

ELFINWILD CHURCH NEWS

OUR MONTHLY EVENING PRAYER gathering will be changing to the first Thursday of the month. We will begin on September 6th 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-** Upper Gathering Room

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. Research shows that the most powerful influence on a child's faith development is the conversation about faith that takes place in the home. 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 to connect with friends, boost your endorphins through laughter, and grow in God's wisdom and knowledge.

***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.

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. 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.

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 Steve and Jan (Pride) Mills. Bobbi is the President of Holistic Aging and Options for Elder Care in Allison Park. Steve is a Primary Care physician for Excelsa Health in Latrobe and Jan has journeyed dementia/Alzheimer's with both her mother and her brother. 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, dirkvan@aol.com, 412-600-6785. Strong marriages take intentionality and investment.

TRIPLE O'S (On Our Own) LUNCHEON DATE CHANGE – We will be moving our monthly luncheons to the **third Thursday of the month** instead of Wednesday. Our first gathering will be on Thursday, 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!

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 form on the tables for more information.

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

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CALENDAR

Sunday, September 9

8:30 & 11:10 AM – Worship Services-SA
9:45 AM – Rally Day- FH
12:15 PM – Deacons' Meeting – CCR
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Youth Group Kick Off – YH

Monday, September 10

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
6:00 PM – 8:45 PM – Pack 157 Committee Mtg.- CCR

Tuesday, September 11

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting – KL
1:00 PM – Caring Hands – FH
6:30 PM – Weigh to Lose
7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting – CCR
7:00 PM – AARP Meeting – FH
7:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Meeting – KL

Wednesday, September 12

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Jr. High Girls' Bible Study
At the Harbaugh home
7:00 PM – Children's Ministry Meeting – CCR

Thursday, September 13

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
6:00 PM – Lions' Club – CCR
7:00 PM – Stewardship Meeting – KL
7:15 PM Youth Choir – CR

Friday, September 14

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Preschool – CE, UGR
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Mom & Me – PR, TR
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Webelos Den 1 – FH

Saturday, September 15

6:30 AM – All In #7 – KL
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Act One – CE

Sunday, September 16

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
12:15 PM – Confirmation Class Meeting with
parents and students – CH
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Jr. High Club – YH
6:30 PM – Preschool Board Meeting – PR
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Sr. High Club – YH
7:00 PM – Session Meeting – CCR

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WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH September 9, 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.

***"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

(8:30) "Come Now Is the Time to Worship" Doerksen
Praise Team

(11:10) "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Ritter

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 96:1- 4

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing
to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after
day.

**People: We declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous
deeds among all peoples.**

Leader: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

People: He is to be feared above all gods.

(8:30) *SONG OF PRAISE "Holy is the Lord" please see insert

(11:10) *HYMN OF PRAISE No. 430 "Come Sing, O Church in Joy!"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

(11:10)
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Words of Introduction
Questions to the Parents – Sherri (Phillips) and Brandon Cohn
Questions to the Congregation
Presentation of Gifts
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Baptism of Samuel Gibson Cohn
Hymn No. 492 "Baptized in Water"

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 1:8-10

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, You tell us in Your Word that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. We confess that we have frequently relaxed our faith. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical, and our cynicism has boiled over with slander, criticism, prayerlessness, and pessimism. How easily we've allowed ourselves to crumple under the stresses of our lives. Forgive us for our smallness of faith. In Your mercy, hear us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 John 2:1-2

Leader: My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense-Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but for sins of the whole world. Friends, receive and believe the Good News of the Gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:30) "Nothing Without You" Norman Praise Team

(11:10) "With a Voice of Singing" Shaw 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.

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

SERMON "Pray and Love" Dr. Dirk Lesnett

(8:30) * SONG OF COMMITMENT "How Great is Our God" please see insert

(11:10) *HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 403 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE (8:30) "Let It Rise" Davis Praise Team

(11:10) "Finale from Symphony No. 3" Saint-Saëns

*Special thanks to our liturgists:
8:30 – Bob Wegner 11:10 – Nathan Connelly*

The Elder of the Week is Bob Wegner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Mary Garner by the Frank Reed Family.

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 – Michael Beal
11:10 – Skip Young

UPCOMING SERVICE

Sunday September 16th
Rev. Jason Rea 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.

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: 9/16, 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.

STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: SEPTEMBER 9th FROM 5-7 PM AT THE YOUTH HOUSE We will officially kickoff our school year clubs on September 9th.

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!

FALL MUM SALE – Our Student Ministries will be selling Mum baskets again this year. The cost of each 9 ½ inch basket is \$9. We will have a table in the hall following services starting on September 2nd until September 23rd. 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!