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-2; 100:4-5

(11:10)

“Come As You Are”

David Crowder

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord ; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: We come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

People: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

(8:30)

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 551
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

(11:10)

*SONG OF PRAISE No. 1024
(The red song book on the pew)

“Forever”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(11:10)

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SONG

“Friend of God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Luke 17:11-17

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, You have abundantly blessed the world You have made with resources and gifts that are numerous and good. You are the Great Provider and deserving of thanks and praise. We are a people who too often feel entitled and therefore are less than thankful. Instead of gratitude we have expectation. Rather than giving You thanks for the graces and gifts that are given to us, we seem to feel we are deserving and have earned the right to be rich and full of resources. We do not recognize that all good gifts come from You. We have forgotten that we came into this world with nothing. Forgive our pride. Break our hearts of stone and give us hearts that are full of gratitude toward You. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Luke 17:18-19

Leader: Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

“All Good Gifts”
Chancel Choir

David Schwoebel

*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 Apostle’s 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

“A Simple Thanksgiving”

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir

Ruthie Riethmuller, Flute

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 8:1-14 and 2 Corinthians 9:7
(pages 175 and 1087 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Giving with Gratitude”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 555 “Now Thank We All Our God”
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

(11:10)

*SONG OF COMMITMENT NO. 1041
(The red song book on the pew)

“Give Thanks”

*POSTLUDE

(8:30)

“The Thankful Heart Rejoices” Edward Broughton

(11:10)

“Let It Rise”
Praise Team

Holland Davis

Special thanks to our liturgists:

8:30 –Nicole Graco 11:10 –Matt Harbaugh

The Elder of the Week is John Hart

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

**If a person gets his attitude toward money straight,
it will help straighten out almost every other
area in his life.**

Billy Graham

PARKING CHANGES:

New signs are being installed to designate the small lot adjacent to the church on Mt. Royal Boulevard as “**Reserved Parking**.” This is intended for *anyone* who *needs* to park close during any church function. Seasoned Saints, people on crutches, expectant Moms, and people unloading something are examples of the intended users. It is entirely self-qualifying and is first come, first served. If there is no all-Church function underway, anyone can park there, of course. The lot does still contain a designated handicap parking spot, and all similar spots behind the church continue to be available to those with handicap plates or placards. “Reserved Parking” is also designated with a new sign at the blue curb on Church Avenue. Please note, these “Reserved Parking” spots are not handicap compliant and therefore do not include that symbol.

A little background on the Parking changes –

- The request was made for more handicapped parking spots as occasionally, the ones we have are full.
- The center lot on Mt. Royal adjacent to the church, the large lot behind the school, and the blue curb on Church Ave. itself do not have spaces that would comply with the handicap parking requirements (too sloped, or in the case of Church Avenue, not wide enough). Note: there is still one designated, compliant spot at the low end of the center lot.
- It was generally felt that we rarely have need of additional handicap spots per se, and that we do not want to take away from the main lot on Church Avenue to add handicap spots there.
- It was observed that some ‘young and/or able-bodied people’ park in the center lot requiring people who may have difficulty walking, but who do not have handicap placards, to walk from the main lots.

Again, the new Reserved Parking designation is for anyone who needs to park close.

MISSION NOTES

Furnishing Homes with Love. The Blessing Board, based in Oakmont, exist to provide donated household furnishings to those in need at no cost in response to what God has done for us. The Blessing Board operates from a 46,000 square foot warehouse and office space staffed primarily by volunteers. Depending where you are in life’s journey, The Blessing Board is ready to accept your donations of household furnishings, provide you with furnishings, and use your volunteer services in their warehouse or office. Financial support has been provided from Elfinwild’s mission giving. For more information contact The Blessing Board at (412) 828-1055 or on the web at theblessingboard.org.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 11-19-17

TODAY (11-19-17) Stewardship Commitment Sunday
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages
12:15 PM – 2:00 PM – M&M’s – PR
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child – FH
2:00 PM – Sr. Highs Return from Laurelville
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM – Community Choir Rehearsal at St. Paul’s
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH

MONDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM –Preschool – CE, UGR
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child Load Truck
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Act One – FrH, CE
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
10:30 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
6:00 PM – Praise Team – SA
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
6:30 PM – Women’s Ministry Committee Meeting – KL

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH
7:30 PM – Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul’s UMC

THURSDAY Thanksgiving - Church Closed

FRIDAY Church Closed

SATURDAY 8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL

SUNDAY (11-26-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Denis L. Beck and Ernest H. Keister, Sr. by Carol and Roger Beck.

THE TABLE ARRANGEMENT is given in loving memory of James Hughes by his family.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is John Hart.

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
Ron Tiedeman
Max Smith
Kim Szymoniak
Bob Szymoniak

11:10 USHERS

Mel Stoker
Jennifer Muszynski
Dorothy Thompson
Patti Zahnhausen

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Jim Saraceno
11:10 – Mike Dolan

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday November 26, 2017
Rev. Jason Rea preaching

CHILDREN’S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

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 ½ 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. at 9:45.

3. YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP – For ages Pre-K through 2nd grade. This week’s lesson will be *The Shepherds* and will be taught by Bethann Dolan, Bonnie DeMatteo, Elaine Jans, and Beth Interthal.

4. MESSIAH & ME – (M&m’s) - If you are in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade come join us TODAY, Sunday, November 19th from 12:15 PM to 2:00 PM (following 11:10 AM Worship Service) in the PEACH ROOM. A light lunch will be provided for the children. Any questions contact Tessa Connelly 412-600-1452 or connthree07@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

5. 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!

