

Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

Why read the Bible? Why wake up 15 minutes early each day? Why go to all that trouble? After all, sleeping is better than reading, right?

Before you close the book on God's book, here are 10 reasons to read the Bible:

1. READING THE BIBLE SHOWS US GOD'S CHARACTER. THE BIBLE IS OUR DEFINITIVE SOURCE FOR THE ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD.

"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven" ([Hebrews 1:1-3](#)).

2. READING THE BIBLE TEACHES US TO IMITATE GOD.

"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children" ([Ephesians 5:1](#)).

3. READING THE BIBLE HELPS US DISCOVER OUR NEXT STEP.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" ([Psalm 119:105](#)).

4. READING THE BIBLE KEEPS US FROM SIN.

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" ([Psalm 119:11](#)).



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**5. READING THE BIBLE HELPS US TO RE-
NEW OUR MINDS SO WE CAN KNOW
GOD'S WILL.**

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" ([Romans 12:1-2](#)).

**6. READING THE BIBLE ALLOWS US TO BE CERTAIN OF WHAT
GOD SAID. THE BIBLE IS OUR FINAL AUTHORITY.**

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth" ([John 17:17](#)).

**7. READING THE BIBLE ALLOWS US TO RECEIVE THE DESIRES
OF OUR HEART.**

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you" ([John 15:7](#)).

8. READING THE BIBLE IS HOW WE LEARN ABOUT THE GOSPEL.

"You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life" [John 5:39-40](#).

9. READING THE BIBLE GIVES US COURAGE.

"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" ([Joshua 1:8-9](#)).

10. READING THE BIBLE HELPS US TO BE FRUITFUL.

"... but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers" ([Psalm 1:2-3](#)).

† SON LIGHT HOUSE **REFLECTIONS**

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

June 2017

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.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor (Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:18). What are the glad tidings that we bring? "Actions speak louder than words" is a well-known cultural proverb. So let us act in charity and justice so that we have something good to say.

Households and Individuals Served

	Households	Individuals	New Hlds.
Feb	466	1,071	6
Mar	477	1,089	5
Apr	492	1,144	7
May	455	1,030	11

Son Light House – for All Ages

	Children	Adults	Seniors
Feb	273	498	300
Mar	291	491	307
Apr	308	540	296
May	269	472	289

New Truck Purchased to Aid Son Light House – Recently the Son Light House Board of Directors approved the purchase of a 2016 cube truck at the cost of \$32,752.17 to replace the previous truck. Thanks to the individuals and businesses that have made contributions that have partially offset the cost.

Raise the Region Campaign – Son Light House participated in the Raise the Region Campaign initiated by the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania and supported by the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships. SLH raised \$2,332.19. Thanks to all who contributed!

CROP Walk Nets Funds for Son Light House – The 2016 CROP Walk, sponsored by the United Churches of Lycoming County netted \$632.34 for Son Light House.

Cub and Boy Scouts Food Drives – Area scouts demonstrated their commitment to people in need by collecting food for Son Light House. The effort by the scouts and their leaders was very successful. Thanks to all in the community who supported this collection in Hughesville and Muncy.

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.

Summer – A Challenging Season

Monetary and food donations normally "take a vacation" at this time of year. The need for individuals and families always continues. Thanks in advance to those who are able to support Son Light House during the summer months.

"Thank You" to These Recent Supporters

In Memory of: Mary Ashkar.

Individuals and Families who have recently supported Son Light House include: LizAnn Barlett, Kermit and Maryann Breon, Connie Eddy, Dan and Amy Gardner, Rev. Mike and Sally Gardy, Kenneth and Tolanda Geromi; Cleason and Joanne Hall, Phil and Donna Hartranft, Ed and Sylvia Herman, Jeff and Helen Hiserman, Gene and Carol McCarty, Jim and Betsy Mothersbaugh, David Moyer, Anita Nagpal, Arlene Opp, John Pfleegar and family, Lenny and Tammy Reinard, Paul Rovinski, K.C. and Becky Shaner, Jacqueline Sheets, Harvey and Kathy Stauffer, Rev. Max and Diann Walters.

Churches and Church Organizations for their recent support: Bethany United Methodist Church (UMC), Hughesville; Christ UMC, Hughesville; Church of the Resurrection, Muncy; Ecroyd Missionary Circle, Muncy;

Elmsport UMC; Faith Church of Lairdsville; First UMC, Muncy; Hughesville Baptist Church; Huntersville UMC; Lungerville Christian Church, Unityville; Messiah Lutheran Church, Clarkstown; Mill Creek UMC, Montoursville; Moreland Baptist Church, Muncy; Muncy Baptist Church; Muncy Ministerium; New Life Church, Pennsdale; Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Montoursville; Picture Rocks Baptist Church; Picture Rocks UMC; Pleasant View Wesleyan Church, Muncy; St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Muncy; St. James Episcopal Church, Exchange and Muncy; St. Marks Church, Lairdsville; Tivoli UMC; Trinity Lutheran Church, Hughesville; VFW Post 3428, Muncy; Watsontown UMC; Women of the Muncy Chapel – State Correctional Institution at Muncy.

