

Valley Views



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The Voice Of God

When we hear the voice of God
Speaking to our hearts,
Do we obey and follow Him
Or are we slow to start?

For when the Lord speaks to us,
We need to heed the call
And do the things He wants us to,
Giving to Him our all

I know at times it can be hard
To know the Father's will,
We need to listen to His voice,
For He speaks when all is still

Many times we fret so much
And rush so much about,
We then find all our busyness
May cloud our Saviour out

So this is why we take some time
To be still before the Lord,
So He can speak into our lives
And show us so much more.

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There is none
holy as the
LORD:
neither is
there any
rock like
our God.



1 Samuel 2:2

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Dear Church Family,

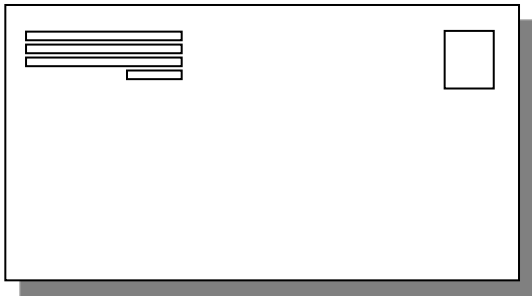
Thank you so much for all the love and kindness you have shown me through your cards and gifts and caring words. Thank you especially for your prayers for me. It all means so much more than I can say. Thank you Pastor Mike, Bishy, and Sandy for your love and support.

Michele

Pastor Mike and Church,

Thank you for the gift and the recognition for graduating.

Thanks you again,
Zach Shadle



Amy Drick is away at Governor's school until August 14th. Please write her at:

Amy Drick
PGSAS Scholar
C/O Jenneth R. Layaou
101 Agricultural Administration Building
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA 16802

- Ben Simcox is serving our country in the Navy and is currently stationed in Bahrain. St. John's is putting an ongoing box in the back of the church for items to show Ben that we are thinking of him. Bahrain weather is very hot, so no easily perishable items or chocolate. Continue to write Ben at

Benjamin Simcox
PSC 851 Box 70088
FPO AE 09834

- Michelle Waughen is currently serving in the Army at Fort Leonard Wood Mo. She would love to hear from you. Please write her at:

PFC Michelle Waughen
E.Co. 2-10 IN BN 4th PLT
12897 Kansas Ave, Unit 52
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473
(Place 4th PLT on back of envelope)

“Transform Lycoming County”

(A week of local missions coordinated by First Church)

Volunteers are needed to serve one day or the entire week.

Purpose: To share the love of Jesus Christ with our neighbors

When: Monday, August 10 through Friday, August 14, 2015

Projects: Home repair, yard work, painting and many others

Overnight Accommodations: Available for out-of-town participants

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided

Cost: \$5 per day or \$25 for the entire week

Apply Online: www.firstchurch.cc Click “Events” and drop down to “Transform Lycoming County”

For more information contact Mitch Marcello at 570-772-9224 or

mhmarcello2@gmail.com.

Church League Softball Schedule for July

(all Games begin at 6:30 pm)

- Aug 4 cancelled
- Aug 11 Oval vs. Elimsport (home)
- Aug 18 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



Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for August

Aug	2	Sue Smith/ Guy Mausteller
Aug	9	Jane & Charles Riebsome
Aug	16	Bobby Buss
Aug	23	Keith McCormick
Aug	30	Eleanor & Les Lutz



Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Tuesday, August 11th @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00pm

Sunday, September 6th

Joint Service/Labor Day Brunch, Outside 9:00am

Tuesday, October 13th @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, December 8th @ Elimsport Social Hall

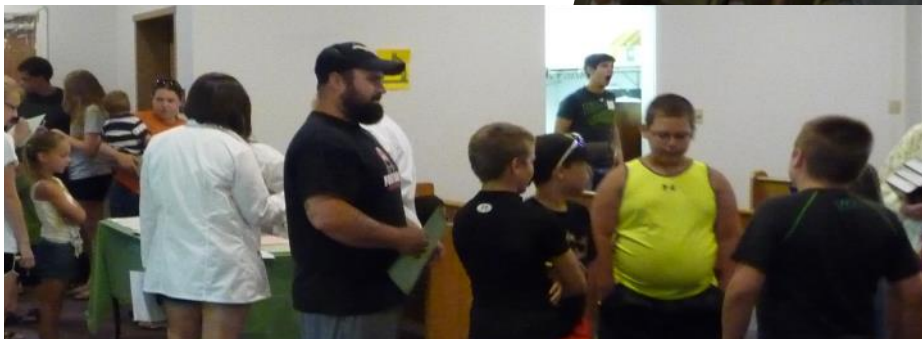
Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00pm

Wednesday February 3rd @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00pm

- 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.)

