

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Our Father, who art in Heaven,

All: Unseen and eternal, the God in whom we have placed our confident faith,

Leader: Hallowed by Thy name.

All: So great is your name, to speak it aloud is a gift of mercy and love from You.

Leader: Thy kingdom come,

All: Let the glory of your unseen kingdom shine through us here on earth,

Leader: Thy will be done,

All: And let that light bring the evidence of love, hope, peace, and steadfast faith,

Leader: On earth as it is in Heaven.

All: So that we will see evidence of the unseen perfection of Heaven here in the glaring imperfection of this world.

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread,

All: Teach us what Jesus meant by saying, "Man does not live by bread alone, but the very words that come from the mouth of God."

Leader: And forgive us our debts,

All: The reason that Jesus endured the cross, in spite of its shame and humiliation,

Leader: As we forgive our debtors.

All: For we do not belong to those who shrink back, but to those who have faith and are saved.

Leader: And lead us not into temptation,

All: For if we keep on sinning after we have received the truth of Jesus, we are lost,

Leader: But deliver us from evil.

All: Teach us to get rid of anything that would keep us from running the race of faith with perseverance.

Leader: For Thine is the kingdom,

All: You alone are King of Kings and Lord of Lords,

Leader: And the power,

All: The one who spun the world into existence by a mere word,

Leader: And the glory,

All: And you alone are worthy to receive all the accolades, honor and praise.

Leader: Forever and ever.

All: From generation to generation, past, present and future, we will declare that our God is God alone.

Leader: Amen.

All: So be it!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN OF JOY NO. 447**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Lancashire

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (8:30)

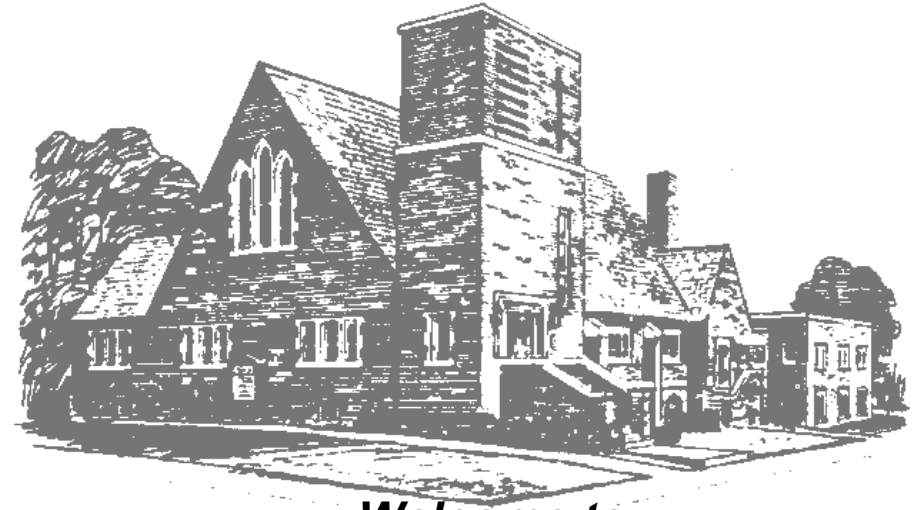
WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Psalm 19"

Marcello



***Welcome to
Elfinwild Presbyterian Church***

***We are pleased that you have chosen to be with us
on this day that the Lord has made.***

***Please relax and enjoy the music before the service starts.
Quiet your heart before God.***

Ask Him to meet with you and teach you today.

***Inside you will find our order of service and the activities
of the church.***

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

We believe in a Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. United by our love for God and faith in Jesus Christ, and led by the Holy Spirit, we will serve the Lord through...

...joyful worship as we glorify His name

...committed study and learning of the Word

...faithful mission to our community and the world.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

November 4, 2012

Eight-thirty and Eleven-Ten O'clock

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.
"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Meditation On 'O Perfect Love'"
(The Organist for today is Mike Hengelsberg)

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WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the friendship pad that is located near the center aisle of each pew.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, let us worship the living God today!

All: We remember all of His saving acts, his acts of love, and his loving-kindness!

Leader: People of God, let us joyfully bring God praise!

All: We remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against His purposes, and with the saints of all ages we say, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise."

Leader: People of God, let us worship!

