

**26. 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 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 PM. Contact Bethany Harbaugh or the church office with questions and reservations.

**27. WOMEN OF ELFINWILD** – The Mary Circle welcomes all women of Elfinwild Church to our meeting on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the Library. Our lesson this month is on the Mothers of Moses: Jochabed & Pharaoh’s Daughter, page 86 in our book, *Women of the Bible*.

**28. ATTENTION ALL MEN, HAMMER DAY IS COMING!** On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, the men will work at Calvert Church in Etna. Please meet at the Church Avenue parking lot by 8 AM. The work should be finished by noon. Please call or text Mike Gaydos with any questions at: 724-272-6951.

**29. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK** the church for its love and support during the recent illness and passing of our mother, Cleo Ifft. The many cards, phone calls and visits certainly brightened her days. Thank you, also, for the delicious funeral luncheon provided. Mom was truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. ~Doug, Alison and families

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**30. COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** – The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 25, at 7:30pm at St. Ursula Roman Catholic Church in Allison Park. Preacher for the service will be Father Aaron Kriss, the new Pastor of St. Ursula parish. There will be special music by a combined choir directed by Christopher Brewer. The offering that evening will be divided between Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry, Crisis Center North, Hearth, and North Hills Community Outreach. Come and give thanks with your neighbors in the community.

**31. GLENSHAW AARP #3744** will hold their meeting on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Elfinwild Church. The meeting will be followed by entertainment and refreshments.

**32. COME SEE THE SHALER HIGH SCHOOL FALL PLAY** - *A Christmas Carol*. Performances are scheduled for: Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, & Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 & 7 PM. Tickets on sale now in the High School Activities Office - \$7 adults and \$5 students and senior citizens. All seats are general admission with auditorium doors opening 1/2 hour before each performance. Questions? 412-492-1200 Ext. 1530.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 11-8-15

**TODAY** (11-8-15) Pledge Sunday  
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA  
9:45 AM – Sunday School  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH  
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

**MONDAY** 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
12:00 PM – Mary Circle – KL  
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Act One – CE  
7:00 PM – Pack 157 Parent Meeting – PR  
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH

**TUESDAY** 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – Prayer and Communion Service – CH  
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL  
1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH  
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose  
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Kids Music – CR  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Financial Peace – YH  
7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting – CCR  
7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH  
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Handbells – CR

**WEDNESDAY** OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERANS’ DAY  
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom and Me – PR, TR  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girl’s Bible Study@Harbaugh’s  
7:00 PM – Webelos II – TR  
7:00 PM – 8:15 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

**THURSDAY** 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
7:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – KL  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool Music – UGR  
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study – YH  
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM – Praise Team – SA  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Surviving the Holidays – FH  
7:15 PM – 8:30 PM – Youth Choir – CR  
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Webelos I – PR

**FRIDAY** 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool Music – UGR  
4:15 PM – 6:45 PM – Act One – CE  
7:00 PM – Pack 157 Meeting – FH

**SATURDAY** 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE  
12:00 PM – Bread of Life Volunteer Luncheon – FH, KIT  
2:00 PM – Memorial Service - SA

**SUNDAY** (11-15-15) Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication  
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA  
9:45 AM – Sunday School  
12:15 PM – Deacons’ Meeting – CCR  
12:15 PM – Congregational Meeting – SA  
12:30 PM – Youth Group Service Day

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS THIS MORNING** are given in memory of Denis L. Beck by Carol and Roger Beck.

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Becky Winek.

**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

Paul Braddock  
Max Smith  
Kim Szymoniak  
Bob Szymoniak  
Ron Tiedeman

#### 11:10 AM USHERS

Mel Stoker  
Jennifer Muszynski  
Janell Haygood  
Patti Zahnhausen  
Dorothy Thompson

#### SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 AM – Marge Cain  
11:10 AM – Skip Young

#### UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, November 15, 2015  
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

### CHILDREN’S & FAMILY MINISTRY

#### Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Bethann Dolan, Elder for Children’s Ministries at: mbergd@verizon.net or 412-492-9991

#### **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** –Our classes will begin at 9:45 and end at 10:45 AM.

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 *Exile and Return* and will be taught by Donna Rea Thompson, Sue Anderson, Elaine Jans and Bev Friedline.

#### **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. Join the fun once a month—CU there! 6:30-8pm in Fellowship Hall: November 18<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Questions? Contact Amy Meyer—littlepine@verizon.net.

### MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

**5. CHANCEL CHOIR** will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM and is open to anyone high school age and older.

**6. PRAISE TEAM** will now meet on **Thursdays from 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM**. If you play an instrument or sing, please help us to lead the congregation in songs of praise at least 2-3 times per month.

**7. HANDBELLS** will meet on Tuesdays from 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Join us in ringing God's praises each Tuesday. We will try to ring during worship at least once or twice every month. Open to anyone high school age or older.