We had a fantastic week at SonSpark Labs learning about God's plan for us! This year we chose to donate our money to Alex's Lemonade Stand, which is a foundation for childhood cancer research. The boys and girls brought in a record amount of money this year! Including their daily coin collections and money from the lemonade stand at the carnival, we were able to donate \$773.71, which pays for almost 2 full days of research!! We couldn't be more proud of our lab assistants. We also want to say a big thank you to everyone that helped in any way to make the week a success!!







Have Dinner at Wendy's and Earn Money for:

Elimsport Valley UMYF

Where:

Muncy Wendy's

When:

Monday

August 24, 2015

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wendy's will donate 10% of all sales from time
above!

*Great Food, Great
Cause!*

It's First Baptist Church of Elimsport's 150th Anniversary!

We want to invite you to come celebrate this momentous event and it all begins with a picnic on Saturday, August 8th at 5:00pm.

The picnic will be at the church pavilion and includes a concert by "With Faith" and a testimony time, giving people a chance both to hear and to share how God has used this local congregation to change lives. We would love to have you come and be a part of that. It is a carry-in picnic so we are asking you to bring a dish of food to share, but the church will supply the beverages, paper goods, and hot dogs. Please click here to register: [150th Anniversary Picnic and Concert Registration](#)



Special Sunday Services and Luncheon

HEAR OUR HISTORY, EXPERIENCE PREACHING AND MUSIC FROM PREVIOUS PASTORS, ENJOY LUNCH TOGETHER, AND FOCUS ON WHAT'S AHEAD. You won't want to miss any of the services we have planned for Sunday, August 9th. We want to celebrate what God has done, is doing, and will do through this local church. It all begins at 9:30am as we review the history of First Baptist and hear some memories shared from long-time members and previous pastors. At 10:45 the Morning Worship Service begins with special music by Lee and Colleen Kliever and message by Bob Sauser. There will be a delicious catered lunch immediately following, but **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**, so please click here to let us know if you plan on eating with us: [First Baptist Church of Elimsport 150th Anniversary Luncheon](#)

Following the lunch there will be more special music, some memories shared, and a closing message by Pastor Todd challenging us regarding the future of First Baptist. We hope you can come!

We want to extend this invitation to all church attenders, both past and present, and our neighbors, so please pass this along and plan on coming August 8th and 9th!
Sincerely,

Pastor Todd Baker
First Baptist Church of Elimsport

Reminder: Lunch Sunday is by reservation only, so please click here if you plan on eating at the church: [First Baptist Church of Elimsport 150th Anniversary Luncheon](#)



The Sojourner Truth Ministries

Connection of Christians in Partnership



Our Vision

Sojourner Truth Ministries shall be a loving, spiritual, and inclusive Christians

The Mission and Purpose of Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc.

Sojourner Truth Ministries loves all people, creates community, builds character, and equips us to be faithful disciples of JESUS CHRIST

2015 June Newsletter

Hours 9:00am-3:00 PM Monday thru Sunday

Helping You To Help Yourself...

Here at STM we help people everyday. Here are just a few positive stories we have to share with you.....

- These recent months we have many new faces come into Sojourner. Which has been a blessing in itself. We are glad to know that coming into Sojourner is now known to be a place of peace and love.
- Recently, I was talking with a young woman who referred to Sojourner as her second home. Not because of it being a Church, but because of the people who work here. She said "Everyone is just so kind and respectful. I love being in here. A getaway from this crazy world I live in."
- We are looking for any business owner who could assist in any odd jobs that they might have available. We have many people who are honest and just looking for some work. If interested please contact one of our Social workers or Pastor Smith (570) 323-1797.

Exciting Upcoming Events at STM!

- June 20, 2015 Pat Bole will be teaching on Generational Curses and Soul Ties.
- Children's Program will be every Friday from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm starting June 19, 2015
- Men's Night out will be held on Friday June 19, 2015 at 6pm. All are welcome
- We will start giving out breakfast, lunch, and evening snacks Monday thru Friday starting June 19, 2015
- We are having a Hoss's Fundraiser on Saturday June 27, 2015 & August 26, 2015
- Annual U.M.C. Conference June 11-14, 2015
- 3 Springs outing and picnic (date and time will be announced)
- Woman's Night Out will be Saturday July 18th at 4:30pm. All are welcome
- We are having a Block Party on September 05, 2015
- Hair Cut's will be done every other Saturday here at Sojourner Truth Ministries
- Every Tuesday we hand out fresh fruits and vegetables at 10:30 am.
- Every Wednesday we hand out bread and pastries at 10:30 am



new cafe coming soon

Thanks to the **First Community Foundation**, we are proudly to announce that Sojourner Truth Ministries will, be getting a newly renovated Cafe and bathrooms.

