

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, start your Sunday morning with coffee, conversation, and the Bible . . . a book not just about God but a book by God. Elfinwild kids are about to embark on an amazing journey through the Bible with the Faithweaver Now curriculum. Join other parents for a relaxed gathering with coffee and conversation, leading into a short Bible lesson that parallels what your children are learning. This class will equip you with simple tools to grow in your faith as well as weave faith into daily life at home and work. Join Mike and Amanda on Sunday mornings

***The Wired Word-** Cornerstone Room
 Join Mike Radich for a discussion of current events from a Biblical perspective. Each week, the Wired Word features a story from the news along with discussion questions and specific passages from Scripture.
***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. Dirk will be discussing several examples of Scripture each week, so bring your Bible. This class will be offered for about 6 weeks and may be aligned with the Enquirers Class for part of the time.

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Join us for a 6 week study focusing on prayer. We will use Bill Hybel's work, "Too Busy Not to Pray" to learn how to slow down and connect with God. We will meet Monday evenings, starting September 17th at 7:00 PM in the Cornerstone Classroom. If you can let the church office know you would like to attend, we will have workbooks available for the first evening. Study materials cost \$7.00.

STEPHEN MINISTRY – Please join us on Monday, Oct. 1 at 7PM in Fellowship Hall for our special presentation "Let's Talk Dementia". We will be learning about the different kinds of dementia and very practical ways to support care givers. Our guests will be: Barbara (Bobbi) Kolonay, RN BSN MS and Jan (Pride) Mills. Bobbi is the President of Holistic Aging and Options for Elder Care in Allison Park. Please invite family and friends who may benefit from this special presentation. All are welcome!

Verse of the Month: "We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

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 **before September 24th** for the weekend at www.weekendtoremember.com and use the group name ElfinwildPCA to receive a 50% discount. Email or call Dirk or Van if you have any questions. dirk@elfinwildchurch.org, dirknavan@aol.com, 412-600-6785. Strong marriages take intentionality and investment.

LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! FRIENDSHIP AROUND THE FIRE!
 Come enjoy a ladies night out around the campfire with fellow sisters in Christ! On Saturday, October 6th we will gather at the Youth House to enjoy an informal time of friendship, fellowship, and fun! Fall and campfire inspired refreshments will be served. Just so there is enough food to go around, please let us know you will be attending by calling the church office! If you decide at the last minute, or forget to call, come anyway - the more the merrier! We will provide babysitting if it is necessary, so please let us know of your need for this.

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. It is a fun and enlightening cross-cultural evening! 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.)

**For additional information or details, please visit our website at:
www.elfinwildchurch.org**

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CALENDAR

Sunday, September 23 8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA 9:45 AM – Sunday School for All Ages 9:45 AM – Music Outreach Meeting – KL 12:30 PM – Nominating Comm. Meeting – CCR 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH	Thursday, September 27 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 10:30 AM – Grace Manor Service 6:00 PM – Lions Club – CCR 7:15 PM Youth Choir – CR
Monday, September 24 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Act 1 – FrH, CE 7:00 PM – Family Ministry Meeting – CCR 7:00 PM – Monday Eve. Women's Bible Study – CCR	Friday, September 28 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Bear Den 3 – FH 6:30 PM – 8:45 PM – Den 8 AOL – CCR
Tuesday, September 25 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary. Choir – CR 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose 7:00 PM – Praise Team – SA 7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH 7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Meeting – KL	Saturday, September 29 6:30 AM – All In #7 – KL 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE
Wednesday, September 26 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR 5:00 PM – Communications Team Meeting – KL 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 – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR	Sunday, September 30 8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA 9:45 AM – Sunday School for All Ages 12:30 PM – Nominating Comm. Meeting – CCR 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
 September 23, 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.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Order of Worship

PRELUDE		
(8:30)	"I Will Wait For You" (Psalm 130) <i>Praise Team</i>	Kauffman, Merker Getty, Townend
(11:10)	"How Deep the Father's Love"	Townend arr. by Hayes, Gaspard

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH
Please sign the blue Friendship Pad in the pew near the center aisle.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP	Psalm 95:1-7
Leader:	Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.
People:	For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.
Leader:	Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
People:	For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

(8:30)	*SONG OF PRAISE (see insert)	"I Will Wait For You" (Psalm 130)
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(11:10)	*HYMN OF PRAISE No.478	"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
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*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION	Mark 9:33-37
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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and welcoming God, You receive us just as we are, all the time. We are not worthy of Your love and yet You invite us into a relationship with You through Christ, without the need for us to make ourselves right first. We, however, are not so gracious toward one another. Too often we close the doors of our hearts toward those who are different than we are, or toward those who have other beliefs. We tend to withhold our energy and efforts from those with whom we disagree or cannot find common ground. Forgive us for withholding Your love for others. As Jesus ate with sinners and welcomed the outcast, help us to become more like Him and open the doors of our hearts to one another, especially those who may be unique or unlike us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 3:16-17
Leader: Friends receive and believe the Good News!
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:30) "Et In Terra Pax" Gilpin Youth Choir
(11:10) "Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace" McDonald Chancel Choir

*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.

(11:10) ANTHEM "Great Jehovah" Choplin Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSONS 1 Peter 4:7-11 (page 1141 in the pew Bible)

SERMON "Practicing Hospitality" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30) *SONG OF COMMITMENT (see insert) "Jesus Shall Reign"

(11:10) *HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 429 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE (8:30) "Sing, Sing, Sing" Tomlin, Reeves Gilder, Carson, Nunn Praise Team

(11:10) "Blessed Be Your Name" Redman arr. by Hayes, Gaspard

Special thanks to our liturgists:
8:30 - Steve Coco 11:10 - Elizabeth Dolan

The Elder of the Week is Kristin Coco

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

Mike Radich
John Hart
Ron Park
Dwight Pearson
Joanne Pearson

11:10 USHERS

Don Pritchard
Bob Mankey
Jim Giel
Dick Friedline

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 - Marge Cain
11:10 - Jerry Nist

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday September 30th
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.
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 9:30AM-12:30PM

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 "Noah" 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.

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
Praise Team - Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm
Handbell Choir - Wednesdays from 6-7pm
Chancel Choir - Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm
Youth Choir - Thursdays from 7:15-8:30pm

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!

FALL MUM SALE - Our Student Ministries will be selling Mum baskets again this year. The cost of each 9 1/2 inch basket is \$9. We will have a table in the hall. Today is the last day to order! Mums will be available for pick up on Sunday, September 30th. All proceeds benefit our students and help them attend our retreats, camps and mission trips. Thanks for your support!

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". 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