

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

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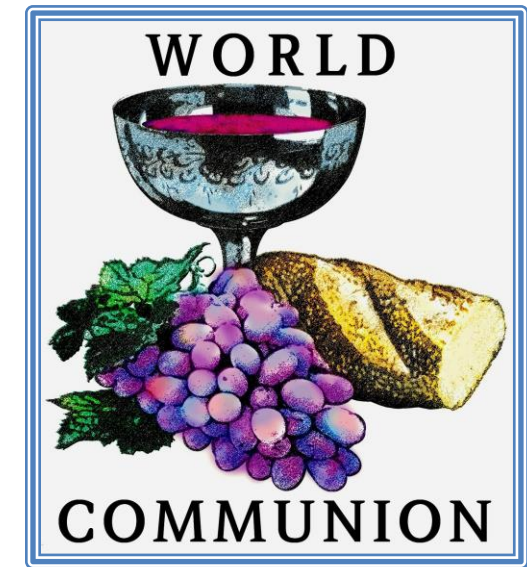
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MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: PLANNED GIVING – GIFT OF ASSETS

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
August 31, 2017**

Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$448,230
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$427,392
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$20,838



**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
October 1, 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.*

“For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations.” Ephesians 2:14-15

PRELUDE

(8:30) “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” S. Taylor
Praise Team

(11:10) “He Leadeth Me” Sandra Eithun
Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 62:1-3

Leader: Our souls find rest in God alone; our salvation comes from Him.

People: He alone is our rock and our salvation; He is our fortress, we will never be shaken.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 138 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(11:10)
PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 Corinthians 1:10-13

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You are One and call us to be the one body of Christ. We confess that we are divided among ourselves. You call us to love and serve, we want to have power and be in control. You lift up the cross as what binds us together and we lift up our systems and self-serving ideologies as of greatest importance that separate us from one another. You cry out for unity and shared life together, we ask what is best for us regardless of the cost to others. You desire compassion toward one another and we are quick to condemn one another.

Forgive our foolish ways. Help us to control our tongues and not speak poorly of any others, whether it is deserved or not. Allow us to seek your Kingdom first and find the peace that we know is in Christ. We pray for His sake and in the power of His name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those of us who are being saved it is the power of God. We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to the law keepers and foolishness to those who think they are really smart and wise. You are in Christ Jesus, “Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.” Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*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.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) “Eatnemen Vuelie” Emily Crocker
Youth Choir

(11:10) “Blessings” Heather Sorenson
Chancel Choir
Jeff Weber, Violin

*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.**

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.**

(11:10)
ANTHEM “Blessed Are You” Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:9
(page 904 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “Making Peace” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words of Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Receiving the Bread+ (Gluten free wafers are in the bowl in the center of the plate)

Receiving the Cup+
Prayer of Thanksgiving
+(please hold each element until all are served)

(8:30)
*SONG OF COMMITMENT No. 1002 “Jesus Messiah”
(The red song book on the pew)

(11:10)
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 343
(The blue hymnal in the pew rack) “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(8:30) “He Reigns” Steve Taylor
Praise Team

(11:10) “Allegro Non Troppo” Johannes Brahms
From *Symphony No. 1, Op. 68*

*Special thanks to our liturgist:
8:30 – Ryan Dayton*

The Elder of the Week is Dwight Pearson

**BREAKFAST INVITATION
2017 STEWARDSHIP/CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Our 2017 Stewardship Program includes a request that we support 4 improvement projects around the Church, in addition to the 2018 budget. During the Sunday School hour on Sunday, October 22nd, there’ll be a “Progressive Breakfast” for adults. (Children and youth will meet for Sunday School as usual.) We’ll start in Fellowship Hall, at 9:45. We’ll split into two groups. One group will be led to the Youth House for donuts; the other will be led to the Church Office for fruit. After 15 minutes, the groups will switch places, and eventually we’ll all meet back in Fellowship Hall to finish breakfast.

Why all the running around? It will give us a firsthand look at the four improvement projects: fixing a collapsing sewer line at the Youth House, remodeling the Church office; updating the Church kitchen and replacement of the remaining old windows.

There is no cost. Breakfast being a good idea for everyone, please plan to stay late on October 22nd if you go to 8:30 worship, or come early if you go to 11:10 worship. Thanks!

The Stewardship Committee

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

We should travel light and live simply. Our enemy is not possessions, but excess.

John Stott, Anglican clergyman

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.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 10-1-17

TODAY (10-1-17) Communion
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 – FH
12:15 PM – Sr. High Bible Study meeting – YH
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Combined Youth Group Clubs – YH

MONDAY
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – No Preschool – Staff Workshop – CE
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Act One – FrH, CE
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH
7:00 PM – Personnel Committee Meeting – PS
7:00 PM – Monday Evening Women’s Bible Study – CCR
7:00 PM – Pack 157 Committee Meeting – PR

TUESDAY
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
10:30 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
12:00 PM – Men’s Luncheon – FH
6:00 PM – Praise Team – SA
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

WEDNESDAY
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbell Rehearsal – CR
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls’ Bible Study @ Harbaugh’s
7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH
7:00 PM – Children and Family Search Committee Meeting- KL
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

THURSDAY
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Girl Scouts – YH, Yellow, Purple Rooms
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR
7:00 PM – Nominating Committee Meeting- CCR
7:15 PM – Youth Choir – CR

FRIDAY
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
4:15 PM – 6:45 PM – Act One – FrH, CE

SATURDAY
8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act 1 – FrH & CE
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Baptism Brunch – FH

SUNDAY (10-8-17)
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages
9:45 AM – The Church Has Left the Building Meeting – CH
12:15 PM – Deacons’ Meeting – CCR
12:15 PM – Nominating Committee Meeting – KL
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Jack Ritenbaugh by the Ritenbaugh, Brown and Long families.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Dwight Pearson.