*OPENING HYMN NO. 260

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Ein' Feste Burg

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain that once separated us through His death, and since we have Him as our great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings. Let us confess our sins to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty with all your saints, both past and present, through Christ and in the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now, having our hearts sprinkled by Jesus' blood to cleanse us from a guilty conscience, and having our bodies washed with pure water, which is the Holy Spirit, let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for God has promised this forgiveness to us and He is faithful.

*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, Amen.

*STATEMENT 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; 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

INTRODUCTION AND RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS (11:10 AM)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:30 AM)
(11:30 AM)

"Come Let Us Join Our Friends Above"
"Our Hymn Of Celebration"
Chancel Choir

Forest Green
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NECROLOGY

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| Albert Reid | January 27, 2012 | Geoffrey Naylor | June 15, 2012 |
| Don Kretschmaier | March 10, 2012 | Harry Lee | June 30, 2012 |
| Karl Lange | March 10, 2012 | Lois Lucas | July 10, 2012 |
| Denny Keller | March 12, 2012 | Charlie Randolph | August 4, 2012 |
| Wade Thomas | March 21, 2012 | Dorothy Brooks | September 9, 2012 |
| Don Staub | June 3, 2012 | Tom Watson | September 21, 2012 |
| Ruth Yankovic | June 11, 2012 | Jim Ritter | October 7, 2012 |

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 526

"For All The Saints"

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-2
(Page 1132 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"The Cloud of Witnesses"

The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*CHORAL INVITATION TO THE TABLE (11:10 AM)

"Come Share the Lord"

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THIS WEEK'S USHERS ARE:

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| 8:30 am Paul Braddock Max Smith Kim Szymoniak Bob Szymoniak Ron Tiedeman | 11:10 am Mel Stoker Jennifer Muszynski Jack Ritenbaugh Patti Zahnhausen Bill Sausser |
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UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012 – Veteran's Day
The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 - Andrew Coco
11:10 – Skip Young

The Elfinwild Family would like to thank Lora King for her wonderful and compassionate service as Church Secretary. Lora is retiring from her position as of October 31, 2012 and will continue to be a member of Elfinwild. As you see Lora, please let her know how greatly her service was appreciated!

CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

8:30 and 11:10 A.M.

Cradle Roll (infants)

Location – end of hall from sanctuary.

11:10 A.M. ONLY

Toddlers (ages 2 - 4) are welcomed in the Toddler Room

Location – 1st floor of church building

Discipleship for Children

(ages 4 - 2nd grade)

Location – Green Room, 1st floor C.E. Building

Children 3rd grade and up worship with their families.

1. **ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Cheryl Saraceno.
2. **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this morning are given in memory of Robert T. and Ida Smith by the Giel Families.
3. **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.

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY, Birth-6th Grade

4. **YOUNG CHILD IN WORSHIP (ages 4 - 2nd grade)** provides an opportunity for children to experience God through an age appropriate and multi-sensory worship service. The wooden figures, desert box and other materials create a visual representation of the Bible. The lighting of candles and discussion of other church traditions introduce children to the meaning of the many symbols seen in the sanctuary. The hands-on experience of the children retelling the stories by manipulating the figures helps the Bible lessons take shape in their minds and hearts. Today's lesson, "The Ark and Tent of God" is being taught by Debbie Piel, Patti Toomey, Beth Interthal, and Bethann Dolan.