**8. KIDS CHOIR** will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. All kids in grades 1 – 5 are welcome to join us. We will be singing songs, playing hand chimes and krystal bells, playing drums and percussion and much, much more! We will be participating in worship once or twice every month.

**9. SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS** will meet on Sundays from 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM. Kids in pre-k through 2nd grade will learn “Sunday School” songs and share their songs with the congregation on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

**10. YOUTH CHOIR** – The Youth Choir, under the direction of Heather Heere, will meet on Thursdays at 7:15 PM in the choir room. This choir is open to students in grades 6-12. We hope to see you there!

### **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.*

**11. JR. & SR. HIGH CLUB** – Jr. High (grades 6-8) from 4:30 – 6:00 PM and Sr. High (grades 9-12) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM on Sundays. This club is a wonderful time for fellowship with other students. We play different games, have some good food and spend time in worship and study together.

**12. JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BIBLE STUDY** – Please join Bethany Harbaugh and Kelly Simile for a Bible Study for girls in 6-8 grade! We will be talking about some big life questions...and how to find the answers through Christ. This study will be on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 PM and began on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Harbaugh house. Please let us know if you are able to attend! To contact Bethany, call 724-822-6550 or email her at: harbaugh.bl1@gmail.com. To contact Kelly, call 412-445-3562 or email her at: ksimile1@gmail.com.

### **13. LAURELVILLE WEEKEND –Sr. High December 4th-6th**

This is a wonderful retreat for students. Students are welcome to invite friends to come along as well. It will take place at Laurelville Camp and Conference Center and is run by the Pittsburgh Kids Foundation. Cost for the 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 retreat is 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 PM on Friday 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)

**14. NOVEMBER 15TH SERVICE DAY** – On Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

**15. THE STUDENT MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!** The Student Ministry Support Team (SMST) is a group of adults that assist Jason and the youth leaders with special events. In the past year, we organized food for the Kick Off party, the Christmas party and the End of Summer Picnic. We organized and ran the Pancake Supper and the Pie Auction and sponsored the flower and candy sales as student fundraiser projects. This year we would like to revamp the Pie Auction – it has been a great success and we want to keep it fresh. We seek new or improved ideas for all of our projects – and those come with new members. The time commitment to Student Ministry Support Team varies throughout the year. We hold formal meetings only 2 -3 times a year, then communicate by email to plan the smaller projects. One of the best parts of being a member of SMST is getting to know the parents of your children's friends – we talk about fundraising some - and then share ideas about vacations, repairmen, college applications .... etc. If you have some time or ideas for Student Ministries Support Team, please contact Jason, Nancy Kriek ([sciencenhk@aol.com](mailto:sciencenhk@aol.com), 412-487-8616) or Kyle Pinta ([kjpinta@aol.com](mailto:kjpinta@aol.com), 412-487-6163).

### **ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS**

**16. CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS** – It's time to order your Christmas Poinsettias! Please use the special white envelopes in the pews. Plants are \$11.00 each and checks should be made payable to Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day to order. Any orders received after that date will be applied to the Bread of Life Food Pantry.

**17. PRISM THANKSGIVING HOSTING: NOVEMBER 26, 2015** 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.prismpgh.org/american-volunteers.html](http://www.prismpgh.org/american-volunteers.html) holiday hosting section and fill out the hosting form. Please sign up by November 16, 2015. If you have any questions call the PRISM office: 412-683-0342 or Cheryl Saraceno, 412-760-5934.

**18. THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GATHERING** for the needs and concerns of our church family is being restarted! We will be meeting in the newly renovated chapel on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 7 to 8 PM. In November, we met on November 4<sup>th</sup> and will meet again on November 18<sup>th</sup>. We will 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 as we restart this endeavor, 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.

**19. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – All women are welcome to join a time of Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11AM at the Youth House. This fall, we will use the study, "Running Nowhere in Every Direction" by Navigators, examining what God has to say about the stress in our lives - our schedules, expectations, limits, and happiness. Together we can seek God's direction and encourage one another to run faithfully with Him. Contact Bethany with any questions at 724-822-6550.

**20. LIFE SCOUT NICHOLAS HARN OF TROOP 157** is working on his Eagle Scout project and he needs our help. As part of a Christmas Concert at the Southwest Veterans Center, Nick is putting together a gift basket for the veterans. Items needed to fill these baskets are: toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash (small

bottles), dental floss, soap/body wash, shampoo, body lotion, wash cloth/hand towel, tissues, deodorant, lip balm, comb, nail clippers, wet wipes, eyeglass cleaner, cotton swabs, toilet paper, talcum powder, petroleum jelly. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Boxes will be located near the entrances during the month of November for your donations. Thank you for your support!

**21. LADIES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for the weekend of January 22-24, 2016 when a Women's Retreat will be held at the beautiful Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. Don't let distance or the possibility of snow scare you...transportation will be available if needed!

**22. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** meet from 10:00-11:00 AM. Three classes will be offered this Fall.

