

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

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The box below reminds us where we stand on our annual operating budget. The box doesn't cover Missions--every dollar given for Mission work goes out for Mission work. Rather, the box tells us where we stand on keeping the bills paid. For several months we've been running with an "unfavorable" position. But what goes on here is far from "unfavorable." Our Church is a busy place. Seven out of seven days a week, people meet and gather here – for our Faith and for our community. The Pre-School ministry brings over 300 children and adults through our doors every week. Our staff, for the first time in years, is at full capacity. As with any building, there are unexpected expenses. Please tithe and contribute regularly. – Your tithes and contributions help keep it all running! Stewardship Committee

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church		
Financial Statement		
July 31, 2016		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$376,230
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$399,086
Unfavorable	(Y.T.D.)	-\$22,856



**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
September 11, 2016
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.*

**“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.”
Genesis 1:31**

PRELUDE

(8:30)	“I Love to Tell the Story”	Sarah Douglas
(11:10)	“Everyday” Praise Team	Joel Houston

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

INTROIT

(8:30)	“I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me”	F. Glynn
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8, Psalm 19

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
People: **You have set Your glory above the heavens.**
Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God;
People: **The skies proclaim the work of His hands.**
All: **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

(8:30)

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 455 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

(11:10)

*SONG OF PRAISE (Please see insert) “Indescribable”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(11:10)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Words of Introduction
Questions to the Parents – Brandon and Sherri (Phillips) Cohn
Questions to the Congregation
Presentation of Gifts
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Baptism of Emelyn Lou Cohn
Song (See Insert) “Baptismal Song”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in perfection You created the earth, fixed the course of the sun and moon, and populated the earth with plants and animals. You created us in Your image and gave us the responsibility to care for the world. We confess that we have failed to live up to our responsibilities. We have polluted Your earth, and not cared for what You have made. We fail to see others as people who are made in Your image, loved by You, and created by You. We prefer to think of ourselves as creators, designers, and inventors, instead of admitting that all good things come from You. We pray for Your forgiveness and ask that You create a right heart and mind within us. Help us to love as You do, and take care of all You have made. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!!**

*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

COMMITTING TO READ THE STORY

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) “O Come, Let Us Sing” Cindy Berry
Chancel Choir

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

*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.**

(8:30) ANTHEM “Speak, O Lord” Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1:1-5, 26-27 ; 3:6-7; 8:20-21
(page 1 in the pew Bible)

(Next week’s reading – Genesis 12-13; 15-17; 21-22; 32-33; 35; Romans 4; Hebrews 11)

SERMON “Creation: The Beginning of the Story” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 288 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

(11:10)

*SONG OF COMMITMENT (Please see insert) “God of Wonders”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Allegro Non Troppo” Johannes Brahms

Special thanks to our liturgist:

8:30 – Samuel Baird

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

**“A checkbook is a theological document; it will tell you who and what you worship.”
Dr. Billy Graham**



Remembering September 11, 2001

“I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 9-11-16

TODAY (9-11-16) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA
12:15 PM – Deacons' Meeting – CCR
12:15 PM – Musical Practice- CR
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Youth Group Fall Kickoff – YH
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

MONDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
7:00 PM – Personnel Committee Meeting – KL
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Pack 157 Committee Meeting – CCR

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE
8:00 AM – Prayer and Communion Service – CH
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Praise Team – SA
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting – CCR
7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH
7:00 PM – Women's Ministry Meeting – KL

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool– CE
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
12:00 PM – Ministerium Lunch at Crisis Center North
12:00 PM – Supervised Ministry Lunch at Pittsburgh Seminary
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbells – CR
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls Bible Study @Harbaugh's
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

THURSDAY 7:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir- CR
6:30 PM – Children and Family Ministry Meeting – KL
7:15 PM – Youth Choir – CR

FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Pack 157 Pack Meeting – FH

SATURDAY 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE
12:00 PM – CLC Reunion Gathering at North Park (Ontario Grove)
1:00 PM – Niederriter Eagle Court of Honor – FH/SA

SUNDAY (9-18-16) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Service – SA
12:15 PM – All Church Retreat Meeting – KL
12:15 PM – Confirmation Class Mtg w/parents & students – CH
12:15 PM – Musical Practice- CR
12:15 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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in honor of all first responders by Liz Rogers.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Kelly Simile.

