

ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

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2017	2018	2019
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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
 July 31, 2017**

Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$400,108
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$378,591
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$21,517



**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 10, 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.*

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
 the Lord make His face
 to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.”**
 Numbers 6:24-26 the Aaronic priestly blessing to the Israelites.

PRELUDE “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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



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 9-10-17

- TODAY** (9-10-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
 9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages
 12:15 PM – Deacons' Meeting – CCR
 12:15 PM – Mission Committee Meeting – KL
 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 – Stephen Ministry Meeting- CCR
 7:00 PM – Personnel Meeting – KL
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Pack 157 Committee Meeting – PR
 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – FH
- TUESDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 8:00 AM – Prayer and Communion Service- CH
 10:30 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH
 6:00 PM – Praise Team – SA
 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
 7:00 PM – Trustees' Meeting – CCR
 7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH
- 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 Hampton Presbyterian
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbell Rehearsal – CR
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR
- THURSDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
 8:00 AM – Men's Bible Study – PS
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
 6:00 PM – Lions' Club – CCR
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR
 7:00 PM – Stewardship 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 Meeting – FrH
- SATURDAY** 8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL
 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act 1 – FrH & CE
 8:30AM – 11:30 AM – Life Team Meeting – FH
- SUNDAY** (9-17-17) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA
 9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages
 12:15 PM – M&Ms – FH
 12:15 PM – Confirmation Class Meeting – CH
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
 6:30 PM – 8:00PM – Sr. High Club – YH

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Jim Haygood by his daughter Janell.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Jim Saraceno.

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
 Michael Radich
 John Hart
 Ron Park
 Joanne Pearson

11:10 USHERS
 Don Pritchard
 Dick Friedline
 Jim Giel
 Bob Mankey

SOUND TECHNICIANS
 8:30 – Michael Beal
 11:10 –Skip Young

UPCOMING SERVICE
 Sunday September 17, 2017
 Dr. Dirk Lesnett 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. MESSIAH & ME – (M&m's) - If you are in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade come join us on Sunday, September 17th from 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (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.

4. 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! Rehearsals began last week but feel free to join us!

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM
Praise Team - Tuesday, September 5, 6-7:30 PM
Handbell Choir – Wednesday, September 6, 6-7 PM
Youth Choir – Thurs, September 7, 7:15-8:30 PM
Elementary Choir – Thursday, September 7, 6-7 PM

Special thanks are extended to the volunteers who helped assemble the song books for the sanctuary. Thank you for taking time out of your day to help.

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.

5. STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: TODAY FROM 5-7 PM AT THE YOUTH HOUSE

We will officially kickoff our school year clubs on September 10th. 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. FALL MUM SALE – Our Student Ministries will be selling Mum baskets again this year. The cost of each 9 ½ inch basket is \$8. We will have a table in the hall following services starting on September 3rd until September 24th. Mums will be available for pick up on Sunday October 1st. All proceeds benefit our students and help them attend our retreats, camps and mission trips. Thanks for your support!

7. 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 begin on Wednesday, September 20th and will continue weekly from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Bethany's house.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

8. 2017 CHANCEL FLOWERS – Flowers for the Chancel are \$48 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.

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 also find the September Article of the Month: Part one of the Coping With Death and Grief Series from Focus on the Family entitled "Understanding the Grieving Process". Stop in and pick one up!

Our Stephen Ministers are ready and willing to offer care to those in need of a listening ear as they go through a difficult time. Keep that in mind as you come in contact with friend or family who might be experiencing a life challenge. Questions? Contact Ruthie Riethmuller, Stephen Leader 412-487-3421 or mrdd1@comcast.net

Verse of the month: "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

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. LADIES COME JOIN US FOR PIZZA, PRAYER AND PRAISE on Monday, September 18th at 6:30 PM. We will meet in the Upper Gathering Room to enjoy pizza and lemonade. Join us for prayer moments and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Call the church office 412-486-5400; so we know how much pizza to order.

16. COME JOIN US FOR "COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP" starting Sunday, September 10th 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

17. LADIES PLEASE JOIN US for a 6 week long, book study on Monday nights 9/25 through 10/30. We will be studying A Woman Overwhelmed by Hayley Di Marco 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.

18. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Two adult Sunday school classes will be offered starting on September 10th. 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).

19. NEW! DINNER FOR EIGHT D48 *full plates + new friends = two great evenings* If you would like to meet new people at Elfinwild, consider joining D48. Each group will enjoy two dinners to take place any time during the months of October and November. After the group decides on dates, the host will provide a main dish and beverages and other members will be assigned a side dish or dessert to share. This is not a gourmet dinner club, but an opportunity to strengthen and deepen the relationships between friends at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church. Registration runs from August 27-September 10th, and sign-up forms are available at tables by the sanctuary entrances, on Sundays in the upper gathering room, or you can sign up online at the church webpage. If you have questions, contact Amy Meyer (412-492-9968 / littlepine@verizon.net) or Elizabeth Popovic (eapop17@gmail.com/ 412-301-0366). Sponsored by the Family Ministries Team.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. MISSING ANY DISHES OR FOOD CONTAINERS? Have you provided a meal or side dish for a funeral luncheon or the picnic and have not picked up your container? Please stop by the prep kitchen to get your container.

23. TRIPLE O'S (On Our Own) LUNCHEON will be on Wednesday, September 20th at 12 noon. Please make a reservation by completing the form in the bulletin or by calling the church office. Come and join this great fellowship!

24. MISSION COMMITTEE – There will be a Mission Committee meeting in the library TODAY after the 11:10 service.

25. 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)