

Valley Views



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The Parable of the Butterfly

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

As a butterfly soared overhead, one caterpillar said to the other, "You'll never get me up in one of those things."

Yet for every caterpillar the time comes when the urge to eat and grow subsides and he instinctively begins to form a chrysalis around himself. The chrysalis hardens and you'd think for all the world that the caterpillar is dead.

But one spring morning the life inside the chrysalis begins to writhe, the top cracks open, and a beautifully-formed butterfly emerges. For hours it will stand stretching and drying its wings, moving them slowly up and down, up and down. And then, before you know it, the butterfly glides aloft, effortlessly riding the currents of the air, alighting on flower after gorgeous flower, as if to show off its vivid colors to the bright blossoms.

Somehow, the miracle of the butterfly never loses its fascination for us. Perhaps because the butterfly is a living parable of the promise of resurrection.

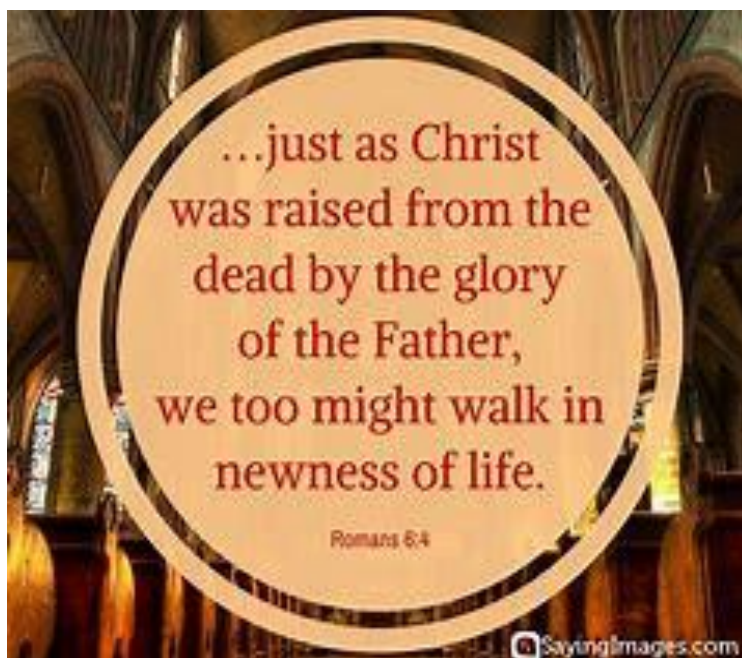
On Easter morning the disciples saw Jesus' grave clothes lying on the cold slab still wrapped round and round the corpse. Only the corpse was gone, much like an empty chrysalis deserted by a butterfly who has left to soar free. "He is risen as He said," an angel told the incredulous disciples. Later that day he appeared to the disciples, and then, over the course of the next few weeks, to as many as five hundred people at one time. Even "Doubting Thomas" didn't doubt for long that Jesus was really risen from the dead.

A few weeks ago I lost a friend who had become dear to me. Where she had been so full of life, now her body lay still, composed ever-so-carefully by the morticians. I looked at her and thought about my own mortality. One day I too, like her, may fight a losing battle with pain, and die.

What do we Christians say in the face of death? There are many mysteries. But two things we know for sure. First, death is an enemy. Away with the sentimentality that vainly seeks to disguise death's insult! But second, and more important, Jesus' resurrection from the grave is God's proof to us that death is not the end. The empty tomb and Jesus' Spirit within us testify that Easter morning is God's triumph over death. And ultimately, Jesus promised, God will raise from the dead us who believe in His Son.

Why do Christians gather on Easter morning? To show off their fine clothes or give a ritual tip of the hat to religion? God forbid! Rather we gather to celebrate Jesus' victory over death itself. For since He is our Lord and our Savior, His victory is our victory. In celebrating His resurrection we celebrate our own assurance of ultimate triumph over death.

Join us this Easter as we celebrate Life! And if you look closely Easter morning, you might even see a butterfly alight on the lilies.



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To: Members and Friends, Elimsport United Methodist Church:

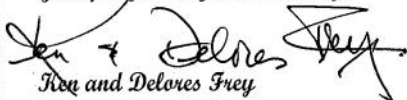
On behalf of the Recipients, Volunteers and Board of Directors at the Son Light House, Thank You for the generous donation of "Non-Perishable Food and Cereal" we received March 7, 2019 for the Son Light House.