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

Mike Radich
John Hart
Ron Park
Dwight Pearson
Joanne Pearson

11:10 AM USHERS

Don Pritchard
Chris Sutton
Jim Giel
Dick Friedline

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 AM – Michael Beal
11:10 AM – Skip Young

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, September 18, 2016
Rev. Jason Rea preaching

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

For more information on these ministries, please contact Emily Cooper, Director of Children and Family Ministries at: emily@elfinwildchurch.org or call 412-486-5400

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 1/2 to 4yrs. of age.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL –Sunday School begins today! Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2nd 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 3rd grade through 5th will meet in their classrooms.

3. 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. Our next meeting will be September 21st at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

4. REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN! – You are invited to join our music ministry ensembles. Everyone is welcome so please come out to a rehearsal and give it a try!

Praise Team – Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM
Handbell Choir – Wednesdays from 6-7:00 PM
Chancel Choir – Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM
Elementary Choir – Thursdays from 6-7:00 PM
Youth Choir – Thursdays from 7:15-8:30 PM

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 _____

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.

5. STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: TODAY FROM 5-7PM AT THE YOUTH HOUSE We will officially kickoff our school year clubs on September 11th. This will be a combined club night for grades 6-12. We will play lots of games, have dinner together and then have a time of worship and sharing about what is coming up this year for our student ministries. We hope all Elfinwild students and their friends will consider coming out!

6. REGULAR CLUBS will begin on September 18th. Jr. High (grades 6-8) from 4:30-6pm and Sr. High (grades 9-12) from 6:30-8pm. We hope to see you there!

7. FALL MUM SALE: Sale forms with all the information you need will be made available at our kickoff and online this week. Forms will be due on Sunday, September 25th, with the flower pickup on Saturday, October 1st. For each Mum basket sold the student will receive a portion of the sale in her/his personal trip account which can be used to help pay for retreats and summer trips.

8. CONFIRMATION CLASS 2016-2017 – If you are in 8th grade or above and would like to join Elfinwild Church, this is the class for you! We will have an information meeting for parents and students on the 18th after the second service in the Chapel. The class will begin on September 28th but will meet the first and second Wednesday of each month from 6:45-8PM after that. If you have questions contact Jason!

9. 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 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house and will begin on September 7th. We hope you will come and bring a friend!

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

10. WEEKEND CUSTODIAN POSITION AVAILABLE – We are looking for a hardworking and reliable individual to fill an immediate custodial need for the weekends. Sunday hours are from 7 AM to 1 PM and Saturday hours are flexible. If you are interested or would like an application, please contact Karen Dorsey, Business Manager through the Church office.

11. 2016 CHANCEL FLOWERS – Flowers for the Chancel are \$47 per week for two vases, or \$25 per week for a single table arrangement. Please call the church office to place an order or sign up on the flower chart in the back narthex. **If a table arrangement is desired, you MUST notify the church office prior to the week you have chosen** as the weekly standing flower order is for two vases. **Upcoming weeks that are available are: October 9th, October 23rd and November 27th.**

12. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING... Our Wednesday Night Prayer Gatherings will continue this fall 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.

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 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM to assist, please contact Marian Berberich at 412-486-8000.

14. 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, Vicky Trader at 412-782-5742 for more information.

15. NURSERY HELP WANTED: We are looking for some extra coverage for the 8:30 service. Please contact Emily Cooper for more information if you are willing to help care for the smallest of our congregation.

16. AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRL NEW TROOP FORMING – Elfinwild Church is starting a new American Heritage Girls troop. The troop is open to girls ages 5-18. Please feel free to contact Pam McKern with any questions at: pamela_mckern@hotmail.com or 412-512-3461.

17. 2016 PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE! If your family picture appears in this year's book, you may pick up a FREE copy of the directory after signing for it. If you did NOT have your family picture taken nor submit a family photo for this year's book, copies will be available for \$10 each. Directories may be picked up during the week in the church office.

