

August 13, 2017

Parish Announcements and Events

Today

- **Have a Blessed Day!**
- **Today is Benevolence Sunday**

Pastor Mike will be in Ohio for continuing education from August 6th to August 18th.



The used air conditioners from the Sunday School rooms are on sale for \$10.00 apiece.

Community Breakfast is held Wednesday mornings from 7:00 - 9:00 am at the Elimsport Church.



August 10, 2017

"For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." (Ephesians 2:14)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace to you in the most precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! August 15th is a day of national celebration of the Independence Day in Korea. The Japanese occupation of Korea ended that day in 1945. However, the joy of liberation ended quickly. Soon after, the Korean Peninsula was divided into two and the hostility between them has continued for over 70 years. The Korean War during 1950 to 1953 cost injuries and loss of lives numbering in the millions. The present situation is so alarming and serious and it is escalating toward the breaking point. The World Council of Churches has designated this Sunday, August 13, 2017, as the Sunday of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula. I call upon our people to pray for peace to prevail. You can find out more information about the World Council of Churches call for prayer at <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/sunday-of-prayer-for-the-peaceful-reunification-of-the-korean-peninsula>

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Please have a time of prayer for Korea during worship this Sunday. Let me offer a prayer:

"O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand; where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world."* Eternal Father and Mother of us all, these words of hymnody speak so well of what we feel in our hearts. At times, O Creator, we see a world torn and divided by fears, anxiety, and misunderstanding. We fail to recognize that this is not our world, but yours and that you do not belong to any one race, faith, creed, or nationality. You sent your Son into the world in the hopes that we might learn to put aside our instruments of war and take up instead implements of peace. Wherever we look we

see the on-going struggle for peace and forgiveness instead of war and hatred. O God, how long will it continue to be so? We especially pray today for the people of Korea and for a nation divided. It is hard for any one of us to even begin to comprehend what it must be like to live in constant uncertainty and fear of what could happen at any time. We pray for those who are living through generations in unwanted separation from their loved ones; so close to one another and yet so far away. O God, how long will it continue to be so?

So we pray today for the Korean people. Our brothers and sisters yearn for the day when the hope of peace for their country shall become a reality. In the meantime, O God, we pray the words of the same hymn writer, "Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign, and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain."* This is our prayer, a prayer of peace and reconciliation for lands afar and near. So hear our prayer, O God of all the nations, we give ourselves to you, let your will be done." In the name of the Jesus, Prince of Peace, Healer of our Brokenness, and Hope of the World. Amen.

Your Brother in Christ,

Jeremiah J. Park

Elimsport

Worship 9:00

Sunday School 10:30

Mission Statement at Elimsport UMC

We gather together as a community of Christian believers to worship, fellowship, and to learn more about God. By the unity of the Spirit and the support of each other, we are able to reach out to the community and the world.

All children up to Kindergarten age (5) are invited to come to the nursery after the children's chat, during the hymn.

Administrative Council will meet tomorrow, Monday, August 14th at 6:30 pm.



If there is any information that is needed to be put in the bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact Jackie, the church secretary at 570-547-7182 or by emailing the church at elimsportumc@gmail.com

The Christian Crusader Class will meet at the home of Larry & Sandy Foresman on Friday, August 25th at 5 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share and a lawn chair.



Greeters for August

Today
Aug 20
Aug 27

Monte Temple
Bob & Hilda Sampsell
Harry & Jackie Sampsell



St. John's

Sunday School 9:15am

Worship 10:30am

Mission Statement of St. John's UMC

The purpose of St. John's is to both evangelize and nurture. We are called to show God's love in our world by giving aid and by spreading the Good News of Christ. We in turn provide an atmosphere for nurturing where Biblical truths are shared enabling people to become spiritually enriched. By providing this, people will learn and through learning, become more effective witnesses.



We are looking for someone to fill the position of outside custodian beginning the end of August. This involves mowing the grass, taking care of the shrubbery beds and parking lots, and keeping the sidewalks clear during the winter. This person is responsible to keep up with the church calendar to make sure things are prepared for Sunday worship and mid-week meetings. We would prefer someone who regularly attends worship on Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Marie Kennedy or Pastor Mike for a form which includes a job description.



Visit the parish website at www.evpumc.org to view weekly announcements and the newsletter, or listen to today's sermon.

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