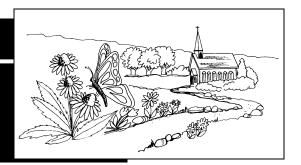
# Valley Views



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#### Come Celebrate with Me

As you well know, we are getting closer to my birthday. Every year there is a celebration in my honor and I think that this year the celebration will be repeated. During this time there are many people shopping for gifts, there are many radio announcements, TV commercials, and in every part of the world everyone is talking that my birthday is getting closer and closer. It is really very nice to know, that at least once a year, some people think of me. As you know, the celebration of my birthday began many years ago. At first people seemed to understand and be thankful of all that I did for them, but in these times, no one seems to know the reason for the celebration. Family and friends get together and have lot of fun, but they don't know the meaning of the celebration. I remember that last year there was a great feast in my honor. The dinner table was full of delicious foods, pastries, fruits, assorted nuts and chocolates. The decorations were exquisite and there were many, beautifully wrapped gifts. But, do you want to know something? I wasn't in-

vited. I was the guest of honor and they didn't remember to send me an invitation. The party was for me, but when that great day came, I was left outside



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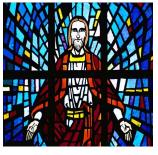


they closed the door in my face and I wanted to be with them and share their table.

In truth, that didn't surprise me because in the last few years all close their doors to me. Since I wasn't invited. I decided to enter the party without making any noise. I went in and stood in a corner. They were all drinking; there were some who were drunk and telling jokes and laughing at everything. They were having a grand time. To top it all, this big fat man all dressed in red wearing a long white beard entered the room yelling Ho-Ho-Ho! He seemed drunk. He sat on the sofa and all the children ran to him, saying: "Santa Claus, Santa Claus" as if the party were in his honor! At midnight all the people began to hug each other; I extended my arms waiting for someone to hug me and do you know no-one hugged me. Suddenly they all began to share gifts. They opened them one by one with great

expectation. When all had been opened, I looked to see if, maybe, there was one for me. What would you feel if on your birthday everybody shared gifts and you did not get one? I then understood that I was unwanted at that party and quietly left. Every year it gets worse. People only remember the gifts, the parties, to eat and drink, and nobody remembers me.

I would like this Christmas that you allow me to enter into your life. I would like that you recognize the fact that almost two thousand years ago I came to this world to give my life for you, on the cross, to save you. Today, I only want that you believe this with all your heart. I want to share something with you. As many didn't invite me to



their party, I will have my own celebration, a grandiose party that no one has ever imagined, a spectacular party. I'm still making the final arrangements.

sending Today Ι am out many invitations and there is an invitation for you. I want to know if you wish to attend and I will make a reservation for you and write your name with golden letters in my great guest book. Only those on the guest list will be invited to the party. Those who don't answer the invite will be left outside. Be prepared because when all is ready you will be part of my great party.

See you soon. I Love you! Jesus

-Author Unknown

From <a href="http://www.heavensinspirations.com">http://www.heavensinspirations.com</a>



#### Warming of the Tree

Please take an ornament from the tree in the sanctuary. Each ornament has an item listed on the back of it of things they need at the United Methodist Children's Home. It may be for a child or teen at the home or for supplies for the home. Pick an ornament, during your holiday shopping buy that item listed on the ornament and put the unwrapped item/gift under the tree.

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Thank you for the food and money donations to help with the college care packages. Your help was greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for our college kids!



To: Members and Friends, St. John's Methodist Church:

On behalf of the recipients, volunteers and Board of Directors at the Son Light House, "Thank You" for the generous donation of clothing we received 11/15/2014.

The clothing will be disturbed in November and December at the Son Light House.

Your thoughtful support in helping our ongoing mission at the Son Light House is truly appreciated.

The month of October 2014, 812 households received food and clothing or 1,949 individuals, 578 youth, 978 adults, 393 seniors 60+ and 24 new households registered in October 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 family in need during the year.

Gratefully, Ken and Delores Frey Directors, Son Light House

Dear Brothers and Sisters in EUMC,

We wanted to say "Thank You" for your warm hospitality to us last evening at Charge Conference. We were warmly welcomed wit refreshments and smiles that helped us smile and make friends of strangers.

Thank you for opening your kitchen and your sanctuary for our annual charge conference!

