

**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** – **Who is helped by Stephen Ministry?** People who are: \*Needing some to talk to \*Struggling with their faith in God \*Discouraged \*Anxious \*Lonely \*Coping with Divorce \*Grieving the loss of a loved one \*Dying, as well as family members of the terminally ill \*Hospitalized \*Experiencing the loss of a job \*Having financial difficulties \*New to our congregation or community \*Going through a transition...and this is just the beginning! Please contact Ruthie Riethmuller for more information.

*Verse of the Month-* "Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a

**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.

**MARRIAGE WEEKEND** – Family Life is offering a "Weekend to Remember" at the Pittsburgh Marriott North-Cranberry November 9-11, 2018. Dirk and Van Lesnett are attending and coordinating our congregational effort to encourage couples to attend. Please register for the weekend at [www.weekendtoremember.com](http://www.weekendtoremember.com) and use the group name ElfinwildPCA. Email or call Dirk or Van if you have any questions. [dirk@elfinwildchurch.org](mailto:dirk@elfinwildchurch.org), [dirkvan@aol.com](mailto:dirkvan@aol.com), 412-600-6785. Strong marriages take intentionality and investment.

**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.

**SPEND AN EVENING WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SCHOLARS AT PRISM!**

Volunteers are needed on Friday, October 26th 6:30 PM - 8:30PM at Bellefield Presbyterian Church in Oakland. We prepare a light meal ahead of time and serve approx. 50 students at their weekly PRISM Connect program. P.R.I.S.M. (Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries) is a long time mission partner of Elfinwild Church. It is important that volunteers are willing to converse with the students and make them feel welcome. Contact Pam Dudgeon at 412-821-4829 if you are interested or leave your name and phone # at the church office. (We can arrange carpooling to Oakland.)

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** is a 9 week biblically based course teaching us God's ways in managing our financial affairs. No matter what you know about finances, you don't know enough! This course, created and conducted by nationally syndicated radio host (WJAS 1320 AM, 6-9 PM, M-F) and best-selling author Dave Ramsey, has helped over 2 million families! Subjects include: how to save, dumping debt, budgeting, real estate, mortgages, the role of insurance, college planning, retirement and much more. The course will help you set goals that you can achieve. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever! Classes will meet on 9 Mondays, beginning Oct 29 from 7 to 9 PM in the Youth House. Go to <https://fpu.com/1075387> for further program details. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.

**For additional information or details, please visit our website at:  
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**CALENDAR**

**Sundav, October 14**

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 – 6:30 PM – Combined Clubs – YH  
8:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

**Monday, October 15**

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Act 1 – FrH, CE  
7:00 PM – Monday Eve. Women's Bible Study – CCR

**Tuesday, October 16**

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary. Choir – CR  
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose  
7:00 PM – Praise Team – SA

**Wednesday, October 17**

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbells – CR  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Girls' Bible Study  
At the Harbaugh home  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR  
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Confirmation Class – YH

**Thursday, October 18**

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Grief Class – KL  
7:00 PM – Student Leaders' Meeting – YH  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Preschool Parent Meeting – FH

7:15 PM Youth Choir – CR

**Friday, October 19**

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE,  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Bear Den 3 – FH

**Saturday, October 20**

6:30 AM – All In #7 – KL  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE

**Sunday, October 21**

Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off  
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 Committee Meeting – KL  
12:30 PM – Nominating Committee Meeting – CCR  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

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**WELCOME TO ELFINWILD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**October 14, 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.

**"Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word,  
and deed may be acceptable to You, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen"**

**Psalm 19:14**

**Order of Worship**

PRELUDE

(8:30) "I Surrender All" Broughton

(11:10) "By Faith" Getty & Townend  
*Praise Team*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

MOMENT FOR FINANCIAL PEACE Mr. Henry Tomer

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

Leader: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and the dry land, which His hands have formed.

**People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

(8:30) \*HYMN No. 143 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" DIADEM

(11:10) \*SONG "10,000 Reasons" Myrin & Redman

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to His. Accepting His power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him and are slow to acknowledge His rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by love, grace and truth. We allow our identity as Your children to be weakened by what we do or what we are. In Your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:8-9

Leader: God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! Friends receive and believe this Good News of the Gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) "10,000 Reasons" Myrin & Redman Chancel Choir arr. by Sorenson

(11:10) "Holy, Holy, Holy" Bradbury Elementary Choir arr. by Moore

\*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.

\*HYMN No. 316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMON "Hope" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30) \*HYMN No. 379 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

(11:10) \*SONG "How Deep the Father's Love For Us" Townend

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE (8:30) "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Smith

(11:10) "Build Your Kingdom Here" Rend Collective Praise Team

Special thanks to our liturgists: 8:30 - Mike Radich 11:10 - Anna Meyer

The Elder of the Week is Bob Siar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in celebration of the first birthday of Sadie Anne Giel by her grandparents, Sharyl and Jim Giel.

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

Len Anderson Jim Young Tim Keenan Bill Stadler

11:10 USHERS

Scott Muszynski Kelly Simile Don Grau Jennifer Callahan

SOUND TECHNICIANS

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

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday October 21, 2018 Rev. Jason Rea preaching

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Birth - 5th Grade

LOVING CHILD CARE FOR OUR YOUNGEST FRIENDS

All adults working with our children have full security clearances. Infant Nursery (Birth-2 Years), Sanctuary Level Staffed by "Miss Holly" Shreiber & Church Members Sundays 8:30AM-12:30PM Toddler Room (2-4 Years), Basement Staffed by "Miss Tracey" Hegerle & Teen Assistants Sundays 8:30AM-12:30PM

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 "The Ten Best Ways to Live" and will be taught by Bonnie DeMatteo, Beth Interthal and Bethann Dolan.

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. Upcoming sessions: 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/16. Questions? Tessa Connelly 412-600-1452 or connthree07@gmail.com.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CONSTRUCT GINGERBREAD HOUSES for the December 2nd Advent Event. 6:30-8PM on October 25. Meet in the Green Room of the Education Building. Questions? Contact Carolyn Hervey at 724-612-7725

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 starting September 12th 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 starting Sept. 5th. 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 hope to see you there!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

GRIEVING WITH HOPE - As the fall season begins and the holidays approach, we are mindful of those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. As the Body of Christ, we wish to walk with you on this journey, praying for you, and offering support. The class "Grieving with Hope" will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 PM, in the Kennedy Library from October 18th - November 15th. On November 15th, special attention will be given to "Surviving the Holidays". It is very important that you attend the first session on October 18th even if you cannot attend all of the classes. Attendance will be closed after the first class. If you are interested in attending, please let the church office know or contact Matt or Bethany Harbaugh with questions at: harbaugh.bl1@gmail.com