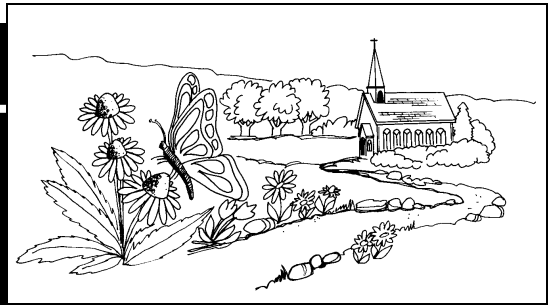


Valley Views



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Don't Miss The Good News!

Three-year-old granddaughter Casey stepped up to the miniature golf check-in point. She eagerly pointed to the club and the ball she wanted. *"How old are you?"* asked the man in charge.

"I'm fwee," came the reply.

"Then you are free!" he said to her with great kindness.

"No, I'm fwee!" she insisted, with a puzzled expression.



"She means she's three years old."

I spoke up for her.

"I know what she means," said the man with a revealing smile. *"And I am telling you that since she's three, she's free! She doesn't have to pay to play the game."*

Casey almost missed the good news.

Are you so preoccupied with your own agenda that you miss what God is trying to say to you? Do you ever insist on some personal

schedule before God, failing to hear the gentle, heartening message of Jesus?

God's word to us is always Good News! Whether it comes in the quiet stillness of a small inward voice, in the majestic anthem of a choir, in deep reflection upon a series of connected experiences, in a turn of phrase, or in an illustration in a sermon, God's voice is the voice of good news.

One of the most important lessons of the Christian life is that of learning to listen to the Spirit, to hear God's input. Many spiritual teachers say that discernment is the difficult discipline. Perhaps! But first you listen, become attuned, and hear the basic message in what God would say to you.

The very first thing God wishes to say is clearly this: "You are loved. You are valued. You are important." God sent Jesus to

make that good news very clear.

Hear the initial good news now. Stop the hectic race for a short while. Stop the extraneous conversation. Listen! Don't miss the good news that is fundamental to a whole and contented life.

And remember: That good news is free, no matter what your age!

- On a Wing and a Prayer by Brian

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It is hard to believe that another wonderful week of VBS has come and gone. This year the sailors at SonTreasure Island learned all about how God's love is caring, kind, giving, forgiving, and forever as they studied many interesting Bible stories. It was an incredible week of watching God at work through our teachers and kids. We had several parents drop off their kids asking if they could bring them any earlier because the kids were begging to come as soon as possible! What an amazing outreach to the community! This year, we chose Love and Grace Ministries-Haiti as our missions project to raise money for during the week. We are proud to announce that we will be sending a check for \$455 to this incredible organization that provides homes, supports, and the Word of God to the children of this nation! It just proves that our kids from little Elimsport can have such a huge impact on the world around them! We couldn't have had such a successful week without all of your help! Thank you to everyone that helped contribute in any way, whether it was through your time and effort, food donations, monetary donations, or simply prayer support. It's all greatly appreciated!

-Taryn Myers and Shayna Heintzelman

The family of Dan Hill would like to thank everyone for their expressions of concern and sympathy following Dan's passing. Dan felt very lucky to be a part of a wonderful church family. We would also like to thank Pastor Mike for his visits and prayers that Dan appreciated so much. Thank you to everyone who supplied food for Dan's service, and to Hilda for all that she did. We appreciate everyone's kindness at this difficult time.

God Bless,
Cathy, Chad, Leanda Hill

A NOTE OF



The Lord came and took Mom for life's final journey. We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughtfulness, cards, phone calls and all the good food. We were overwhelmed with all the love and concern shown to Mom and us during her illness. Also, thanks to Pastor Mike for his trips to the hospital and here at home, and just being here for us in our time of need.

Keith and Family

Thank you to everyone for your cards, calls, prayers, and support during our loss of Larry. He is dearly missed, but your support has helped us get through this tough time. God bless you all.

Ethel Starr and family

*May kindness return to you in the same beautiful way
that is was given.*

Thank you,

I wish to thank everyone for their cards, thoughts and prayers as I continue to recover from my fall. Also thanks to Pastor Mike for his visits. It is so good to have Christian friends who care about you.

