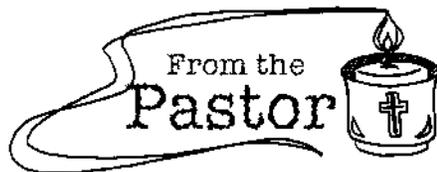


Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

From Truth for Life Daily Devotions

Called to Be Saints

Romans 1:7

We are very apt to regard the apostolic saints as if they were “saints” in a more special manner than the other children of God. All are “saints” whom God has called by His grace and sanctified by His Spirit; but we are apt to look upon the *apostles* as extraordinary beings, scarcely subject to the same weaknesses and temptations as ourselves.

Yet in doing so we forget this truth, that the nearer a man lives to God, the more intensely has he to mourn over his own evil heart; and the more his Master honors him in His service, the more the evil of the flesh vexes and teases him day by day. The fact is, if we had seen the apostle Paul, we would have thought him remarkably like the rest of the chosen family: And if we had talked with him, we would have said, “We find that his experience and ours are much the same. He is more faithful, more holy, and more deeply taught than we are, but he has the selfsame trials to endure. Actually, in some respects he is more sorely tried than ourselves.”

Do not, then, look upon the ancient saints as being exempt either from infirmities or sins; and do not regard them with that mystic reverence that will almost make us idolaters. Their holiness is attainable even by us. We are “called to be saints” by that same voice that constrained them to their high vocation. It is a Christian’s duty to force his way into the inner circle of saintship; and if these saints were superior to us in their attainments, as they certainly were, let us follow them; let us emulate their passion and holiness. We have the same light that they had, the same grace is accessible to us, and why should we rest satisfied until we have equaled them in heavenly character? They lived *with* Jesus, they lived *for* Jesus, therefore they grew *like* Jesus. Let us live by the same Spirit as they did, “looking to Jesus,”¹ and our saintship will soon be apparent.

St. John's Administrative Council will meet Thursday, August 12th at 7:00.



Wednesday morning breakfast at the Elimsport church is Wednesday mornings, from 7:30 am to 9:30 am.



Elimsport Administrative Council will meet Monday, August 9th at 6:30.





Thank you church family for the graduation card and gift card. It means a lot!

Hal Drick, Jr.

Dear St. John's UMC Family,

Thank you for the graduation card and gift card. I am blessed to have a church family who continues to support and think of me even when I am hours away. I am grateful to be able to continue my education, and in a few years officially be an Occupational Therapist. Thank you!



Amy Drick



A huge Thank-You to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School a big success. From the decorators, the teachers, and the helpers, to the people who

donated funds and snacks, you were part of something that will remain with the kids forever.

Our vbs kids brought in coins to help support the Footprints of Montgomery. It has always been a competition between the boys and girls to see who brings in the most money. This year the competition was very close. The boys won with \$265.00 and the girls with \$260.00. Congratulations to both!! Awesome job!! We donated \$525.00 to Footprints! Thank you everyone for your support!!!



A huge thank you to all the teachers, helpers and those that donated for VBS. It was a great success!!! All Your time and talents were greatly appreciated! And special thank you to Christa and Sharon for their time and devotion to vbs. I could not have done this with-out all of you!!! You all were wonderful examples of how Jesus ' power pulls us through!!!



Thanks Again!

Taryn



Thank you so much for the graduation gift. It was very thoughtful and will go to good use!

Thanks Again!

Corrine

Various means to keep updated:

website: evpumc.org

Face book: Elimspport United Methodist Parish

Electronic sign at Elimspport church

email Pastor Mike: hjebm@comcast.net

email church: elimspportumc@gmail.com

Call Pastor Mike: 570-547-1386

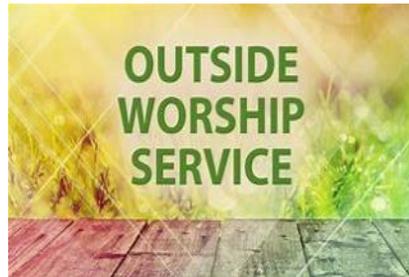
Text Pastor Mike: 570-974-8590 (please identify yourself when texting)

Please be sure to check the church website evpumc.org and Elimspport United Methodist Parish face book for up to date church news.

Elimspport church will be worshipping outdoors in the Pavilion at 9:00, weather pending. Please bring you own chair. If it is too cold or raining, we will simply move indoors for that day. If you come and forget a chair, we can provide one for you.

