

**ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS**

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2017	2018	2019
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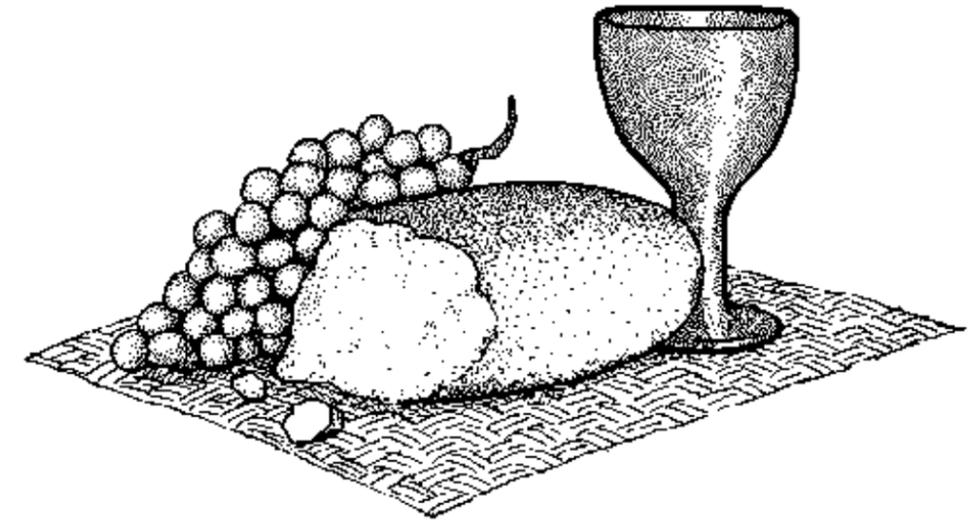
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**WELCOME TO  
 ELFINWILD  
 PRESBYTERIAN  
 CHURCH**

*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 3, 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.*

**“For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews’ spiritual blessings, they  
 owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.”  
 Romans 15:27**

PRELUDE      *Prelude on “Lasst uns erfreuen”*      Gerald Peterson

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

***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!

<b>Elfinwild Presbyterian Church                  Financial Statement                  July 31, 2017</b>		
<b>Actual Tithes &amp; Gifts Given</b>		<b>\$400,108</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(Y.T.D.)</b>	<b>\$378,591</b>
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>(Y.T.D.)</b>	<b>\$21,517</b>

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,

**People: let us kneels before the Lord our Maker;**

Leader: for He is our God

**People: and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 464 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 139:23-24

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our own longing for God’s leading by our own transparent confession.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will He keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are above the earth, so great is the steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him.

Friends receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*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.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) “A Prayer From the Hills” James Southbridge

(11:10) “With a Voice of Singing” Martin Shaw  
*Chancel Choir*

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12  
(page 904 in the pew Bible)

SERMON “What Does it Mean to be Blessed?” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

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 OF COMMITMENT No. 371

“Lift High the Cross”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Joy Unending”

Lani Smith

*Special thanks to our liturgists:  
8:30 – Kristin Coco  
11:10 – Steve Heere*

**The Elder of the Week is Patty Robinson**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS:  
TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE**

**The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.**

*James L. Kraft (Kraft Chairman)*

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 9-3-17**

**TODAY** (9-3-17) Communion  
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM – Worship Services – SA  
9:45 AM – Sunday School Rally Day – FH

**MONDAY** Labor Day  
Office Closed

**TUESDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool - CE  
10:30 AM – Staff Meeting – KL  
12:00 PM – Men’s Luncheon – FH  
6:00 PM – Praise Team – SA  
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose

**WEDNESDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool - CE  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Handbell Rehearsal – CR  
7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering – CH  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Chancel Choir – CR

**THURSDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool - CE  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Elementary Choir – CR  
7:15 PM – Youth Choir – CR

**FRIDAY** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE  
3:00 PM – Lions’ Club Spaghetti Dinner Set Up – FH

**SATURDAY** 8:00 AM – CLC Next Steps #1 – KL  
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner – FH, KIT  
Elfinwild Church serve meals at Pleasant Valley Shelter

**SUNDAY** (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

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God.

**THE ELDER OF THE WEEK** is Patty Robinson.

**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 – Dennis Kriek  
11:10 – Ken Volle

**UPCOMING SERVICE**

Sunday September 10, 2017  
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

**CHILDREN’S & FAMILY MINISTRY**

**Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 10:00 worship hour. This is a class for children who are 2 ½ to 4yrs. of age.

**2. 10 AM GREEN ROOM FOR AGES 4 THROUGH GRADE 2** - Each week throughout the summer, we will meet and do an activity during the 10:00 service. If you are interested in teaching a lesson or for more information, please contact the church office.

**3. MESSIAH & ME** – (M&m’s) - If you are in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade come join us on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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 begin soon so mark your calendars:

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

**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](mailto:jason@elfinwildchurch.org)*

*or call 412-486-5400.*

**5. STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> FROM 5-7 PM AT THE YOUTH HOUSE** We will officially kickoff our school year clubs on September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 resume at 7 PM on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in the chapel.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> (Stewardship Progressive Breakfast), December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Advent), December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve), December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve), and May 20<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:littlepine@verizon.net)) or Elizabeth Popovic ([eapop17@gmail.com](mailto: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. MEN'S LUNCHEON** – Please join us for our monthly Men's Luncheon. In September, we will meet on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please fill out the response form in the pews to make your reservation.

**24. MISSION COMMITTEE** – There will be a Mission Committee meeting in the library on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> after the 11:10 service.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**25. SHALER AREA VETERAN MEMORIAL PATHWAY** – A path to the Shaler American Legion Post 785 Memorial is being made. The inscribed bricks will be woven together like pieces of a quilt into a brick walkway leading a path to the Memorial site. The bricks will be a permanent commemoration of our veterans. Individuals will have an opportunity to purchase a 4 x 8 inch brick. The goal is to memorialize and honor all veterans and those currently serving who are associated with our community, as well as to enhance and beautify the Memorial site. For more information, please contact Ken Volle at 412-576-6835 or 412-487-8183.