Thanks Again,
Lois Finck



Church Family,
Thank you so much for the collage graduation gift. I'm proud to be part of a church that has so many thoughtful and giving people.

Thanks Again,
Travis Kennedy

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the generous gift card that we can use to buy resources that will help us toward spending time with God and strengthening our faith. Thank you also for the book that will help us start our journey together.

Thank you,
Seth and Lauren

Thank you Church Family for my gift card and book. It will help me in my future and journey of life.

Sincerely,
Eric English

Dear St. John's UMC & Ladies Aide,
Thank you very much for the graduation gifts. I really appreciate it!

Thanks you,
Jake Miller

Thank You

Thank you so much for the gift! I really appreciate it! I will miss my school friends but can make new ones.

~Kendall

Church Family,
Thank you very much for my graduation gifts. Also, thank you for all your support. I am very blessed to have such a close church family.

Megan Drick

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for sending me to church camp. I made a ton of new friends while getting closer to God. The theme for the Bible studies and vesper services was "All Things New". We talked about how change is hard, and we can't do it on our own. We need to pray and ask God to help us. My favorite part of the whole week was meeting other teens who share the same beliefs as I do, and who are supportive of each other. Thank you again for sending me to church camp. It was an amazing experience.

From, Amy Drick

Recycling Ministry

Les Lutz will be picking up computers you no longer use, to be recycled and made same as new by the computer ministry at Mission Central to be sent to some hospitals in South America or in Africa. The computer ministry has redone over 6000 to be used here and overseas. Computers, laptops, printers, anything computer related is used all the time to help others. NO TV's.

Also he will pick up anything medical related wheelchairs, crutches, unopened medical supplies and such.

Pick up will be at the Elimsport church pavilion on August 14 from 3:00 till 6:00

He may be reached at 877- 3119



Pastor Mike's new email address:
hjebm@comcast.net

50 Years

Do you remember when the basement was added at St. John's? Do you have any statistics or pictures? If so, please share information with Glenn Shadle or the adult Sunday School class.

Newsletter

Please bear with us as we switch people over to email. If you have not returned your Go Green postcard, please do so ASAP.



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Upcoming Events



Bishop Jeremiah Parks

Bishop Parks will be here in worship on Sunday, December 14th with a meal to follow. More details to follow.

Chicken Bar-B-Q

The White Deer Baptist church's chicken Bar-B-Q will be held August 9th (a week later than normal) from 4:30 to ??

New this year: tickets must be purchased in advance:

Cost is \$8.00 Adult, \$4.00 Child, \$4.50 half only.

Call Sue Snoddy at 570-538-1214 or 570-506-9691 by August 4th to reserve yours.

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

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

Church League Softball Schedule for

August

- **August 5 Elimsport vs. Emmanuel (away)**

Antes Fort complex
From Jersey shore, Rt. 44S, after
2nd bridge, 2nd left into Antes
Fort, first right into ball complex

- **August 12 Oval vs. Elimsport (home)**

Youth Fellowship Happenings

Aug 1	10:00am	Meet at the church-Knoebel's WGRC Day!
Aug 9-10	8:00am	Meet - camping at Treasure Lake.
Aug 16	TBA	Mission and Outreach project in Williamsport.
Aug 24	6:00pm	Meeting at Tweet's. Welcome picnic for new members.
Aug 31		No meeting

Call or email Tweet with any questions.

Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for August

Aug.	3	Sandy & Larry Foresman
Aug.	10	Sue Lane
Aug.	17	Bobby Buss
Aug.	24	Mardi Anderson
Aug.	31	Lauren & Joe Bryson

Nursery for August

Aug.	3	Mardi Anderson
Aug.	10	Polly Kahle
Aug.	17	Jenn Springman
Aug.	24	Sandy Chamberlain
Aug.	31	Joann Stainbrook



Word Shapes

Read Psalm 136: 3, 7, 9 and put the words from the list at right into the boxes. The number and shape of the boxes are clues.

Word List

and	lights	O	thanks	to
endures	lords	of	the	who
for	love	over		
forever	made	rule		
great	moon	stars		
his	night	steadfast		

Answer
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

give Lord ,

for his love endures ;

the ,

his steadfast endures forever;

the to the ,

for steadfast love forever

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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 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.