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM

Praise Team – Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM

Handbell Choir – Wednesdays from 6-7 PM

Youth Choir – Thursdays from 7:15-8:30 PM (6th-12th grade)

Elementary Choir – Thursdays from 6-7 PM (1st-5th grade)

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 _____

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. HIGH CLUB – (grades 6-8) will meet tonight at the Youth House from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

7. 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 weekly from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house.

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8. 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 3rd 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.

9. 2018 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.

10. PLEASE PRAY WITH US – Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue 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.

11. 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, 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.

12. 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.

13. ADVENT BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS for December 3rd are needed! Please contact Tessa Connelly at 412-600-1452 or connthree07@gmail.com if you are able to help. We need food items, set up and clean-up help.

14. STEPHEN MINISTRY informational brochures are in the "Stephen Corner" of the library. There you will find the November Article of the Month: Part three of the Coping with Death and Grief Series from Focus on the Family entitled "Grief, Trauma or Depression?"

Verse of the Month: "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another." Romans 13:8a

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

16. OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS we will be updating our email distribution lists. The update process will begin today for the All Church News Category (The Call, prayers, Adult Ed, Events/Volunteering). Please email Cindy at: cindy@elfinwildchurch.org and in the subject line put ALL CHURCH EMAIL. Additional categories will follow every 2-3 weeks.

These lists will be not be distributed or shared. The office will maintain the lists and will forward the information on behalf of the committees or leaders in that group. The Hospitality emails will be shared with the point person organizing the meals.

17. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SEARCH COMMITTEE for the Director of Children and Family Ministries. The search committee members are: Kristin Coco, Elizabeth Dolan, Nicole Graco, Scott Hughes, Bob Siar, Charline Tomer and Bob Wegner. If you are interested in being part of the prayer team, please contact the church office.

18. COME JOIN US FOR "COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP" from 9:20 AM to 9:40 AM. After the 8:30 AM Worship Service we gather for a short break before heading to Sunday School Classes that begin at 9:45 AM. Questions? Want to volunteer to help? Contact Tessa Connelly at 412-600-1452 (ok to leave a message) or connthree07@gmail.com

19. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Two adult Sunday school classes will be offered. The first class is a study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Course content will be directly correlated with the sermon each Sunday and will encourage participants to look more in depth at Jesus' words in his Sermon on the Mount as well as explore the ways that Jesus' teachings can guide our daily lives. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour and the teachers will be Matt Harbaugh (September and October), Marie Bowen (November and December), Rick Dayton (January and February), Nancy Kriek (March and April), and Mark Connelly and Jim Saraceno (May and June).

The second adult Sunday school class will be The Wired Word. A modern issue or current event will be highlighted each week and studied and discussed from a Biblical perspective. Mike Radich will teach this class which will meet in the Cornerstone Room during the Sunday school hour.

All adult Sunday school classes will meet each week except for the following dates: December 3rd (Advent), December 24th (Christmas Eve), December 31st (New Year's Eve), and May 20th (The Church has Left the Building).

20. THE MEALS MINISTRY often has leftover bread and rolls that cannot be used before they spoil. If you would like some, please help yourself to items located on a table outside of Fellowship Hall.

21. 2017 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 2017. If you have any questions, please contact either Karen Dorsey (week days 412-486-5400) or Peg McNeil (evenings/weekends 412-486-7364).

22. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! On Sunday, May 20, 2018, the Church will once more "leave the building"! Please help us to determine the needs in our community. Is there a park that needs to be cleaned up? Is there a family in need of help around their home? Help us to come up with ideas to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Contact Becky at rswinek@gmail.com with your ideas.

23. THE PRESBYTERIAN PROJECT has an exciting mission trip opportunity. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we travel to Texas to assist in the clean-up after Hurricane Harvey. Act now; it's filling up fast!

January 14-20, 2018 (Sunday-Saturday)

- Cost estimated between \$400-500 dollars includes travel, meals (except 2 meals out) and housing
- Cost estimated between \$150-250 dollars includes mini-bus travel, meals (except 2 meals out) and housing

If you are interested contact your church Presbyterian Project representative or Jeff Potter (revjeff@parkwoodchurch.org), Penny Young (youngp@fpc.us) or Sharon Lee (slsouthernatheart@gmail.com)

24. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 7:30PM at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Ferguson Road. Rev. Jeff Sterling will be preaching. The offering will be given to Anchorpoint, Crisis Center North, North Hills Community Outreach, and HEARTH.

25. PLEASE HELP US by recycling your papers in your home recycling bin as we no longer benefit financially from the recycling of the paper. The paper recycling bin is used heavily by the church and the preschool and it fills up quickly. Thank you for your cooperation!

26. TEMPORARY CUSTODIAL POSITION – We are currently seeking an individual to work on a temporary basis as a custodian on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM. If interested, please contact Karen Dorsey in the church office.

27. WOMEN'S MINISTRY WARM UP WITH US EVENT – Soup and blanket making are the focus for the evening! All ladies are invited to join us on Monday, December 4th at 6:00 PM in the Upper Gathering Room to share an evening together enjoying homemade soup while creating blankets for the patients at Children's Hospital. Open and giving hearts are the only requirements...no knitting or sewing skills are necessary! Please call the church office to let us know you will be coming. Bring a friend!

28. AMEN TO ACTION – THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, FEED YOUR SOUL. FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2017 9AM - 12:30 PM at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA.

Join us as we come together in the spirit of Jesus to worship and pack one million meals of Hope for the hungry. On November 24th, instead of filling shopping bags full of stuff, fill your heart with joy and satisfaction. First, we'll celebrate God's grace and love. With readings. Prayers. Testimonies of thanks. And glorious music!

29. NURSERY VOLUNTEERS are needed for the 8:30 service. If you are interested, please contact Tessa Connelly at 412-600-1452 or connthree07@gmail.com.