\*On Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Bethany Harbaugh began a new Sunday School class about prayer. The class will examine Scripture from the Old and New Testaments and discuss the importance of practicing prayer in all facets of life. We will meet in the Kennedy Library at 9:45.

\*"The Wired Word," taught by Rick Dayton, will focus on current events studied and discussed from a Biblical context. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall.

\*A new men's class, "Courageous: Honor Starts at Home" will be led by Jason Cooper and take place in the Cornerstone Room. Class members will view the movie "Courageous" and contemplate God's call for us as husbands and fathers.

### **23. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, ELFINWILD AND THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT!**

Over the past nine years, Elfinwild Church and Preschool have packed over 3,000 shoeboxes. That's over 3,000 boys and girls around the world that have experienced God's love through the power of a simple shoebox gift and the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. Please join us again in packing a shoebox for a needy child and help spread the love of Jesus by bringing it to either worship service on November 15th for our Shoe Box Dedication. 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. Thank you for giving a child in need the opportunity to know hope, love and God's greatest gift through a simple gift-filled shoebox. Any questions or for information on how to get your workplace, organization or group involved in a shoe box drive, or to help out at our Collection Center, **please call Julie Panza at 412-492-0539**. Thank you for supporting this ministry for the last nine years!

**24. DR. JIM WITHERS, HERO TO THE HOMELESS**, has helped many of Pittsburgh's homeless population with medicine, advice and friendship. He founded "Operation Safety Net" which has helped find apartments and homes for more than 1,200 people. Dr. Withers helps the homeless out of a faithful heart, with love for God and our brothers. "...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40. Dr. Withers has been recognized as one of CNN's Top 10 Heroes for 2015 and has been given a \$10,000 grant to further his work in the Pittsburgh area. He is now eligible to receive a \$100,000 grant if he receives the most votes. To vote for Dr. Withers please go to: [CNNHeros.com](http://CNNHeros.com) and vote as often as you can. Deadline for votes is 3 AM on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please help Dr. Withers help the homeless population in Pittsburgh by casting your votes for him.

**25. THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE** is asking for donations for the Advent Celebration. We would love to have some evergreen branches donated for the Advent Wreath making at the church on November 29th. Please drop them off in the grass against the church building by the Mt. Royal mini parking lot the weekend before the celebration or on the stage that morning. Also, we are accepting donations of quart and pint sized glass jars. There will be boxes in the entryways labeled for the Advent Celebration. We are seeking volunteers for set-up, clean-up and to be part of the live nativity. Please contact the church office or Bethann Dolan. Thank you!

*“We want you to know brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.” From Paul’s 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Church at Corinth, Chapter 8, verses 1 - 5.*

As part of our offering today, pledges and estimates of giving for 2016 will be received. Our 2016 budget for Church operations and our 2016 budget for Mission Giving will be based on the estimates of giving received today and in the coming weeks. Financial contributions to the Ministry and Mission of our Church can be by check or online. For more information, please contact the Church Office, 412-486-5400.

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Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement September 30, 2015		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$446,634
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$441,561
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$5,073

**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 8, 2015  
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.*

**Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10**

PRELUDE

(8:30)	“Come to the Cross” Praise Team	Michael W. Smith
(11:10)	“Andante”	Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

(11:10)	INTROIT	“Sanctuary” Chancel Choir	John Thompson
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CALL TO WORSHIP

from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Leader: Praise be to you, Lord, from everlasting to everlasting.

People: Yours is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Leader: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

People: Wealth and honor come from you. You are the ruler of all things.

Leader: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

All: We give you thanks, O God, and praise your glorious name!

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

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

ANTHEM

(11:10) "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Jack Schrader Chancel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 8:38-39

Paul writes in Romans that "neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus."

With this assurance, let us confess the wrong we have done.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you bless those who are persecuted because they live for you. But we have too often turned away because we were afraid of what others would think. We've sought to please the world rather than risking the disapproval of those who need to hear the good news of Christ. We regard rejection for righteousness as a burden, rather than an honor to be humbly received. In your great mercy, forgive us. Teach us the discipline of living in the Spirit and blessing others with the knowledge of your presence. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:11, 13-14

So you must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, for sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DEDICATION OF OUR 2016 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) "Grace Like Rain" Todd Agnew Praise Team

(11:10) "Shout with Joy to God!" Lloyd Larson Chancel 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.

\*STATEMENT 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:9-21 (Page 1064 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "The Challenge of Selflessness" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"

BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Shalom To You

Anon.

Musical score for "Shalom To You" with lyrics: Sha-lom to you now, sha-lom, my friends. May God's full mer-cies bless you, my friends. In all your liv-ing and through your lov-ing, Christ be your sha-lom, Christ be your sha-lom.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata Jubiloso"

Gerald Peterson

Special thanks to our liturgists: 8:30 - Samuel Baird 11:10 - Henry Tomer

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2015, in the Sanctuary, immediately following 11:10 worship. The purpose of the meeting is the election of officers for 2016.

Mike Radich, President, Board of Trustees Mark Riethmuller, Clerk of Session