

December 18, 2016

## *Parish Announcements and Events*

### Today

- **Have a Blessed Day**



Community Breakfast is held Wednesday mornings from 7:00 - 9:00 am at the Elimsport church. All are welcome.

Warming of the Tree has begun. We are collecting nonperishable food items for Footprints of Montgomery. They could also use foil, bags, cleaning supplies, toilet paper & detergents. We are also collecting gift cards for the United Methodist Home. They have 38 kids at this time. The gift cards they use the most are \$25, \$50 & \$100 Visa gift cards. Also, \$20 cards for Sheetz, Target, Kohl's, Dick's & Wal-Mart. \$10 cards for Applebee's, Pizza hut, Papa John's, & Subway. \$5 cards for Mcdonald's, Burger King & Wendy's. Please bring items and gift cards to put under the tree.



Pastor Mike will be on vacation from Monday, January 2nd to Saturday, January 14th. Any pastoral concerns can be directed to Retta Moore at 570-547-1896 or Kay Showers at 570-538-1855.



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 [elimsporumc@gmail.com](mailto:elimsporumc@gmail.com)



## The Innkeeper's Key

“Mary and Joseph had come to stay  
But each lodging place turned them away.  
At the last place they tried, still no room at all  
Except for a simple hay-filled stall.

Thanks to one man's kindness to  
those needy strangers  
Jesus' life began, safe in a lowly manger.

This innkeeper's key is a symbol of  
How a simple act fills the world with love.  
Keep this key, and remember God's love  
is the reason

We are filled with blessings each  
Christmas season.”

But wait, is that enough -  
Just keep the key to remember the  
reason for the season?

Rather, shouldn't we keep the key - yes  
Keep it where we might always be able to see -  
For the sad, the lonely, the ill and bereaved  
Have no certain season to show forth their need.

We have a key like the Innkeeper did.  
Jesus gave each of us one when he said  
Love one another as I have loved you.

# 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

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



We are in need of someone to volunteer for the position of Ad Council Secretary. This involves taking notes at the Administrative council meetings approximately 10 times per year.

Jenna Lutz & Tyler Miller will be lighting the Advent candle today.



# Christmas

## Greeters for December

Today  
December 25

Charlie & Pat Ulrich  
Joann Stainbrook



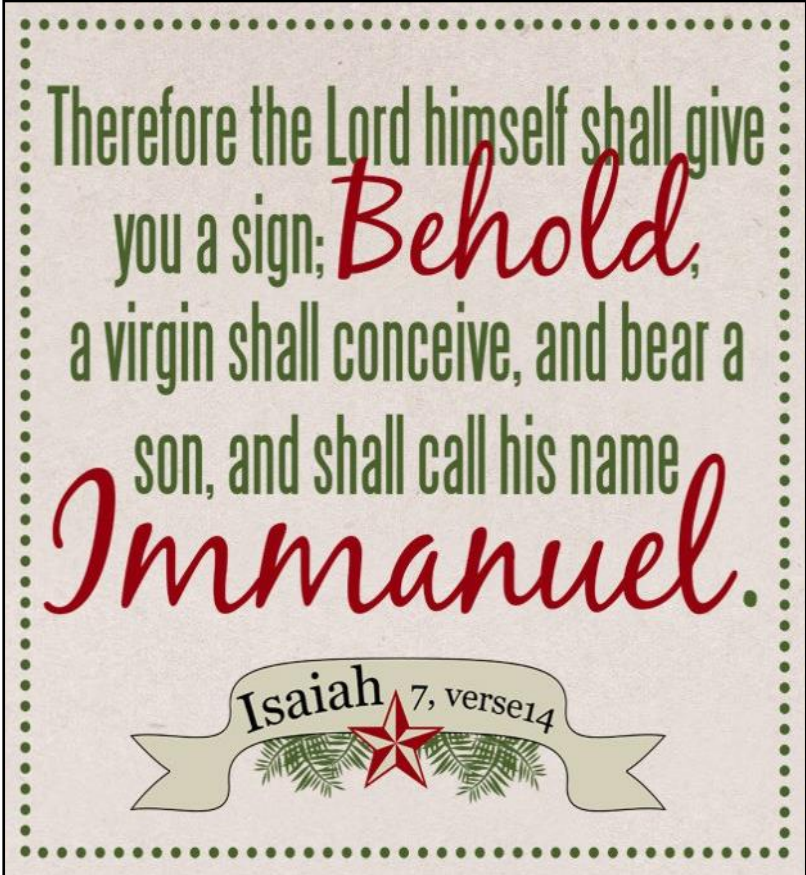
## St. John's

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.



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