

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE 9-6-15

TODAY (9-6-15) Communion
8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School Rally Day – FH
12:15 PM – Youth Group Parent Meeting – KL

MONDAY Labor Day
Office Closed

TUESDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
8:00 AM – Prayer and Communion Service – SA
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool Parent – Child Orientation – FrH
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting – CCR
7:00 PM – Pack 157 Parent Meeting – PR

WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
8:00AM – 3:00 PM – Preschool Parent – Child Orientation – FrH
7:00 PM – 8:15 PM – Chancel Choir – CR SA

THURSDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
7:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study – PS
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study – YH
6:00 PM – Lions’ Club – CCR
7:00 PM – Women’s Ministry Meeting – KL
7:15 PM – 8:30 PM – Youth Choir – CR

FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Preschool – CE
7:00 PM – Pack 157 Meeting – FH

SATURDAY 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – CLC – YH
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE
4:00 PM – Choir Picnic at Feris’s Home

SUNDAY (9-13-15) 8:30 AM & 11:10 AM– Worship Service – SA
9:45 AM – Sunday School
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Youth Group Fall Kickoff – YH
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given in memory of Clare and Paul Dawson by their daughter Beth Dawson.

THE ELDER OF THE WEEK is Kyle Pinta.

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
Andrew Neil

11:10 AM USHERS

Don Pritchard
Chris Sutton
Jim Giel
Dick Friedline

SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:30 AM – Zach Hughes
11:10 AM – Ken Volle

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday, September 13, 2015
Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching

CHILDREN’S & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth – 6th Grade

*For more information on these ministries, please contact
Bethann Dolan, Elder for Children’s Ministries
at: mbergd@verizon.net or 412-492-9991*

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 –Our classes will begin at 9:45 and end at 10:45 AM. Children 4 years old (Pre-K) through 2nd grade will meet in the RED 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.

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.*

3. STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: SEPTEMBER 13TH

FROM 5-7PM AT THE YOUTH HOUSE We will officially kickoff our school year clubs on September 13th. 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!

4. YOUTH CHOIR BEGAN ON SEPTEMBER 3RD! – The Youth Choir, under the direction of Heather Heere, began on Thursday, September 3rd at 7:15 PM in the choir room. This choir is open to students in grades 6-12. We hope to see you there!

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 _____

Ages of Children: _____

Other applicable information: _____

5. THE YOUTH GROUP IS SELLING 9" POTTED

CHRYSANTHEMUMS in a variety of colors from Bartsch Nursery for \$7. Choose from yellow, orange, bronze, red, lavender and white for your indoor and outdoor fall decorating. Students will be taking Chrysanthemum orders during coffee hour in The Upper Gathering Room and also outside the Chapel before/after the 11:10 service on September 13th and September 20th only. In-church orders will be available for pick-up in the Upper Gathering Room Sunday, September 27. The flower sale benefits Student Ministry's mission trips and retreats.

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

6. PRAY FOR OUR SEARCH COMMITTEE! Our search committee is seeking the right person to serve Christ with us as Director of Children and Family Ministries. Please remember them in your prayers. The committee is:

Director of Children and Family Ministries: Chair, Diane Hart; Secretary, Patty Robinson; Amy Meyer; Bethann Dolan, Josh Gaydos, Mark Connelly, Matt Harbaugh and Steve Heere.

If you are interested in being on a prayer team please contact one of the members of this committee.

7. START THE WEEK OFF ON THE RIGHT (OR LEFT) FOOT! Join us each Monday in August, at 7:00PM at Hartwood Acres. We will gather in the parking lot, find some shade for a devotion & prayer, and then we'll head out for a walk. Depending on your fitness level, this can be a leisurely stroll or an energizing power walk - you decide! Everyone is invited...Bring your pooch, your kids, your spouse and/or your friends! Bikes and scooters are welcome, too! Don't forget, BYOBH2O (bring your own bottle of water!) Each week, a member of the Women's Ministry Team will be there, rain or shine, to greet you! (We will only cancel if there is thunder and lightning.)

8. THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GATHERING for the needs and concerns of our church family is being restarted! We will be meeting in the newly renovated chapel on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 7 to 8 PM. In September, we met on the 2nd and will meet again on September 16th. We will 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 as we restart this endeavor, 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.

9. 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.