Sincerely,
Pastor Virginia Bailey
Montgomery Charge

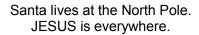
Please accept our sincere gratitude for all your prayers and support during Jeanette's illness and passing. We appreciate all your time and effort on her behalf, as well as ours. When she passed away you took time from your busy schedules to help us with her needs, plan and organize her funeral meal and burial service. It is very comforting to be part of such a loving and caring community.

Sincerely, The Lynches.





#### Jesus is Better Than Santa



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Santa rides in a sleigh JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year JESUS is an ever present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited JESUS stands at your door and knocks.. and then enters your heart.

You have to stand in line to see Santa JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, What's your name?" JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa can offer is HO! HO! HO! JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa says "You better not cry"

JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you.

Santa's little helpers make toys JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa may make you chuckle but JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree JESUS became our gift and died on the tree.

It's obvious there is really no comparison.

We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about.

We need to put Christ back in Christmas.

Jesus is still the reason for the season.

Yes, Jesus is better, he is even better than Santa Claus!









Donnie Waltman with God's Helpers at a recent function.

# Come to Church for Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Services Elimsport 6:30 pm St. John's 8:00 pm

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#### **Upcoming Dates To Remember:**

Sunday, December 7th during the Regular Service Hanging of Greens

Sunday, December 14

Bishop Parks

Sunday, December 21 Regular Service (E)

Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 24 6:30 pm (E); 8:00 pm (SJ)

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, January 18th 4:00 pm

Parish Birthday Party



#### **Christmas Party**

St. John's Christmas Party will be Tuesday December 2nd ant 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share and a wrapped gift for each child present. There will be special music and a fun time.

Our Advent service of hanging of the greens will be December 7th for both churches. Both churches will be doing the hanging of the greens during their morning worship. Please come and be a part of this beautiful service.



# Elimsport Volunteers

#### **Greeters for December**

Dec. 7 Charles & Jane Reibsome
Dec. 14 Sue Smith & Guy Mausteller

Dec. 21 Janet Eisworth

Dec. 28 Les & Eleanora Lutz

- Items for January's newsletter are due December 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.)

#### **Nursery for December**

Dec. 7 Jill Ulrich

Dec. 14 Nikolina Cleaver

Dec. 21 Christmas Pagent

Dec. 28 Carol Riddell

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## Christmas 2014 Wish List

### **BOYS & GIRLS AGE RANGE IS 12-19**

#### Clothing

Sweatpants (men's & women's sizes M, L, XL) Ladies tank tops/camisoles Bras (all ladies sizes) White T-shirts (men's sizes) Boxers (men's S, M, L & boys XL) Men's White or Black No-Show Socks Women's Bikini Underwear

(all sizes) Women's No-Show Socks

Men's Belts (all sizes)

#### Personal Hygiene Supplies

Flat irons Curling irons Shampoo Conditioner Body Wash for males & females Hair Picks Elastic Hair Bands Non-Aerosol Hair Spray African-American Hair Products Hair Brushes Wave Brushes Noxzema Face Washes Men's & Women's Shaving Cream Hair Ties Anti-bacterial Hand Soap Deodorant (no aerosols) Toothpaste Soap Travel Holders Odor Eaters / Foot Powder Moisturizing Lotion Toothbrushes Toothbrush Travel Holders

#### Campus Needs

Gas Grills Picnic Tables Molded Plastic Folding Tables Molded Plastic Chairs Outdoor Park Benches Outdoor Refuse Containers Clock with Guard (for Recreation Hall) New HP Color Printers New 17" Flat Panel Monitors GPS Car Navigation System Equipment Trailer -Small Single Axle Two black serving carts with wheels Flat screen TVs (up to 36" diagonal)

#### Ongoing Needs for Cottages

Plates (dishwasher-safe plastic or Melamine) Silverware (round tip knives) Stainless Steel Mixing Bowls Large Colanders Aprons Bagel Slicers Dust Pans & Brooms Ice Cream Scoops Large Tongs Can Openers **DVD** Players Box Fans Coffee Makers with auto shutoff Assorted Pots & Pans, especially Large Sauce Pans & Stock Pots with Lids Wooden 3-shelf bookshelf (approx. 4' high x 3' wide x 14" deep) Large Deep Fryers Large Crock Pots 18-gallon Plastic Tote Boxes/Bins Twin Size Sheet Sets Twin Size Comforters Kitchen Utensils Large Bath Towels

Shower Curtains & Liners Bed pillows Magazine Subscriptions Subscription to the Patriot-News

(local newspaper) Disposable Cameras

Clothes Baskets Cereal Bowls & Large Serving Bowls (dishwasher safe, no glass)