This will take place starting June 15, 2015 and will last for approximately 3 weeks. During this time we ask anyone who could donate any, paper plates, foam cups, butter, sugar, lunch meat, bread and cheese.



What's Happening at Sojourner Truth Ministries?

Do you know how Sojourner Truth Ministries serves your community on a daily basis?

Workers from the Wake Up House dedicate countless hours everyday. Serving meals, cleaning up STM, and sorting through your gracious donations are just a few tasks, they take on a daily basis.

We have many workers from Experience Works, STEP Inc, Career Link, and many other community service workers who all aid in helping run STM.

Our Food Pantry is run by Althea Gaines. She makes sure things are kept organized and running smoothly.

Our Clothes Closet is run by Mari Buchanan. Mari receives and sorts through all the clothing donations, folds them and puts them out. She keeps the Clothing Closet organized and cleaned. The Clothes Closet is opened Mon-Fri 10am-3pm.

Pastor Derek has many positions in which he will go above and beyond his call of duty.

Our head cook is Keith King. He is in charge of overseeing the kitchen operation and meal planning.

Stacey King is Pastor Velinda's assistant. She has various tasks that she must do daily to assist Pastor Velinda in running STM. Derecia Kelly and Andrea Sartori are the social service assistants for STM. Their responsibilities here at STM are servicing the needs of our patrons, which includes but not limited to counseling, assisting in filling out job applications, searching for employment, and searching for housing, just to name a few.

We are in Need of....

We are in need of coffee, creamer, sweet & low, bleach, Lysol, disinfected spray, plastic gloves (disposable). All donations will be used for the up keep of our Ministry.



Special Thank You To.....

We would like to give a special Thank You to all the organizations, that came to support our Health Fair. The Susquehanna Community Health & Dental Center, Expectation, Community Care Behavioral Health, National Alliance For Mentally Ill, North Central Sight Services, Reproductive Health Center, Job Corps Horizons Youth Services, Amerihealth Northeast, Clinical Outcomes group Inc., Rite Aid, Pa Department Of Health, and The Commonwealth Medical College.

We also give special thank you to Weis Market, Wegman's, Giant Market, Central PA Food Bank, and Auntie Anne's Pretzels for all of their gracious donations!

We would also like to give a special thank you to all of the wonderful people who donate to us, we could not do it without your donations!. Also we would like to thank Ms. Christina Comini for 21st birthday donations to Sojourner Truth.



MOTIVATION STATION

Prayer for Strength

Awesome and Triumphant God,

I give You exuberant praise this day.

You are Lord of all, and You are worthy of my praise.

You are the Most High God. You are All Powerful. Thank you for the strength that you graciously give to me. Thank You that it is your will that I walk in your POWER this day.

Thank You that your Word declares that it is Your will that I walk in power, love, and a sound mind this day. Thank You that You show me how to speak out Your scriptures, believe in Your truth, and display Your will in my life.

Lord, I will trust in You. I will be bold in Your name.

I stand up and declare that I am strong in the Lord. I am a triumphant follower of Jesus Christ. I am more than able to show forth that the power of God is working for me this day.

Thank You, Lord, that You are giving me strength to choose Your voice over the voice of the enemy or the voice of my flesh. I want to obey You.

Thank You that You defeat confusion in my mind, discouragement in my heart, and weakness in my body.

Thank You that You are bringing refreshment and rejuvenation to my day.

I have faith that You are showering me with Your love and mercy. You are filling me with what I need. You are teaching me how to love You and love others more fully. You are guiding each of my steps. I have faith that You are providing everything I need. I will receive bountifully from You, and I will give You praise.

I declare that Your inspiration, revelation, motivation, and determination are bringing transformation in my life.

Thank You for changing me to become more like You.

Thank You that you have given me Your secret armor. Thank You that You are teaching me how to defeat the enemy.

Thank You that I was born to be the head and not the tail.

Thank You that You are bringing me victory!

In Jesus' Name I pray.

Amen

Heavenly Father,

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Your Word teaches me wisdom and fills me with newness of life.

As I come to You today, I bring my needs to You. Help me to lay down all my problems at Your feet. Help me to lay down all my tangled thoughts and restless emotions.

Lord, I am seeking Your peace and Your patience. I want to learn to wait patiently for You to bring Your answers to my prayers. I want to cooperate with Your plans for me. Thank You for assuring me that Your plans for me are good.