5. **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL – GRADE 6** The Sunday School hour begins at 9:45 with music in Friendship Hall (ground floor of the C.E. building). At 10am, teachers will take their children to the classroom for a lesson, activities, art, and more! All are welcome!
6. **M&ms “MESSIAH & ME”** Join us and bring a friend for Messiah & me – a youth group for 4th -6th graders! We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar for our fall meeting and activity dates: November 19 (Monday; bowling at FunFest from 6-8 pm), December 19 (Caroling at DeHaven Ct.), and January 16 (in Fellowship Hall).
7. **KIDS OF THE KINGDOM:** Every Sunday, the Preschool – 6th grade Sunday school classes have a time of music from 9:45-10 am in Friendship Hall. The upcoming date that they will sing at the 11:10 worship service is Nov. 18.
8. **GINGERBREAD HOUSES:** Do you like food and like to craft and build things? If so, we would love your help building Gingerbread Houses! People will gather Wednesday Nov. 7 and 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Yellow Room to construct house frames so that they can be decorated by children and families at our community-wide Advent event on Dec. 2. All are welcome to join the fun!
9. **EVERGREENS FOR ADVENT WREATHS:** If you have an evergreen tree that can be trimmed, we would love to have some branches donated for the Advent Wreath-Making on November 25. If you can help, please contact Bethany Harbaugh at bethany@elfinwildchurch.org or 412-486-5400.
10. **COOKIES!!** We are looking for people to bake cookies for the Advent Celebration on December 2. If you are willing to bring a plate of baked goods, please contact Tessa Connelly at tconnelly08@verizon.net or 412-213-0384.
11. **ADVENT CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS:** On December 2nd from 2-4pm, families from all over the community will join together to celebrate the coming of Jesus. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up, greeting people as they arrive, helping at craft stations, and serving refreshments. To help in any way, please contact Bethany at bethany@elfinwildchurch.org or 412-486-5400.
12. **COLLECTING BOXES** In order to prepare crafts for the Advent Celebration on December 2, we will be collecting empty cereal and food boxes. Please place your donations in the appropriate boxes at the front sanctuary doors by November 18. Thank you!

THIS WEEK

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| SUNDAY | 9:45 am | Inquirers' Class Joins Sunday School Junior High Returns from Laurelville |
| MONDAY | 7:00 am 5:30-8:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm | Preschool – C.E. Act 1 – Friendship Hall & C.E. CLC #5 – Youth House Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall |
| TUESDAY | 7:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:8:30 PM 7:30 pm | Preschool – C.E. Staff Meeting – Kennedy Library Men's Lunch TOPS Personnel Committee - KL AARP Talent Show Practice – FH stage Financial Peace - YH Praise Team – Sanctuary |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:00 am 8:00 am 12:30-2:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30-8 pm 7:15 pm | Preschool – NO SCHOOL Mom & Me – NO CLASS Jason @ PTS Elementary Choir 2 nd – 5 th Gingerbread House – Peach Rm. Chancel Choir – CR New Window's Installed and Painting of Fr. H. |
| THURSDAY | 7:00 am 7:00 am 8:00 am 9:15-11:30am 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:45 pm 7:15 pm | Men's Bible Study Preschool – NO SCHOOL Mom & Me – NO CLASS Women's Bible Study – YH Girl Scouts 55010 – Peach & TR Chime Choir K-2 – BR Chime Choir 3-6 – BR Youth Choir – Choir Room New Window's Installed and Painting of Fr. H |
| FRIDAY | 7:00 am 8:00 am 4:15-6:45 pm 7:00 pm | Preschool – NO SCHOOL Mom & Me – NO CLASS Act 1 – FH & C.E. Pack 157 – Peach Rm. New Window's Installed and Painting of Fr. H |
| SATURDAY | 8:00 am-2:00 7:30 am | Act 1 – FH & C.E. CLC Citywide Breakfast on Gateway Clipper New Window's Installed and Painting of Fr. H |

STUDENT MINISTRIES, Grades 6-12

31. **WOMEN OF ELFINWILD** The NHCO would appreciate gently used devotion books. If you have no further use for the magazine "Women in the Life of Jesus," you could bring it to our Circle meeting on Nov. 12 as part of your Thank Offering. Thank you.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