#### School Supplies

Flash Drives (4gb to 16gb) Backpacks suitable for teens Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt) 2" Binders 3" Binders Pocket Folders Scotch Tape Scientific Calculators - Texas Instruments Model TI-30X IIS Graphing Calculators -Texas Instruments Model TI 84

#### Sporting Equipment

Wii games (Rated G) Leather Baseball/Softball Gloves (Adult-right & left hand) Bikes (BMX style - all terrain, fixed gear), Elbow & Knee Safety Pads Inline Skates (larger sizes 8 & up) Frisbee Golf Discs

#### Needs for Nurse's Office

Ace Bandages

Anti-itch Cream Athlete's Foot Cream Band-aids Benadryl (tablets and lotion) Body Lotion Bug Repellent Chapstick Dental Floss Hand Cream Heating Pads Hydrocortisone Cream Ibuprofen Knee Braces Midol Monistat-3 and Monistat-7 Neosporin Pepto Bismol Peroxide O-tips Rubbing Alcohol Sunscreen

#### Arts & Crafts

Tums

Tylenol

Construction Paper Markers Scrapbooking Supplies Poster Board Drawing Pencils 8x11 Sketch Pads Kneaded Erasers White Copy Paper (20 lb, 92 Bright) Color Copy Paper Gum Erasers Embroidery Thread

#### Gift Certificates Walmart

Target Kohl's Sheetz Payless Shoes, McDonald's Staples Dairy Queen Rita's Subway Pizza Hut Papa John's Domino's Giant Rite Aid Weis Bowling Skating Movie Theaters Craft stores Dollar General Dick's Sporting Goods The Restaurant Store



Cash Gifts may be given to purchase any of the above items. Also, cash contributions will help us provide clothing needs, resident activities, recreational activities, furniture, Christmas decorations, & Christmas dinner. All gifts are greatly appreciated.

Adult Scissors

### **Special Instructions**

**Please do not wrap the gifts.** We truly appreciate your generosity in providing special gifts for the children. However, due to agency regulations, we prefer to receive all the gifts unwrapped. This helps us ensure that each gift goes to the appropriate child. If you would like to place your items in Christmas gift bags, we would surely appreciate it!

WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT GIFTS ON SATURDAYS OR SUNDAYS. Gifts may be delivered to the Home Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions about Project Christmas, please call the Home at (717) 766-7652.

Our thanks to the many supporters who reach out to make the holidays brighter for the children in the cottages! Your help gives the children in residence a special holiday and provides us with badly needed supplies to last throughout the year.

#### **BOYS AND GIRLS AGE RANGE IS 12-19**

Since 1917, the **United Methodist Home for Children** has served thousands of children and their families. Originally a home for orphans, today's residents are victims of a negative social environment, many the victims of abuse and neglect. Here on our campus, through a variety of programs, hurting and troubled children receive the care and support they so desperately need.

- UMHC Residential Program
- Individual and Family Counseling Clinic—Steelton



# Blessings, Best Wishes and Many Thanks!

United Methodist Home for Children, Inc.

5120 Simpson Ferry Road Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-3627 Telephone 717.766.7652 Fax 717.766.5828 www.umhcservices.org VALLEY VIEWS PAGE 9



## Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc.

501 High Street Williamsport Pennsylvania 17701



570-323-1797

Greetings and Blessings from your stewards at STM.

Sojourner Truth, the American Evangelist and social reformer, wrote, "Those are the same stars, and that is the same moon, that look down upon your brothers and sisters, and which they see as they look up to them, though they are ever so far away from us, and each other." We are contacting you, with gratitude, that you recognize this truth, and for the generous support that you have shown so that we may strive to fulfill our Savior's command to love one another as He loves us.

During 2014, we have been witness to amazing accomplishments. STM has been in transition, and has been seeking a new coordinator for the quarterly newsletters. However, STM continues to minister to those with needs—whether financial, physical, emotional, spiritual, or other—with the goal of providing a place where God's love may be experienced. Through our comprehensive programs of support and outreach, we have addressed a myriad of critical needs. There are many in our community who do not have enough to eat. The Sojourner Café is still our most visible means for immediate impact. Every day, over a hundred meals are served with a devotional message and prayer, but always offering much-needed social interaction and a greater sense of relationship for all involved. Local churches and organizations who have signed up to prepare and serve the Saturday meal come back repeatedly, finding the experience uplifting. An extraordinary undertaking this summer was STM's partnership with the Central PA Food Bank. STM's Rev. Velinda welcomed children to food and fellowship in a safe environment—something we long to repeat yearly.

