

**FILL THE TRUCK FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE** - Sunday, December 9, 2018

Once again, Elfinwild is sponsoring our annual Fill the Truck for the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Sunday, December 9, 2018 has been designated as the date the members of the Elfinwild Family can give food stuffs, personal items, and paper products to assist in replenishing the shelves at the Bread of Life Food Pantry. The Bread of Life Food Pantry is located at the Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church. This ministries serves over 120 families/320+ individuals the first three Wednesday of each month. A 10 foot box truck will be located in the north parking locate for your donations. Questions concerning the Food Pantry or this annual Elfinwild event can be directed to Jim Giel, Jr. - 412-486-2774 or via email at gielwest@verizon.net. At this holiday season, the gift of food for the less fortunate in our community is greatly appreciated!

**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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>. All you need is a Bible.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY WARM UP WITH US EVENT** – Hot cocoa and blanket making are the focus for the evening! All ladies are invited to join us on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Upper Gathering Room to share an evening together enjoying hot cocoa 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!

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**Stephen Ministry**  
Mrs. Ruthie Riethmuller  
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**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, November 25**  
8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA  
9:30 AM – Music Outreach Meeting – KL  
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

**Monday, November 26**  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM –No Preschool  
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Act 1 – FrH, CE  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH

**Tuesday, November 27**  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
10:00 AM –Staff Meeting – KL  
5:30 PM – Communications Team – KL  
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose  
7:00 PM – AARP Board Meeting – FH  
7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Meeting – KL

**Wednesday, November 28**  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
6:00 PPM – 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 – Sr. High Guys Bible Study – YH  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – All Choir Rehearsal – SA

**Thursday, November 29**  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
6:00 PM – Student Ministries Leaders Meeting – YH  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Surviving the Holidays – FH

**Friday, November 30**  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR

**Saturday, December 1**  
6:30 AM – All In #7 – KL  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act 1 – FrH, CE  
9:00 AM – Deacons Meeting and decorate

**Sunday, December 2**  
9:00 AM – Advent Outreach Breakfast – FH  
10:00 AM – One Worship Service – SA  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Advent Community Outreach, FH, CE  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH



**WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**November 25, 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.

**"Be joyful always pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**Order of Worship**

PRELUDE  
(8:30) "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Eithun  
*Handbell Choir*

(11:10) "Lift High the Name of Jesus" Getty, Cash & de Barra  
*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 100  
Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;  
**People: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

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 No.551 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" WINDSOR

(11:10)  
\*SONG (see insert) "Lift High the Name of Jesus" Getty, Cash & de Barra

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION Deuteronomy 8:10-11

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Almighty God, in love You spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as You give. We resent what we lack, and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what You intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed, and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in Your goodness that we will always be thanking You through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 3:1-6  
 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) "Psalm of Thanksgiving" Berry  
*Chancel Choir*  
 (11:10) "Great Are You Lord" Ingram, Jordan & Leonard  
*Praise Team*

\* 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 "Celtic Laud" Martin & Courtney  
*Chancel Choir*

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
 (page 1087 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "Who We Give Thanks To" Dr. Dirk Lesnett  
 (8:30) \*HYMN No. 554 "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

(11:10) \*SONG (see insert) "Speak O Lord" Getty & Townend

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE (8:30) "Thanksgiving Medley" Ford  
 (11:10) "Soul On Fire" Powell, Anderson, Lee Carr, Brown, Maher  
*Praise Team*

*Special thanks to our liturgists:  
 8:30 – Matt Harbaugh 11:10 – Elizabeth Dolan*

**The Elder of the Week is Patty Robinson**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Jim King by Lora and family.

**THE TABLE ARRANGEMENT** is given in loving memory of Kevin R. Mankey by Bob and Holly.

**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 – Marge Cain  
 11:10 – Jerry Nist

**UPCOMING SERVICE**  
 Sunday December 2, 2018  
 One Service at 10 AM  
 Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Birth – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 "Mary and Joseph Show the Way" 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. 12/16. Questions? Tessa Connelly 412-600- 1452 or connthre07@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.

**ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**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 9<sup>th</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.

**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).

**ADVENT GREENS NEEDED!** The Children's Ministry team is seeking donations of evergreen branches, holly berries, and pine combs for advent wreath making on 12/2. Donations may be dropped off on the grass by the church building by the Mt. Royal Blvd. mini parking lot during the week of November 25<sup>th</sup>—closer to the end of the week is best to keep them as green and fresh as possible. Thank You! Questions? Contact Nicole Graco at: RYCOLE4L@COMCAST.NET

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS –\*RESCHEDULED \*** 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 29<sup>TH</sup> FROM 6:30-8 PM.** Contact Bethany Harbaugh or the church office with questions and reservations.