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
Tim Keenan
Bill Stadler
Jim Young

11:10 USHERS

Scott Muszynski
Jennifer Callahan
Shane Callahan
Don Grau
Kelly Simile

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 – Dennis Kriek
11:10 –Ken Volle

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday October 8, 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 Ark and the Tent for God* and will be taught by Sue Anderson, Donna Rea Thompson, Carolyn Hervey, and Jennifer Anderson.

4. MESSIAH & ME – (M&m’s) - If you are in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade come join us TODAY, Sunday, October 1st from 12:15 PM to 2:00 PM (following 11:10 AM Worship Service). We will meet in Fellowship Hall. 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 _____

HURRICANE RELIEF

If you would like to donate to hurricane relief efforts, for both Harvey and Irma, please designate your offerings to "missions - hurricane relief" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

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. COMBINED CLUBS – Both Sr. High (grades 9-12) and Jr. High (grades 6-8) will meet tonight at the Youth House from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM.. We hope to see you there!

7. FALL MUM DELIVERY –Mums will be available for pick up TODAY, Sunday October 1st. Thanks for your support!

8. 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.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

9. 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.

10. 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 of Calvert (supported by Elfinwild and our neighboring churches at Glenshaw, Parkwood, Fox Chapel and Glenshaw Valley), 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.

11. 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.

12. STEPHEN MINISTRY informational brochures are in the "Stephen Corner" of our library. There you will find the October Article of the Month: Part two of the Coping With Death and Grief Series from Focus on the Family entitled "Understanding the Grieving Process".

Our Stephen Ministers are ready and willing to offer care to those in need of a confidential listening ear as they go through a difficult time. Keep that in mind as you come in contact with a friend or family member who might be experiencing a life challenge.

Verse of the Month: "Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble." 1 Peter 3:8

13. 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 8:30 AM - 12 noon to assist, please contact Dick Friedline at 412-486-8000.

14. A PRAYER TEAM IS NEEDED for the search committee which has begun the task of seeking the right person to serve Christ with us as 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.

15. 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

16. LADIES PLEASE JOIN US for a 6 week long, book study on Monday nights 9/25 through 10/30 at 7 PM. We will be studying A Woman Overwhelmed by Hayley DiMarco based on the life of Mary, Mother of Jesus. We will walk through the story of Mary, the Mother of Jesus a woman who knew what it was like to be overwhelmed. Along the way, we'll learn how to let go of control, fear, and doubt and learn to grab onto more faith, confidence, and trust in our God.

17. 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: October 22nd (Stewardship Progressive Breakfast), December 3rd (Advent), December 24th (Christmas Eve), December 31st (New Year's Eve), and May 20th (The Church has Left the Building).

18. 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 in Fellowship Hall.

19. ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS – We would like to compile a list of all of our students working on a post-secondary education. This includes commuter students as well as students living on campus. Please see the green insert form on the tables for more information.

20. WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: The Parables of Jesus Participants of all ages are invited to bring a Bible to Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:50 to study the parables of Jesus. Led by Jim Saraceno and Mark Connelly, specific parables will be read and discussed each week in an informal setting. Classes will be held in October/November, January, and April/May.

The dates and subject matter for October and November are as follows:

October 11- class introduction and The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13: 1-23)

October 18- The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13: 24-31 and 36-43) and The Parables of Hidden Treasure, Pearl of Great Value, and The Net (Matthew 13: 44-50)

October 25- The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15: 1-7), The Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15: 8-10), The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-32).

November 2- The Parable of Laborers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20: 1-16) and The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22: 1-14)

November 9- The Parable of the Narrow Door (Luke 13: 22-30) and The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18: 9-14)

21. BAKED POTATO BAR LUNCH – Elfinwild Meals Ministry is hosting a FREE baked potato bar lunch after the 11:10 service on Sunday, Oct. 15th in Fellowship Hall. One of our on-going donors is Red Lobster on McKnight Rd. We receive their excess frozen potatoes and rolls. Our clients love them and you will too! This luncheon is also in honor and recognition of retired site manager - Marian Berberich. The Ministry wants to thank the congregation for all the ways you support this important outreach - your contributions of money and food items, as drivers and kitchen volunteers. IF YOU ARE A CURRENT VOLUNTEER, PLEASE WEAR YOUR MEALS MINISTRY SHIRT TO CHURCH ON 10/15.

22. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th AT THE 11:10 SERVICE retired Elfinwild Meals Ministry site manager - Marian Berberich will be honored and recognized for her many years of outstanding service. Please come and be part of her special recognition.

23. BAPTISM BRUNCH – The Family Ministry Team will be hosting a Baptism Brunch on Saturday October 7th from 10:00AM to 12:00 PM. The event is planned for all families whose children have been baptized at Elfinwild over the past two years. To RSVP call Patty Robinson at 412-487-0413; e-mail at 1138patricia@gmail.com; or text to 412-961-2091

24. 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 12th – November 16th. On November 16th, special attention will be given to "Surviving the Holidays". 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

25. 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 Wednesdays, beginning Nov. 1 from 7 to 9 P.M. in the Youth House. Go to www.daveramsey.com for further program details. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.

26. 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).

27. MEN'S LUNCHEON – Please join us for our monthly Men's Luncheon. In October, we will meet on Tuesday, October 3rd at 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please fill out the response form in the pews to make your reservation.