Because so many of our Sojourners live in poverty, they have few "extras"—extra money, extra time, extra security. Their lives tend to lack stability. For instance, with no savings, the loss of a job, an illness, or other catastrophic event may quickly result in the loss of their home. Counselor Dawn White has provided direct assistance to many feeling lost and without direction. Dawn also intervenes on behalf of women in crisis, helping them make a fresh start. This is a recurring issue in Williamsport, as our local shelters are only able to house for a standard of 30 days. Recently, Dawn was able to relocate several victims fleeing their abusers, with only their children and little clothing still in their possession. STM found a safe house for them to stay, located household goods to furnish their rooms, and most importantly began to build with them a relationship of trust and faith, reminding them that they are part of our community.

In mission to promote not only physical health but total wellness, STM provides many forms of assistance to permanently improve the lives of our Sojourners. An annual health fair is held; free dental and eye screenings are offered regularly; nutrition classes taught; health awareness training given; flu shots offered; many support groups such as NA, AA, SA, as well as men's and women's faith-based studies meet in our building respectable.

STM operates the From Our Hands to Yours Clothes Closet five days a week, providing adult and children's clothes to those in need without charge. New and gently used donated clothing and even free haircuts help our clients to feel clean and There is so much that STM does to directly impact the lives of so many, yet the need only increases as our resources struggle to keep up. "For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land." (Deuteronomy 15:11, NKJV).

Annually we have a major fund-raising drive that includes contacting area churches and donors to prevent potential cutbacks to some services. In the past, you have generously and faithfully allowed God to use you as His instruments. We thank those who have accepted our Enduring Covenant Challenge, and continue to give throughout the year. Thanks also to others contributing food, clothing, time, and answering our appeals when a specific needs arise. STM really is a community of believers!

We again do not have enough committed funding for the upcoming year. We recognize that this is the season when many people make a single, annual contribution to charities; we ask that you prayerfully consider Sojourner Truth Ministries. Historically, a small group of supporters have initiated a "matching funds challenge" of \$5,000. That challenge has begun again this year. Please circulate this letter among your families, friends, and congregations, and please send your donations to Sojourner Truth Ministries, attention: Treasurer. Please continue to pray for STM and our Sojourners. Please know that we pray God will continue to bless you and prosper you as you continue to work with us as His humble faithful servants.

In His Service.

Dave Miele, President, on behalf of The Board of Directors and Ministry Team at STM

# son LIGHT HOUSE REFLECTIONS

Son Light House - 130 Carpenter Street, Muncy, PA 17756 - Phone: 546-3585 November 2014

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.

"Which one of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:36-37). In Luke's Gospel, the parable of the Good Samaritan serves as an illustration of the commandment to love your neighbor. Jesus makes clear that mercy is the heart of that love.

#### Households and Individuals Served

|      | Households | Individuals | New Hlds |
|------|------------|-------------|----------|
| June | 517        | 1,206       | 8        |
| July | 461        | 1,098       | 9        |
| Aug  | 494        | 1,158       | 8        |
| Sept | 543        | 1,291       | 17       |
| Oct  | 812        | 1,949       | 24       |

#### Son Light House - for All Ages

| dults Seniors |
|---------------|
| 612 256       |
| 531 270       |
| 567 256       |
| 659 252       |
| 978 393       |
|               |

**Bi-Annual Food Bank Inspection** – During the summer, the Central PA Food Bank completed its required inspection of Son Light House. Comments included that SLH was in "complete compliance" with policies and procedures and that SLH was a "model program." Thanks to all who make these comments possible!

Son Light House is Second Largest Distributor of Senior Boxes – A federal food program provides monthly a box of food to seniors who meet the income requirement. Son Light House distributes an average of 95 senior boxes each month. This figure is the second highest figure for food pantries in the 23 counties served by the Central PA Food Bank located in Williamsport.

"Hunger in America 2014" – a Report from Feeding America – Feeding America is a national organization that supports 46,000 local food agencies including Son Light House. Characteristics of families served by Feeding America food programs include:

- 25% households have a member who was currently serving in the U.S. military
- · 69% had to choose between food and utilities
- 66% had to choose between food and medical care
- 39% of households had at least one child
- · 33% of households had at least one senior
- 54% of households had at least one employed member in the past year

#### "Thank You" to These Recent Supporters

Individuals and Families who have recently supported Son Light House include: Kermit and Maryann Breon, Shirley Crawley, Reuben Doebler, Don and Dorothy Fague, Ken and Tolanda Geromi, Elaine Hacker, Jacob Hiserman, Jeff and Helen Hiserman and family, Janet Kohler, John and Pat Merrifield, Jim and Betsy Mothersbaugh, Marilee Murray, Dr. Naresh and Anita Nagpal, Arlene Opp, David and Gail Pentz, Rosemary Rohrbach, Philip and Betty Soohy, Harry Stackhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Twigg, Pastor Max and Diann Walters.