32. **GLENSHAW AARP #3744 WILL MEET NOVEMBER 13, 2012** at 7 PM here at the church. The meeting will be followed with refreshments and the entertainment will be a member's Talent Show. For more information please contact Patty Padden at 412-781-2379.
33. **OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR.** This group is a signature initiative of the United Way of Allegheny County, with Family Services and North Hills Community Outreach as the two leading partners. Together these two organizations have over 600 volunteers providing non-medical care for seniors to keep them living safely and independently in their own homes for as long as possible. Transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping, telephone reassurance and friendly visiting, yard work and simple home repair are the most frequently requested and provided services. For more information on volunteering, visit www.openyourhearttoasenior.org, call 412-307-0071 or toll-free at 866-467-0888.
34. **FREE EVENT: MEDICARE COUNSELING.** Friday, November 16, 2012 from 10 AM – 2 PM at Ingomar United Methodist Church, 1501 W. Ingomar Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237. You will be able to: Get answers to your health insurance questions, Compare Medicare plans, Check your coverage and benefits, Apply for extra help, and more! Please bring the following information with you: A list of all prescription medications you take and the dose of each; Your Health Insurance card; A list of your preferred physicians, specialists, and pharmacy. **AN APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY FOR COUNSELING; TO SCHEDULE PLEASE CALL APPRISE – PA STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT 412-661-1438.**
35. **THANKSGIVING ON EVERY TABLE.** Food donations for Thanksgiving on Every Table will be accepted through November 14, but early donations before October 26 are encouraged. Stuffing and mashed potato mix, canned vegetables, pie crust mix and easy pumpkin pie mix, evaporated milk, muffin mix, napkins and \$10 grocery store gift cards for turkeys are all appreciated. Please take your donations to NHCO, 1975 Ferguson Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101 from 9 AM – 4 PM.
36. **ELFINWILD CHURCH WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT** for the 2013-14 school year is underway. For information about the preschool or to register your child for the year beginning in September 2013, please call the school office at 412-486-2322. The morning classes fill very quickly. If you are considering sending your child please call now. We are blessed to reach out to the community in Christ's love through our Christian Preschool.

13. **NO CLUBS TONIGHT!** Clubs will resume next Sunday Nov. 11th – Jr. High 4:30-6 PM (grades 6-8) and Sr. High 6:30-8 PM (grades 9-12). Our Jr. and Sr. High Clubs are a wonderful time for fellowship with other students. We play different types of games, have some good food and spend time in worship and study together. We hope you will join us!

14. **STUDENT MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER:** Christmas cards of the Elfinwild Sanctuary at Christmas are now on sale in the Gathering Space after each service. This is a great way to commemorate 100 years of Christmases at Elfinwild and help our students raise money for retreats and mission trips.

15. **LAURELVILLE RETREATS 2012: SR. HIGH: NOV. 30- DEC 2.**

These are wonderful retreats for our students and a great chance to gather with other churches all around Pittsburgh for a weekend of fun, mud, and faith challenge. I encourage all students to consider going on this retreat and why not invite a friend as well! Cost is \$100 per person. Turn in a \$25 deposit to guarantee yourself a spot as we will run out of spots quickly! For more information contact Jason.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

16. **CHILDREN'S CHIME REHEARSALS BEGAN THIS WEEK,** but there is still room for YOUR child! Contact Jennifer to sign up!
17. **REHEARSALS FOR ALL CHOIRS AND PRAISE TEAM HAVE BEGUN-** but it's not too late to join if you would like to participate. New faces are always welcome. Please see Jennifer for details.
18. **NEEDED: LARGE CORNUCOPIA-SHAPED BASKETS.** Please contact Jennifer if you have one that she can borrow for the last two Sundays of November!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

19. **DID YOU KNOW** that the Deacons will provide a meal for you and for your family if you are in need? For example, perhaps you, or a family member that you are caring for are too ill to prepare dinner for a few days. Our Hospitality Ministry can deliver a meal to your home! Or perhaps you have a doctor's appointment, but have no transportation or are unable to drive. The Deacons' Hospitality Ministry is able to help. The Deacons are here to **SERVE YOU**. Do you have a need for either of these services? If so, please call the church office and we will respond to you
20. **THE MEN'S LUNCHEON** will be held on Tuesday, November 6 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to make your reservation. You can use the Response cards found in the pews or call the church office at 412-486-5400.

