

September 26, 2021

## **Parish Announcements and Events**

### **Today**

- Have a Blessed Day
- Today is Donut Sunday



### **Various means to keep updated:**

website: [evpumc.org](http://evpumc.org)

Face book: Elimsport United Methodist Parish

Electronic sign at Elimsport church

email Pastor Mike: [hjebm@comcast.net](mailto:hjebm@comcast.net)

email church: [elimsportumc@gmail.com](mailto:elimsportumc@gmail.com)

Call Pastor Mike: 570-547-1386

Text Pastor Mike: 570-974-8590 (please identify yourself when texting)

Be pro-active in getting the word out to others in the church.

Pastor Mike will be taking a six-week leave and will be unavailable from October 4th to November 15th. Pastor John Lee from the Lewisburg area will be filling in during that time. He will be leading worship, visiting sick in hospital, officiating funerals and giving pastoral care during that time. Any pastoral concerns or emergencies will need to be directed to him. You are also welcome to call PPRC chair Retta Moore at 570-547-1896 with any concerns during that time. Pastor Lee's contact information is:

Pastor John E. Lee  
148 Jean Blvd.  
Lewisburg, Pa. 17837  
570-523-0592





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 (before 8 pm) or by emailing the church at [elimsportumc@gmail.com](mailto:elimsportumc@gmail.com). **Do not call or text Pastor Mike. Please have information to me by Wednesday morning.**

### Christmas Giving Tree



We will be getting names of students from Montgomery Elementary school to sponsor families/children in need for Christmas gifts again this year. We are looking for individuals or families to provide the clothing needs and a few toys for one child. THE DEADLINE TO VOLUNTEER IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th. The list of needs should be available for volunteers by the beginning of November. The Christmas tree with tags for additional gifts will be set up by Sunday, November 7th.

All gifts should be new and unwrapped and need to be returned NO LATER than Sunday, December 5th.

To volunteer to sponsor a child or if you have questions about the tags from the Christmas tree please contact Deanna Drick (570-419-1730) or Sharon Heintzelman (570-971-3564) by Sunday, 10/17/21.

We will be having communion at both churches on Sunday, October 3rd (World Communion Sunday).

## **Elmsport**

**Worship 9:00**

**Sunday School 10:30**

### **Mission Statement at Elmsport 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.**

Wednesday morning breakfast at the Elmsport church is from **7:30 am to 9:30 am**.

There will be a blood drive this Tuesday, September 28th from 2-7 at the fellowship hall.

The Elmsport Parish will be collecting non perishable food for Footprints of Montgomery from October 3rd through October 24th. You may bring donations each Sunday to St. John's or Elmsport, or bring to the pavilion on October 24th from 12:00- 3:00pm.

Thank you for always helping others in need in our community! Any questions see Christa or Sharon.

We will also be collecting donations for college care bags. You may give donated snacks or money to Christa or Sharon. Also if you have the name of a college student from our Parish, please notify Sharon or Christa. We have a list, but it always helps to hear from you!

The Parish is planning on attempting a Christmas Village this year. Please get your thinking caps on and check the bulletin for an upcoming meeting date! This will be a new adventure with an outside nativity, caroling, of course food, and any other ideas!

Due to the constant changes in the covid mandates, we are making it a personal choice to wear masks or face coverings in the church building, but are suggesting that you wear one if you are unvaccinated or are vulnerable to contacting the virus. We are still suggesting that people practice social distancing each Sunday Morning and use common sense while greeting each other.

## *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 still looking for 2 people to serve on the PPRC committee. This committee meets 4 times a year and deals with the ministry of the pastor and employees of the parish.

A huge thank you to everyone at St. John's Methodist Church who participated and attended the Celebration of Life for my mother Deanie Rhone on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a joyous time of stories, laughter, a few tears, and warm fellowship. A special thanks to Pastor Mike for his support during the planning of this event. Thanks also to Nancy Shadle and Gloria Burrows for their help with set up, serving, and clean up. It was a perfect tribute to my dear mother.

Diane Rhone – daughter of Deanie Rhone

Dear St. John Members,

I just want to thank everyone for all your prayers, concerns, cards, flowers and phone calls during Charlie's illness and passing. He's been struggling health-wise for a few years, so knowing now that he is at peace helps ease the pain. Thank You, Betty Mathias

Visit the parish website at [www.evpumc.org](http://www.evpumc.org) to view weekly announcements and the newsletter, or listen to today's sermon.

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