10. TWO NEW SOUND TECHS ARE NEEDED TO RUN SOUND DURING SUNDAY SERVICES! We are looking for new Sound Techs to fill in openings in our monthly schedule. Sound Techs can be in High School or older and need to be able to commit to one regularly scheduled Sunday service a month. No previous sound experience needed as we will train you! Contact Jason Rea for more information or to sign up.

11. TRIPLE O'S (On Our Own) LUNCHEON will be on Wednesday, September 16th 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!

12. A MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, September 26th in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Please note the date has been changed to allow the men to attend Shaler's Homecoming on the 19th. Come and enjoy some good food, fun, and fellowship and learn about some future opportunities to explore how God is working in each of our lives and how we can be the men that God wants us to be. Although not required, letting us know that you are coming would be much appreciated so that we know how much food to make. Please contact the church office to RSVP.

13. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – All women are welcome to join a time of Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11AM at the Youth House beginning September 10th. This fall, we will use the study, "Running Nowhere in Every Direction" by Navigators, examining what God has to say about the stress in our lives - our schedules, expectations, limits, and happiness. Together we can seek God's direction and encourage one another to run faithfully with Him. Contact Bethany with any questions at 724-822-6550.

14. MONDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Join us on Monday evenings, September 21st through October 26th for fellowship, friendship and study as we explore *What Happens When Women Say Yes to God* with author Lysa Terkeurst. We will meet at 7 PM in the Cornerstone Classroom. Come and learn how to "experience life in extraordinary ways." Please let us know you will be attending so we can have a workbook (cost \$9.00) ready for you by calling the church office at 412-486-5400. See you there!

15. LADIES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the weekend of January 22-24, 2016 when a Women's Retreat will be held at the beautiful Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. Don't let distance or the possibility of snow scare you...transportation will be available if needed!

16. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will begin on September 13th from 10:00-11:00 AM. Three classes will be offered this Fall.

Reverend Bethany Harbaugh will teach a split class. We are all made to worship, but what are we worshiping? Behind many of our struggles - our discouragement, lack of purpose, frustrations, desire for acceptance - there is a false god winning the war for our hearts. Join us Sunday mornings Sept. 13-Oct. 18 at 9:45 AM in the library as we read Kyle Idleman's study, "gods at war" to help us examine our lives so that we can work to put God first.

"The Wired Word," taught by Rick Dayton, will focus on current events studied and discussed from a Biblical context. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall.

A new men's class, "Courageous: Honor Starts at Home" will be led by Jason Cooper and take place in the Cornerstone Room. Class members will view the movie "Courageous" and contemplate God's call for us as husbands and fathers.

17. JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD STORY! Vladimir Foreman, better known as "Ted", was born in Russia and received a shoebox gift at the age of nine. Ted describes his early years growing up in an orphanage as very depressed, lonely, and hopeless. He says he experienced a moment of shock as a young boy upon receiving the shoebox gift. He knows that it was in that moment that God planted a seed of hope in his heart. Invite your friends & family to hear more of Ted's story on Saturday, October 3rd at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