As I wait on You, I will continue to turn to Your Word for comfort and direction. Your Word is solid and reliable.

Your Word steadies me. Your Word brings me truth. Your Word gives me strength. Your Word chases away my worry and my fears. Your Word refreshes me.

Thank You for Your Word.

Amen

First Prayer for an Even Temper

Lord,

Here I am facing a new day. I know that without yielding to Your calmness and contentment, I will succumb to frustration and irritation.

I seek Your help today.

Make me more aware of my emotions and my attitudes. Remind me that I have control over the attitudes that I choose to present to the world.

Remind me that I can learn to overcome every challenging situation today by putting on the shoes of peace and displaying an even temper.

Remind me to show kindness. Give me more ability to receive Your love and give it away to others today. Help me to work hard and do my best. But help me to care more about loving others than I care about getting tasks done.*

Lord, I want to grow spiritually this day. I want to be more Christ-like tonight when I go to bed than when I got up this morning. Today I will focus on developing the fruit of the spirit instead of pleasing myself.

Today I will Thank You, Lord, for leading me toward love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Today I will praise You, Lord, and I will celebrate Your love for me.

In Jesus' Name I pray.

Amen

2015 Covenant Challenge- Sojourner Truth Ministries

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." -Luke 6:38 (NIV)

As God made a covenant with Abraham in the Old Testament times, we would like to challenge you to make a covenant with Sojourner Truth Ministries. We are in need of continual, consistent operational funds to keep our building opened, repaired and our programs functional. **We are asking individuals, churches of the community, the United Methodist Church which is our covering, and other organizations to make a covenant with us to give throughout the year. Partnering together for this, will provide us with enough money to fund all of our needs !** We urge you to prayerfully consider helping to fund our ministry in this covenant relationship. If you are willing to make this covenant with us, please fill out form below.

Name _____

Address _____

Covenant amount per year _____

Committed: _____ weekly _____ semi-annually _____ annually _____

Please send Covenant Challenge to:

Sojourner Truth Ministries, c/o Treasurer, 501 High Street, Williamsport, Pa. 17701

† SON LIGHT HOUSE **REFLECTIONS**

Son Light House – 130 Carpenter Street, Muncy, PA 17756 – Phone: 546-3585

June 2015

Son Light House, established in 1982, is a non-profit, ecumenical, and community-supported resource that distributes food, clothing, and limited furniture to individuals and families in need and that qualify on family income guidelines set up by state and federal policies. Son Light House serves individuals and families in eastern Lycoming County. Son Light House is an equal opportunity provider.

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. (James 2:15-17). According to the U.S. Census Bureau, those who lack daily food are "Food Insecure." In Lycoming County during 2013, 14% of residents were food insecure. The child food insecurity rate was 21%. If we have faith, then we must take action – both charity (providing food) and justice (changing systems to eliminate food insecurity) are necessary. Otherwise "what good is it?" Thanks to those who do take action!

Households and Individuals Served

	Households	Individuals	New Hlds.
Feb	527	1,207	8
Mar	504	1,195	10
Apr	861	2,002	19
May	533	1,252	9

Son Light House – for All Ages

	Children	Adults	Seniors
Feb	321	611	275
Mar	343	600	252
Apr	578	933	431
May	354	635	263

New Handicapped Accessible Toilets – thanks to those who donated and installed the new toilets in Son Light House. This upgrade helps those who need the new facilities.

U.S. Postal Service Employees Food Drive

Once again the U.S. Postal Service employees of Hughesville, Montoursville, and Muncy conducted a very successful Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 9. Thanks also to the many community residents who participated in supporting this annual drive.

PA State Inspection – the State Inspection took place recently. All was well with the facilities and clerical record keeping. The next inspection will be in three years.

"Thank You" to These Recent Supporters

In Memory of – Ethel Guisewhite: Tom and Connie Eddy.

Individuals and Families who have recently supported Son Light House include: Kermit and Maryann Breon, Luther and Joanne Cromley, John and Bonita Deming, Reuben Doebler, Garth and Sue Everett, Bob and Lana Forse, Ronald and Nancy Forsht, Rev. Mike and Sally Gardy, Brianna and Aaron Girardi, Ken and Tolanda Geromi, Richard and Rose Marie Hafer, Phillip and Donna Hartranft, Cindy Hintz, Jeff and Helen Hiserman and family, Roger and Darlene James, Janet Kohler, Howard and Rachel Landon, Gene and Carol McCarty, Michelle McKibben, Jill Morgan, Jim and Betsy Mothersbaugh, Dr. Naresh and Anita Nagpal, Arlene Opp, Earl and Vonnie Poust, Paul Rovinski, Paul Shaner, Shirley Shaner, Phil and Betty Soohy, Jarrod Wellicka, Rev. Max and Diann Walters, Jr., Nancy Welliver, Barbara Welliver-Bramer.