18. 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.

19. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – September through May

* The Story taught by Dr. Dirk Lesnett (Fellowship Hall)

* “The Wired Word” taught by Mike Radich in the Fall (Cornerstone Room)

Thursday Evening Classes- 6:30-7:30 following dinner at 5:30
October 6 through November 10 (6 weeks)

1. “How to Raise a Christian Child in a Post Christian World” taught by Mark and Tessa Connelly (Fellowship Hall)
2. Bible Study on “Law and Grace in Galatians” taught by Reverend Bill Meyer (Cornerstone Room)
3. “Honoring Your Aging Parents” taught by Dr. Dirk Lesnett (Chapel)

January 5 through January 26 (4 weeks)

1. “ Elfinwild Unplugged: Telling our Stories” taught by Reverend Jason Rea and Mark Connelly (Fellowship Hall)
2. Bible Study on 1 John taught by Bob Siar and Bob Wegner (Cornerstone Room)

20. THE MEN'S MINISTRY TEAM invites all past and current CLC members and their families to a picnic at North Park's Superior Grove (half mile past football field on North Shore Drive) on Saturday September 17 at 1:00 PM.

Dinner will be served at 3:00 with hotdogs, hamburgers, and beverages provided. Each family is asked to bring a side dish. Activities for children will include a bounce house and a nearby playground. The grove is also close to the lake. Please spread the word to your CLC brothers, and your RSVP to the church office (412-486-5400) will help us to purchase the right amount of food.

21. 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 6:30-8PM, in the Kennedy Library from October 6-November 3. On November 17, an event will take place, giving special attention to "Surviving the Holidays". If you are interested in attending the class or holiday event, please let the church office know or contact Matt or Bethany Harbaugh with questions.

22. LOOKING FOR SOME LISTENING PLEASURE? We have something for you! New Testament CDs (mp3 format) are on the tables for you to take and enjoy. Our gift to you!

23. SOUND TECH NEEDED! We are looking to fill a regular spot in our Sound Tech rotation. We need someone for the first Sunday of each month at the 8:30AM service. You do not need to have a background in running live sound as we will train those interested in what to do. If you are interested in volunteering for this service to the church please contact Jason Rea.

24. ANANIAS MISSION 1 YEAR CELEBRATION - Friday, September 23rd from 7 - 9 PM at Calvin Presbyterian Church. (415 East Grandview, Zelienople, PA 16063) Elfinwild's Mission Fund supports the work of the Ananias Mission. The Ananias Mission invites you to learn about how 20 Syrian Christians fled to safety in Lebanon, are finding a permanent home in Canada, and about all of the refugees who still need our help. What started as a handful of people has grown to thousands who have stepped forward to support their Syrian Christian brothers and sisters through prayer and donations. This event is a time to celebrate all that we have accomplished together. A suggested donation of \$13.33 is requested. This will provide a food stipend for a refugee in Lebanon for one month. <http://www.ananiasmission.org/> **Contact Donna Rea Thompson (724-444-0724) or Pam Dudgeon (412-821-4829) if you are interested in attending / car-pooling.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

25. ATTENTION SENIORS – The Senior Center North located at Nativity Lutheran Church in Allison Park is looking for seniors to come out and join other seniors looking for fun and companionship Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Come enjoy bingo, crafts, Wii bowling, cards, trips to the grocery store and mall and lunch for a \$1.00 donation. Have a cup of coffee and good conversation. Please call Meg at 412-486-6426 for more information. Hope to see you soon!

26. ELFINWILD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY is in need of new members. If you're looking for a way to give something back to the community, this is a great opportunity! All training and equipment are provided either in-house or through local fire academies and schools. By making a commitment to the fire service, you can earn a FREE college degree through the FireVest program of the Community College of Allegheny County. For degrees offered or for more details, call 412-931-3158, ext. 5. Stop by the fire hall at 2807 Mt. Royal Blvd. on any Monday evening at 7:30 PM or call Dan at 412-377-5986.