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

St. John's will continue to worship each Sunday at 10:30 at the church building.



Church Softball is back this summer! Call or text Chris Ulrich (570) 220-3960 or Tweet (570) 220-2032 if you are interested in playing. 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.

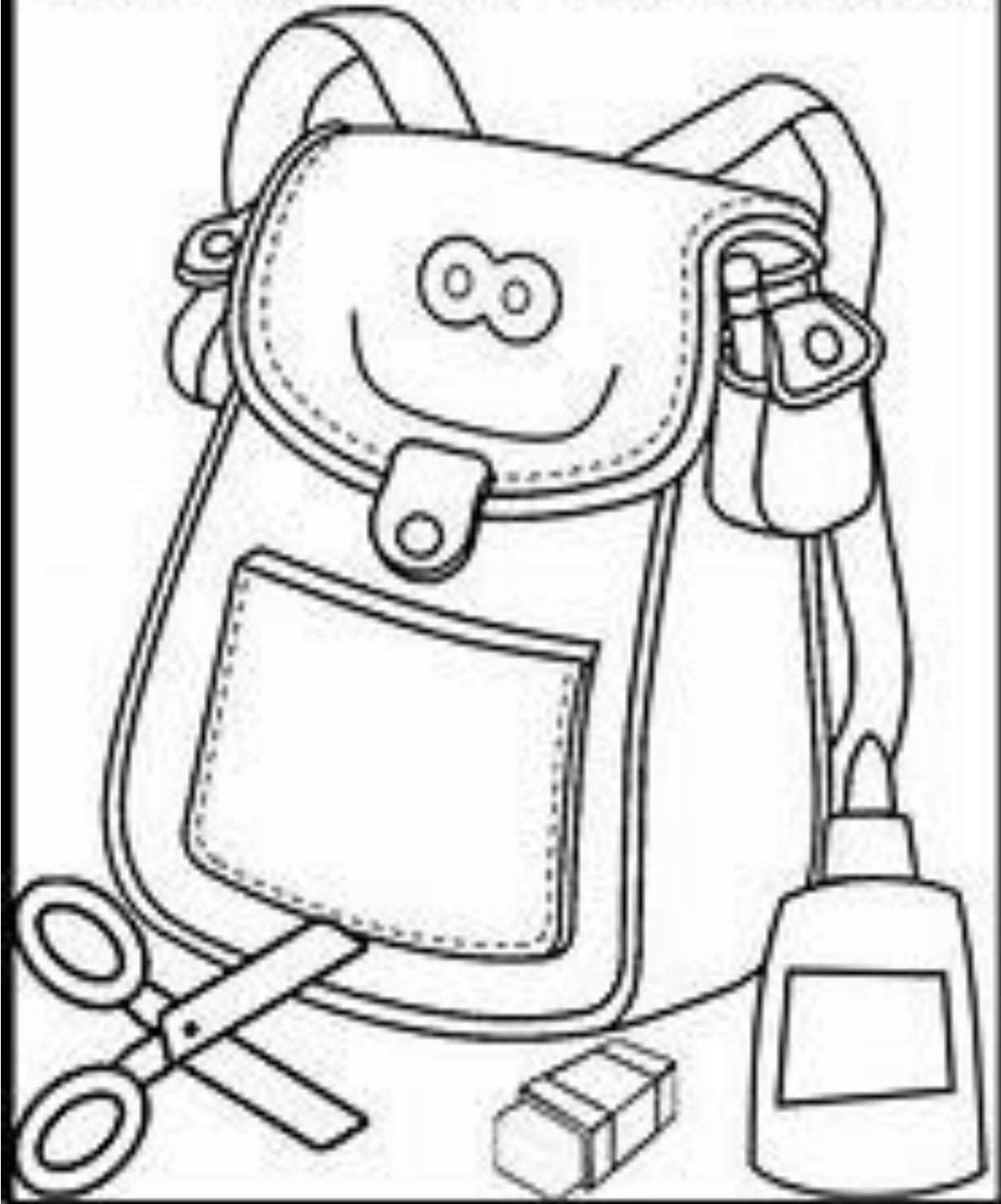
(Items received after these dates are not guaranteed to be printed.)



There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, August 3rd from 2-7 in the church fellowship hall.

Kid's Corner

back to school



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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Allenwood, PA 17810

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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.