21. **WITH THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON**, if you are in need of a room at the church for your upcoming event, please contact the church office to see what room(s) are available. Please do not just choose a room because it appears empty; there may already be an event scheduled in that room. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this.
22. **LOOKING FOR SOUND SYSTEM VOLUNTEERS**. With the new sound system being installed, we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to sit at the sound desk and run the sound and recording equipment. We will need enough volunteers to develop a rotation (much like we do with ushers) for both services. All volunteers will be trained on how to run the equipment, so while some experience will help, it isn't necessary. Please speak with Jason if you are interested.
23. **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY**. The Bread of Life Food Pantry would especially like any type of crackers, Jell-O, puddings, baking items, such as cake mixes and cookie mixes, and condiments. All monetary gifts help the pantry to provide perishable goods such as turkey and vegetables. Thank you.
24. **THE COLUMBARIUM**. Elfinwild Presbyterian Church has established a special facility for the care and safekeeping of cremated remains. By establishing a Columbarium at our church, it is possible to once again return to the tradition of making one's final resting place on the grounds of the church. Applications are now being accepted for reserving a niche in the Columbarium. Niches can be purchased for both burial and tribute. Brochures and applications are available through the Church Office. If you would like to speak with someone about the Columbarium and purchasing a niche, please feel free to contact Jack Ritenbaugh (412-486-5400) or Don Pritchard (412-486-8515).
25. **ATTENTION CRAFTERS** Advent is quickly approaching, and much preparation goes into organizing the crafts for the Advent Outreach for our community. If you are able to cut pieces for the craft packets, materials and instructions are available to pick up outside the Green Room in the CE building. Please sign out your materials, and return them by November 11.
26. **ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY DRIVERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** As our snowbirds go south for the winter, we have a need for additional drivers and volunteers during the winter months. If you have a couple of hours during the week to assist in the kitchen or can assist in delivery of the meals, please contact Marion Berberich at 412-486-8000. Any time that you can provide would be greatly appreciated for this important ministry.
27. **100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK** The 100th Anniversary Book is being printed and will be available for pickup at the Church Office, beginning Friday, November 16th. If you signed up for a copy, please stop by the Church Office and purchase/pickup your copy. If you are unable to stop by, feel free to send a check to the Church Office and your copy will be sent to you. The cost for the book is \$25.00, please add \$5.00 to cover the cost of mailing.
28. **ELFINWILD MEALS MINISTRY HOLIDAY TREATS NEEDED** As you begin preparations for your holiday baking, the Elfinwild Meals Ministry would appreciate your considering baking an extra dozen cookies or another baking items that we could include in the daily meals that we provide to our clients. These additional items mean a great deal to individuals who otherwise would not be able to enjoy the holiday treats many of us enjoy. Please leave your donation in the church kitchen marked for the Elfinwild Meals Ministry or contact Marion Berberich at 412-486-8000 to make arrangements to drop off your donation. Thanks in advance for considering making this type of addition to our meals ministry.
29. **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** It's the time of the year when the days are shorter and the nights are cooler. It's the time of year when we give thanks for our blessings. It's also the time of year when we think of shoe boxes filled with gifts for children all over the world! Elfinwild Church and Preschool has packed nearly 1,300 shoe boxes in the past 6 years! That's 1,300 children introduced to Jesus because of you and a simple gift. Please join us again in packing a shoe box for a needy child and help spread the love of Jesus by bringing it to either church service on November 11th, for our Shoe Box Dedication. In today's bulletin is the "Pack a Box" Guide to help get you started. You can use your own standard size cardboard or plastic shoe box or pick up a Samaritan's Purse red and green "Gospel Opportunity box" outside the sanctuary today after both church services. Any questions or info on how to get your workplace, organization or group involved in a shoebox drive, or helping out at our relay collection center, please call Julie Panza at 412-492-0539. Thank you for supporting this ministry for the last 6 years!
30. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** Beloved, I am aware of the large number of widows we have in our congregation and community. I also know that after the busy-ness of funerals, details, and legal paperwork is all done and others "go back" to their lives that you cannot simply "go back" to the way it was. I do not have answers but I do hear your stories and they are similar to the feelings and experiences of others who have and are going through such loss and grief. I would like to invite any and all widows who would like to come and have lunch together with me and one another on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 12 noon in the Cornerstone Classroom, downstairs, to call the Church Office at 412-486-5400 and make a reservation. I would like to treat you to a lunch and offer some fellowship. My confession is that after the flurry of activity around the death of your husband I too have often moved on without following up as I would have hoped. There is no agenda other than getting together. You will have the opportunity to share with one another if you are comfortable, but this is simply a time for you to gather with one another and realize that you are not alone in your grieving. Please come! Widowers, we will set a time for you men in the near future. I am humbled to share the journey with you, even the painful and hard parts! Your Pastor, Dirk

** Please check the Lost and Found Box in the North Narthex – Parents of young children there is 1 Adventure Bible. There are also 5 sweaters and hooded jackets.*

** Memorial Flowers – There are the Sundays of November 11th and 25th available if you wish to remember a loved one or celebrate an occasion.*