In Memory of Evelyn Bryan - Connie and Tom Eddy, Rebecca Fought, David and Donna Heiney, and Heidi Waltman.

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Churches and Church Organizations for their recent support: Bethany United Methodist Church (UMC), Hughesville; Catholic Diocese of Scranton; Christ UMC, Hughesville; Church of the Resurrection, Muncy; CROP Walk - United Churches of Lycoming County; Ecroyd Missionary Circle, Muncy; Elimsport UMC; Faith Church of Lairdsville; First UMC, Muncy; Grace Presbyterian Church, Montgomery; Hughesville Baptist Church; Lungerville Christian Church, Unityville; Messiah Lutheran Church, Clarkstown; Mill Creek UMC, Montoursville; Moreland Baptist Church, Muncy; New Life Church, Pennsdale; Picture Rocks UMC; Pleasant View Wesleyan Church, Muncy; St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Muncy; St. James Episcopal Churches, Exchange and Muncy; St. James Lutheran Church, Pennsdale; St. John's Lutheran "Brick" Church, Montgomery; St. Marks Church, Lairdsville; Trinity Lutheran Church, Hughesville.

Community Businesses and Organizations that recently made generous donations of money, food, or services include: 31 Gifts – Local 31 Consultants, Montgomery; American Legion Post #35, Hughesville; Business and Professional Women's Club, Muncy; Class of "79", Hughesville; Lycoming United Way; Macy's – Lycoming Mall, Muncy; Macy's/Bloomingdale's, Sharonville, Ohio; Employees – Muncy Bank and Trust; Myers-Pepper Insurance Agency, Muncy; Silver Sneakers – East Lycoming YMCA, Muncy; Tivoli UMC; TOPS – Chapter 1306, Pennsdale; Valley Forge Pension Management, Inc., Muncy; Weis Markets, Muncy; Xi Zeta Rho Sorority, Hughesville.

Schools and Youth Groups for their recent support: Children's Division – First UMC, Muncy; Kindergarten Classes – Ward L. Myers Elementary School, Muncy; Vacation Bible School – Muncy Ministerium; Weedlow's Cub Scouts, Muncy.

#### 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 10:00 - noon and Thursday 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

#### Distribution Dates:

November 12+-13+, 19\*-20\* - \*Thanksgiving December 3+-4+, 17\*-18\* - \*Christmas January 7+-8+, 21-22 February 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 546-7307.

|   |                                      |  | ecember 2014   |  |        |          |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------|----------|
| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                               | TUESDAY                                  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                               | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|   | 1                                    | 2  | 3 Community<br>Breakfast 7-10:00   | 4                                      | 5      | 6        |
|   |                                      | Party 6:30 pm                            | Elimsport Choir practice: Kids 6:00 Adults 6:30                                  |  |        |          |
| 7<br>Hanging of Greens  | 8<br>Elimsport Ad Council<br>6:30 pm | 9<br>Bible Study 6:30pm<br>@ St. John's  | 10 Community Breakfast 7-10:00  Elimsport Choir practice: Kids 6:00  Adults 6:30 | 11<br>St. John's Ad Council<br>7:00 pm | 12     | 13       |
| Bishop Parks Coming Luncheon at Elimsport at 12:00                                  | 15                                   | 16<br>Bible Study 6:30pm<br>@ St. John's | Breakfast 7-10:00  Elimsport Choir practice: Kids 6:00  Adults 6:30              | 18                                     | 19     | 20       |
| Elimsport Christmas Pageant during worship St. John's Christmas play during worship | 22                                   | 23<br>No Bible Study                     | 24 No Breakfast  Christmas Eve Services Elimsport 6:30 pm St. John's 8:00 pm     | 25                                     | 26     | 27       |
| 28  | 29                                   | 30<br>No Bible Study                     | 31 No Breakfast  |  |        |          |

### 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 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

#### **Parish Bible Study**

Varies according to the season.





#### **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.

### The purpose of St. Jol God's love in our wo

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.

Our Mission Statement St. John's UMC