We are truly thankful for your thoughtful support. This donation of food will be distributed in March at the Son Light House.

The month of February, 2019, 436-Households received Food and Clothing, 1,030 Individuals 284- Youth, 470 -Adults, 276-Seniors and (6) New Households registered in February, 2019 at Son Light House.

Son Light House depends on the Community and local support with both Food and Monetary donations and not to forget our Volunteers making it possible to provide this service to the many families in need during the year.

Gratefully with God's Blessing,



*Ken and Delores Frey
Directors, Son Light House
Muncy, Pa 17756*

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Time for all of the Easter Bunny helpers to begin preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt. We plan to be doing this during the season of Lent. Monetary donations, candy or your time will be gladly accepted. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jenn Springman at (570)412-6141



or jennnay76@hotmail.com The Easter Egg Hunt will be April 20, 2019 at 10am on the church softball field. Thank you in advance for all of your support!!!



It's that VBS time of year again! Get ready to get down on the farm! Prepare yourself for a little barnyard adventure as we take a look at Farm Fresh FAITH through the eyes of our barnyard friends. With these new friends from the farm, we will embark on a journey through the life of Joseph and find out that God is ALWAYS faithful and WORTHY of our Trust!!!! It will be held Sunday, July 7th through Thursday, July 11th from 6:00 - 8:30pm. Dinner will also be provided. Carnival and Closing program

will be Friday, July 12th at 6pm. If you are interested in helping or donating please contact one of our barnyard friends, Andrea Hetner, Taryn Myers or our very own Farmer Mike!! (AKA- Pastor Mike) Hope to see you there!!!

Attention all volunteers working with the age group 1-17!! The Elimsport Parish needs you to complete an online Safe Sanctuary Training for the safety of our children. The United Methodist Church has asked all volunteers to complete this course every five years to go with the clearances you already have on file. The course will take about an hour, and you will need internet access, a laptop or computer, and an available printer. If you do not have access to any or all, Christa McCormick will meet you at the Elimsport Church to assist you in completing your clearances. If you choose to complete on your own go to <https://susumc.org/safe-sanctuaries/> and print your certificate. There will be an instructional packet at each church to ease you in completing your training. If you have already completed Mandated Reporter Training for your work, please print your certificate that includes the date of certification. Please return all certificates to Christa McCormick or Pastor Mike. Thank you for all you do for our children!!!



Parish Bible Study is on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 at the Elimsport church. All are welcome.



Just a reminder: Everyone is to check the mailbox in the back of the church.



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



Easter Sunrise service time and place will be announced at a later date. Please check upcoming Sunday bulletins.



Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for April

April 7	Bruce & Marti Anderson & Family
April 14	Retta Moore
April 21	Joann Stainbrook
April 28	Mary Moore

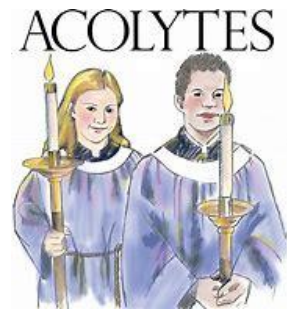


- Items for May's newsletter are due April **20th**.
- Items for the weekly bulletin's need to be to the church office by **Wednesday** morning each week.

(Items received after these dates are not guaranteed to be printed.)

Acolyte Schedule

4/7 Mallorie & Mitchell
4/14 Garrett & Elizabeth
4/21 Jackson & Samuel
4/28 Mitchell & Garrett



Many thanks to all for the prayers, phone calls, cards and kind words as the Drick family laid Bob to rest. The luncheon at the Elimsport UMC fellowship hall following the funeral was so appreciated by the family. It was nice to have so much kindness shown to us all.

Sincerely,

The Family of Bob Drick



Kid's Corner



ELIMSPORT VALLEY UNITED METHODIST PARISH

Worship Schedule:

Elimsport UMC

Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:30 am

St. John's UMC

Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am

Parish Youth Group

Check weekly Bulletin for current schedule and events
(at Elimsport)

Parish Bible Study

Varies according to the season.

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Our 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.

Our Mission Statement at 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.