

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

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. 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 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.

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. 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 for a further program details. Please call Henry Tomer with any questions: 412-487-4437.

SACRAMENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP: Grades 3-5 (older children welcome) Saturday, October 6 from 2-4PM in the Sanctuary. Children are invited to learn about Baptism and the Lord's Supper so they may more fully participate in the life of church

during these times in worship. Please bring a parent or grandparent for an afternoon of engaging learning and fun. The following day is World Communion Sunday, when Christians from all around the world celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Therefore, on Sunday, October 7, children who attend this workshop may take communion for the first time with believers world-wide. Please RSVP by contacting Amy Meyer by text at 412-953-4956 or at amy@elfinwildchurch.org.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CONSTRUCT GINGERBREAD HOUSES for the December 2nd Advent Event. 6:30-8:00 PM on October 4, 11, and 25. Meet in the Green Room of the Education Building. Questions? Contact Carolyn Hervey at 724-612-7725

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CALENDAR	Thursday, October 4
Sunday, September 30 8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA 9:30 AM – Music Outreach Meeting – KL 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	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 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Thursday Night Prayer – CH 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Family Ministry Mtg. – KL 7:15 PM Youth Choir – CR
Monday, October 1 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Act 1 – FrH, CE 6:00 PM – 8:45 PM – Pack 157 Committee Mtg – CCR 7:00 PM – Personnel Comm. Meeting – KL 7:00 PM – Monday Eve. Women's Bible Study – CCR 7:00 PM – "Let's Talk Dementia" – FH	Friday, October 5 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 – 8:00 PM – Webelos Den 1 – FH
Tuesday, October 2 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL 12:00 PM – Men's Luncheon – FH 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary. Choir – CR 6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose 7:00 PM – Praise Team – SA	Saturday, October 6 6:30 AM – All In #7 – KL 7:00 AM – Hammer Day – meet in parking lot 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Sacrament Education Class – FH 7:00 PM – Women's Ministry Campfire Night – YH, Fire pit
Wednesday, October 3 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 – Sr. High Girls' Bible Study At the Harbaugh home 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Confirmation Class – YH	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

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WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
September 30, 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.

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding going or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing"
1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

(8:30) "I Love You, Lord" Klein
Handbell Choir arr. by Cota

(11:10) "I Will Wait For You" (Psalm 130) Kauflin, Merker
Praise Team Getty, Townend

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 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

People: **We know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

People: **For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

(8:30) *HYMN OF PRAISE No. 481 "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

(11:10) *SONG OF PRAISE (see insert) "I Will Wait For You" (Psalm 130)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO FIRST GRADERS

SPECIAL MUSIC B-I-B-L-E

CALL TO CONFESSION Ephesians 4:11-16

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and generous God, You are the Giver of good gifts. To each of us, Your children, You have granted talents and abilities. We don't all have the same gifts but we all are gifted. Your blessing in these gifts is that they are to be used for the glory of Your name and the well-being of all Your people. Forgive us that we do not acknowledge You as the Giver of the gifts, that we don't always use Your gifts for what they are intended and that we waste them on our own glory rather than giving You what You are due. By Your Spirit allow us to begin anew and be good stewards of all of life and live each and every day with the purpose and intent to lift up the name of Jesus so that all may know Him as Savior and Lord. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Ephesians 4:17-24

Leader: Friends receive and believe the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) "Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace" McDonald Chancel Choir

(11:10) "Et In Terra Pax" Gilpin Youth 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 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.

(8:30) ANTHEM "Great Jehovah" Choplin Chancel Choir

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

SERMON "Gifts for Service to Others" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30) *HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 434 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

(11:10) *SONG OF COMMITMENT (see insert) "Jesus Shall Reign"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(8:30) "Bless His Holy Name" Crouch Handbell Choir arr. by Cota

(11:10) "Sing, Sing, Sing" Tomlin, Reeves Gilder, Carson, Nunn Praise Team

Special thanks to our liturgists: 8:30 - Sharon Griffin 11:10 - Noah Heere

The Elder of the Week is Mark Connelly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Jack Ritenbaugh by the Brown, Long and Ritenbaugh families..

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 - 11:10 - Marge Cain

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday October 7, 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. 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 "Abram and Sara" 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 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 12th 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

MENS LUNCHEON - Please join us on Tuesday, October 2nd at noon. Please call the office to make a reservation.

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.