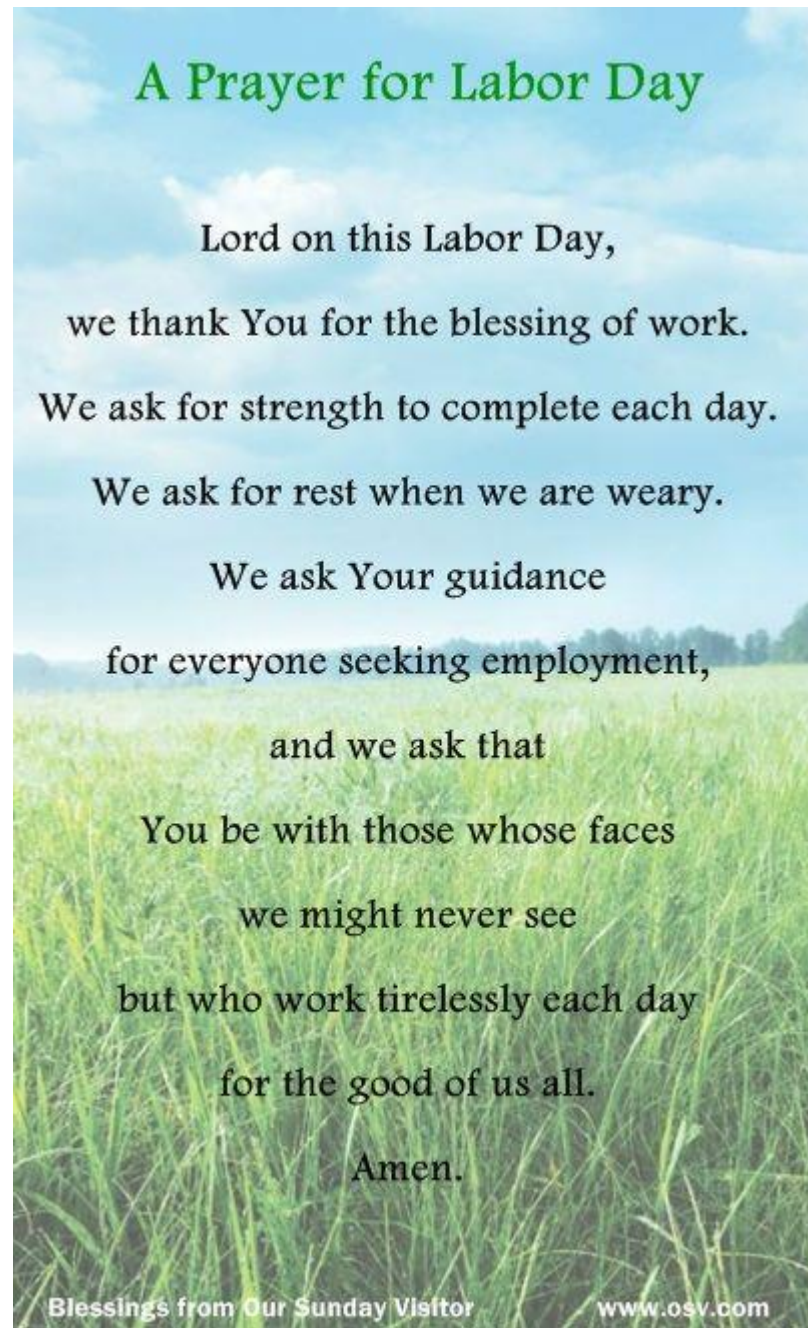
COMMUNITY NEWS

18. 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.

19. 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!

20. JOIN GLENSHAW AARP #3744 on Sept. 29th and 30th for an overnight coach trip to Elkins, WV. Trip includes lunch and Branson-style variety show at Gandy Dancer Dinner Theater; shopping & exploring downtown Elkins; dinner at 1863 Grill; evening award-winning show at American Mountain Theater; overnight at newly-renovated Isaac Jackson Hotel; breakfast at hotel; time to explore train station & nearby shops; and a 4-hour narrated train ride with lunch on New Tygart Flyer (which culminates at the High Falls of Cheat--an 18' high 150' wide waterfall). Call 412-487-1609 for more information or to make a reservation.

21. COMPASSIONATE CARE HOSPICE is in search of volunteers for patients and their families in the Pittsburgh area. Would you like to help a person in need? Volunteers can contribute in many ways: friendly visitors, pet therapy, music therapy, phone calls, running errands, cutting grass and more. Please call the Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Walters at 412-529-1495.



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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 6, 2015
 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.*

**“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live,
 but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body,
 I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained
 through the law, Christ died for nothing.”
 Galatians 2:20-21**

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church Financial Statement July 31, 2015		
Actual Tithes & Gifts Given		\$358,998
Total Expenses	(Y.T.D.)	\$349,798
Favorable	(Y.T.D.)	\$9,200

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Come. Let us sing to the Lord; let us shout to the rock of our salvation.

People: We will come before our God with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, the great King above all gods.

People: In his hands are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

*SONG OF PRAISE

“The Heart of Worship”

Verse 1

**When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart**

(Pre-Chorus)

**I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart**

Chorus 1

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus**

Verse 2

**King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath**

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 51:1-4

SONG OF CONFESSION

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. (2X)**

**Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord,
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 9:11-14

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*STATEMENT 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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:1-8
(Page 1063 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

“How Do We Make an Offering?” Dr. Dirk Lesnett

*SONG OF PREPARATION “We are an Offering”

Dwight Liles

**Chorus 1
We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering**

(Bridge)

**All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You**

Chorus 2

**We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering**

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Receiving the Bread+
Receiving the Cup+
Prayer of Thanksgiving
+(please hold each element until all are served)

*SONG OF COMMITMENT

“Go With Us Lord “(Tallis' Canon)

**Go with us Lord
And guide the way through this and every coming day
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You**

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*BENEDICTION

Special thanks to Elder Bob Wegner for leading us in music this morning.