

**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 [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) for a further program details. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.

**TRIPLE O'S (On Our Own) LUNCHEON**—Our next gathering will be on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Please make a reservation by calling the church office. Come and join this great fellowship!

For additional information or details, please visit our website at:  
[www.elfinwildchurch.org](http://www.elfinwildchurch.org)

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##### Stephen Ministry

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#### CALENDAR

##### Sunday, October 7

Worldwide Communion  
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  
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH

##### Thursday, October 11

8:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS  
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
12:00 PM – OOO's Lunch – FH  
6:00 PM – Lions' Club Meeting – CCR  
7:15 PM Youth Choir – CR

##### Monday, October 8

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – No Preschool – Staff Workshop  
9:15 AM – Prayer & Communion for Preschool Staff  
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Act 1 – FrH, CE  
7:00 PM – Monday Eve. Women's Bible Study – CCR

##### Friday, October 12

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
3:30 PM – Lions' Club Spaghetti Dinner Set up- FH  
6:00 PM – 8:45 PM – Pack 157 Meeting – FrH,  
Pire pit

##### Tuesday, October 9

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 – Trustees Meeting – CCR  
7:00 PM – Praise Team – SA  
7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH  
7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Meeting – KL

##### Saturday, October 13

6:30 AM – All In #7 – KL  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE  
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Lions' Club Spaghetti Dinner – FH, KIT

##### Sunday, 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

##### Wednesday, October 10

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR  
12:00 PM – Ministerium Lunch – FH  
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 – Children's Ministry Meeting – KL  
7:00 PM – Sr. High Guys Bible Study – YH  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

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## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



## WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**October 7, 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.

**"How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in  
unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if  
the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows  
His blessing, even life forevermore." Psalm 133**

## Order of Worship

#### PRELUDE

(8:30)	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" <i>Elementary Choir Chimes</i>	Beethoven
(11:10)	"I Love You, Lord" <i>Handbell Choir</i>	Klein 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

		Revelation 15:3-4
Leader:	Great and marvelous are Your deeds, Lord God Almighty.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Just and true are Your ways, King of the ages.</b>	
Leader:	Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to Your name?	
<b>People:</b>	<b>For You alone are holy.</b>	
Leader:	All nations will come and worship before You,	
<b>People:</b>	<b>for Your righteous acts have been revealed.</b>	

\*HYMN No. 371

"Lift High the Cross"

#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:6-10

If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You have called us to be a new community in Christ, and yet we remain divided. Forgive us our fear, anxiety, prejudice, and misunderstandings. Strengthen our common bonds and deepen our resolve to promote the unity of Your church. In the name of the One who gave Himself for us, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:9-10

Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of the darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. People of God, all of us together have received God’s mercy in Christ. In Christ we are forgiven and redeemed, and made to a community of faith. 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)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”  
Elementary Choir

Bradbury  
arr. by Moore

(11:10)

“The Splendor of His Holiness”  
Chancel Choir

Fettke

\*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 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.

\*HYMN No. 324

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 17:20-26  
(page 1013 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “The Unity of the Church Around the World”

Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(11:10)

ANTHEM

“Communion Invitation”  
Chancel Choir

Shackley

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)

\*HYMN No. 507

“I Come With Joy”

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

(8:30)

“A Song of Rejoicing”

Thygerson

(11:10)

“Bless His Holy Name”  
Handbell Choir

Crouch  
arr. by Cota

Special thanks to our liturgist: Amy Meyer

The Elder of the Week is John Hart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Dr. Jim Ritter by Ann and Jay.

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 – Dennis Kriek  
11:10 – Ken Volle

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday October 14, 2018  
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY Birth – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 “Exodus” 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: 10/7, 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 11, and 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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