Community Businesses and Organizations that recently made generous donations of money, food, or services include: American Legion Post #35, Hughesville; Blaise Alexander Chevrolet/Buick, Muncy; Sisters of Preceptor Delta Lambda, Hughesville; Weis Markets, Muncy and Sunbury; Woodlands Bank, Williamsport.

Schools and Youth Groups for their recent support: East Lycoming High School, Hughesville; Muncy High School; Ward Myers Elementary School, Muncy.

Son Light House Hours of Operation:

Donations:

Every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 7:00 am – 10:00 am
Food, clean, usable, seasonable clothing, toys, and furniture may be donated only at this time.

Distributions:

Every other week on Wednesday from 9:00 am – noon and Thursday 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Distribution Dates:

June 7+-8+, 21-22

July 5+-6+, 19-20

August 2+-3+, 16-17

September 6+-7+, 20-21

October 4+-5+, 18-19

+ Senior Boxes – for eligible seniors

How Can I/We Help?

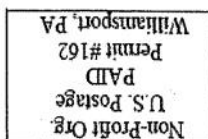
Prayers, volunteers, money, and food donations – especially cereal -- are always needed. For more information or to get involved, contact **Son Light House** by calling Ken and Delores Frey at 546-3585.

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St. John's Methodist Church
715 Pikes Peak Rd
Allenwood PA 17810

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Son Light House
130 Carpenter Street
Muncy, PA 17756





We are looking for someone to fill the position of outside custodian beginning the end of August. This involves mowing the grass, taking care of the shrubbery beds and parking lots, and keeping the sidewalks clear during the winter. This person is responsible to keep up with the church calendar to make sure things are prepared for Sunday worship and mid-week meetings. We would prefer someone who regularly attends worship on Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Marie Kennedy or Pastor Mike for a form which includes a job description. We will be taking names of those interested until August 9th.

A Fall Festival Organizational Meeting will be held at 7:00 on August 3rd for all who would like to attend in the Social Hall. All are welcome!



- Items for September's newsletter are due August **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.)

Pastor Mike will be in Ohio for continuing education from August 6th to August 18th.



The used air conditioners from the Sunday School rooms are on sale for \$10.00 apiece.

There will be a blood drive at the Elimsport UMC Fellowship Hall on August 8th from 2-7 pm. Please come and help by donating blood.



Please note that there will be **NO** breakfast on August 9th.

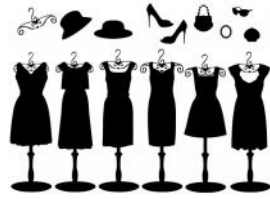
Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for August

August 6	Charlie & Pat Ulrich
August 13	Monte Temple
August 20	Bob & Hilda Sampsell
August 27	Harry & Jackie Sampsell



Family Promise and Shepherd of the Streets needs clean, nice used clothing for women to wear to job interviews. Please donate to St. John's Church. Contact Bonnie Cromley with any questions.



Dear Elimsport UMC,

Thank You

I wanted to thank you for my gifts for my confirmation. I appreciate them and you.

Thank you,

Emma Klopp



Dear Elimsport UMC,

Thank you so very much for the gifts for my confirmation and high school graduation. It was very thoughtful and considerate of you to think of me.

Thanks again,

Ben Klopp

Thanks



Dear St. Johns' UMC Family,

Thank you so much for the Christian Light Bookstore gift card. I can't believe that I have finally completed graduate school and my Masters of Science in Nursing. The years of schooling were long, but I know that I was covered with prayers from you all and for that I am deeply grateful. I started working in November as a Nurse Practitioner at UPMC Susquehanna Williamsport with Cardiothoracic Surgery.

Thank you again,

Rebecca Rhone



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.

Parish Office:

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Allenwood, PA 17810

Parsonage Phone:

(570) 547-1386

Pastor Mike's Cell:

(570) 974-8590

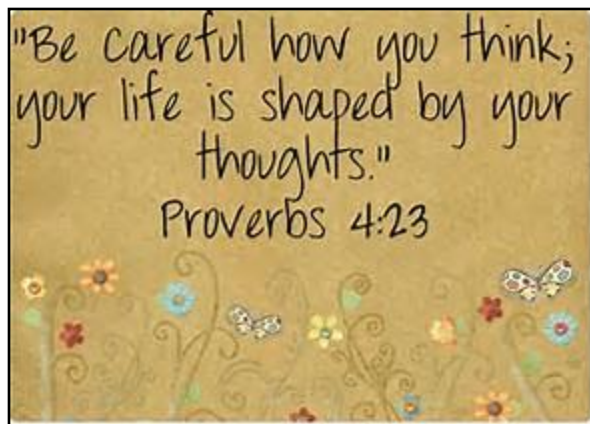
Parish Website:

www.evpumc.org

Parish email:

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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 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.