

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 and use the group name ElfinwildPCA. Email or call Dirk or Van if you have any questions. dirk@elfinwildchurch.org, 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:
www.elfinwildchurch.org**

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CALENDAR

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

Monday, October 22

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

Tuesday, October 23

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary. Choir – CR
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
7:00 PM – AARP Board Meeting – FH
7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Meeting – KL
7:00 PM – Praise Team – SA

Wednesday, October 24

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 – Jr. High Girls' Bible Study
At the Harbaugh home
7:00 PM – Sr. High Guys' Bible Study – YH
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

Thursday, October 25

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
10:30 AM – Grace Manor Service
6:00 PM – Lions' Club – CCR
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Grief Class – KL
7:15 PM Youth Choir – CR

Friday, October 26

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE,
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Webelos Den 1 – FH
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Den 6 Lions – FH

Saturday, October 20

6:30 AM – All In #7 – KL
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Operation Christmas Child Meeting – CCR
10:00 AM – Dale Weisenstein Memorial Service and lunch – SA, FH

Sunday, October 28

8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA
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

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**WELCOME TO ELFINWILD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

October 21, 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.

**"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24**

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

(8:30) "By Faith" Getty & Townend
Praise Team

(11:10) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Converse
Handbell Choir arr. by Cota

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116:12, 13
Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things
God has done for us?
People: **We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the
name of the Lord.**

(8:30)
*SONG (see insert) "10,000 Reasons" Myrin & Redman

(11:10)
*HYMN No. 476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" LYONS

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

ELFINWILD KIDS SONG "Jesus In the Morning" Traditional

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect He was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Hebrews 4:14-16
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. 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) "A Joyful Canon" Byrd Youth Choir arr. by Liebergen
 (11:10) "I Need Thee Every Hour" Courtney 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.**

*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.**

ANTHEM (8:30) "Joyful Alleluia Canon" Liebergen Youth Choir
 (11:10) "Within These Walls" Choplin Chancel Choir
 SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:17-31 (page 946 in the pew Bible)
 SERMON "A Difficult Entry" Rev. Jason Rea
 (8:30) *SONG (see insert) "How Deep the Father's Love For Us" Townend
 (11:10) *HYMN No. 538 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" SICILIAN
 *BENEDICTION
 *POSTLUDE (8:30) "Build Your Kingdom Here" Rend Collective Praise Team
 (11:10) "Immortal, Invisible" Peterson

The Elder of the Week is Kelly Simile

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

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 – Jim Saraceno
 11:10 – Mike Dolan

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday October 28, 2018
 Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Birth – 5th 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" Shreiber, Church Members & Youth Assistants
 Toddler Room (2-4 Years), Basement
 Staffed by "Miss Tracey" Hegerle & Youth Assistants

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 ark and the Tent for God" and will be taught by Elaine Jans, Linda Barto and Barb Harms.

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. 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 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

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 15th from 6:30-8 PM. Contact Bethany Harbaugh or the church office with questions and reservations.

SHOEBOX DEDICATION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 11TH! For 25 years now, one ministry has captured the hearts and minds of people young and old. Packing shoebox gifts full of love and prayer has touched countless lives through the power of a simple gift. From generation to generation, it's nothing but good news and great joy. This is Operation Christmas Child. Please join us in sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ by packing a shoebox for a needy child and bring it to either church service on November 11th for our Shoebox Dedication. To help get you started, you will find a "Pack A Box" guide in today's bulletin as well as our red and green, preprinted gospel opportunity shoeboxes at each sanctuary entrance. Any questions on this year's drive or information on how to get your workplace, organization or group involved in the shoebox drive, or if you are interested in helping in any way with our central drop off collection center, please call Julie Panza at 412-492-0539.