Churches and Church Organizations for their recent support: Bethany United Methodist Church (UMC), Hughesville; Christ UMC, Hughesville; Church of the Resurrection, Muncy; Clarkstown UMC; Ecroyd Missionary Circle, Muncy; Elmsport UMC; First UMC, Muncy; Faith Church of Lairdsville; Franklin Fairview UMC, Unityville; Hughesville Baptist Church; Huntersville UMC; Kedron UMC, Unityville; Lungerville Christian Church, Unityville; Messiah Lutheran Church, Clarkstown; Millcreek UMC, Montoursville; Moreland Baptist Church, Muncy; Muncy Baptist Church; New Life Church, Pennsdale; Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Montoursville; Pleasant View Wesleyan Church, Muncy; Picture Rocks UMC; Salem UMC, Unityville; St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Muncy; St. Boniface Church, Williamsport; St. James Episcopal Church, Muncy and Exchange; St. James Lutheran, Muncy; St. John "Brick" Church, Montgomery; St. Marks Church, Lairdsville; Trinity Assembly of God Church, Montoursville; Trinity Lutheran Church, Hughesville.

Community Businesses and Organizations that recently made generous donations of money, food, or services include: American Legion Post #35, Hughesville; Bon Ton - Lycoming Mall; Bon Ton Stores, Inc., York, PA; First Community Foundation, Williamsport; Hill Well Drilling, Muncy; Wayne Houseknecht Plumbing, Muncy; Knight's of Columbus - Council 12962, Muncy; Local 31 Consultants, Montgomery; Lycoming Law Association, Williamsport; Macy's - Lycoming Mall; Macy's/Bloomingtons, Sharonville, Ohio; Mapleton Community Center, Hughesville; Maplewood Hardwood, Hughesville; McCarty Excavation, Muncy; Muncy Bank and Trust; Ron's General Cleaning, Lairdsville; Weis Markets, Muncy; West Branch

Builders Association, Lycoming County.

Schools and Youth Groups for their recent support: East Lycoming Junior Senior High School - Student Council, Hughesville; George A. Ferrell Elementary School - Second Grade Students, Picture Rocks; Muncy High School - FBLA; Our Lady of Lourdes Church - Youth Group, Montoursville; Scout Troop #25 and Cub Scout Pack #24, Muncy; Scout Troop #26, Hughesville.

Son Light House Hours of Operation:

Donations:

Every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Food, clean, usable, seasonable clothing, toys, and furniture may be donated only at this time.

Distributions:

Every other week on Wednesday from 9:30 - noon and Thursday 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Distribution Dates:

June 10+-11+, 24-25

July 8+-9+, 22-23

August 5+-6+, 19-20

September 2+-3+, 16-17, 30

October 1, 14+-15+, 28-29

+ Senior Boxes - for eligible seniors

How Can I/We Help?

Prayers, volunteers, money, and food donations - especially cereal -- are always needed. For more information or to get involved, contact **Son Light House** by calling Ken and Delores Frey at 546-3585.

August 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Wedding @ Elimsport Private Function at Pavilion
2 Pastor Mike away @ schooling (until August 14th)	3	4	5 *Community Breakfast 7-10:00am *Elimsport Choir practice: Kids 6:00pm Adults 6:30pm *St. John's Sew Group all day	6	7	8
9	10 Sew What Elimsport Ad Council 6:30 pm	11 Blood Drive @ Elimsport Social Hall 2- 7:00 pm	12 *Community Breakfast 7-10:00am *Elimsport Choir practice: Kids 6:00pm Adults 6:30pm *St. John's Sew Group all day	13	14 (Pastor Mike Home)	15
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23 Private Function @Elimsport fellowship hall noon-6:00pm	24	25	26 *Community Breakfast 7-10:00am *Elimsport Choir practice: Kids 6:00pm Adults 6:30pm *St. John's Sew Group all day	27	28	29
30 Bob Russell Memorial Service 2:00pm	31					

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.

Parish Office:

16145S. RT 44 HWY
Allenwood, PA 17810

Parsonage Phone:

(570) 547-1386

Pastor Mike's Cell:

(570) 974-8590

Parish Website:

www.evpumc.org

Parish email:

elimsportumc@gmail.com

www.evpumc.org



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.