

# Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

It's that time of year again! Already. Where has the time gone? It was just yesterday that we were getting the kids ready to go back to school. Christmas. The very best time of year! Time to decorate, bake cookies, put up the tree, and lots of shopping. And, watch Christmas shows. So many to choose from. Santa Claus is Coming to Town, The Grinch, Frosty the Snowman, Scrooge and many, many more. But my favorite... A



Charlie Brown Christmas! How can you not love the Peanuts? And at Christmas to say the least. Good old Charlie Brown, bossy Lucy, Schroeder on piano, Snoopy and Woodstock being Snoopy and Woodstock. But my favorite... Linus. Sweet, kind-hearted, say-it-like-it-is Linus. The Peanuts, so busy planning and performing their Christmas Pageant. Who plays who? What songs to play and sing? We need a tree! And amongst all the confusion, who takes control of the situation, but Linus. He clearly explains the real, true meaning of Christmas. It's not gifts or trees or Christmas Pageants, but the birth of Christ. What a wonder for a child, even a fictional one, to stop and remember the true meaning of the season. Maybe we should all be like Linus and take a moment to remember the true, real meaning of Christmas. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



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## Son Light House

To: Members and Friends, Elimsport United Methodist Church:

On behalf of the Recipients, Volunteers and Board of Directors at the Son Light House, "Thank You" for all the generous monetary donation of \$300.00 we received November 17, 2016 at the Son Light House.

This monetary donation will be used to purchase "Chickens for Christmas" that will be distributed December 21st and 22nd at Son Light House.

The month of October, 562 households received food and clothing or 1,527 individuals, 446 youth, 635 adults, 446 senior 60+ and 12 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 families in need during the year.

Gratefully with God's Blessing,

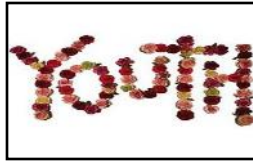
Ken & Delores Frey

Directors, Son Light House

**Son Light House donations** are taken every Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 7:30 am - 10:00 am. Food, clean, usable, seasonal clothing, toys and furniture may be donated only at this time. We are located at 130 Carpenter Street in Muncy. Donations are distributed every other week on Wednesday from 10:00 am to noon, and Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

### Help Needed:

Help is needed to handle boxes for truck delivery of food from the Central PA Food Bank. Help is also needed with handling boxes for the bi-weekly pulling of food for distribution. Boxes can weigh between 30-40 lbs. Each task lasts about one hour in the morning. If available, please call Ken Frey at 570-546-3585.



Have Dinner at Wendy's in Muncy and earn money for Elimsport Valley UMYF

Tuesday, December 13th

Time is 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

Come and help support our Youth!

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



#### JOB DESCRIPTION:

YOUTH COORDINATOR OF ELIMSPORT VALLEY PARISH, MARCH 17, 2016

The Director of Youth/Children ministries of the Elimsport Valley Parish is an extension of the pastor in providing leadership within the parish.

#### Qualifications:

The Director of Youth ministries must possess exceptional communication and interpersonal skills, be able to work with the pastor and other staff or volunteers within the parish. This person should have the gifts and graces to minister to children and youth. They must maintain a high regard for the mission of the church and Christian discipleship.

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

Coordinate the youth ministry (grades 6 – 12) of the Parish.

Plan, organize and lead a youth program.

Organize field trips and service projects with the youth.

Be available to youth in a nurturing and supportive role.

Plan, organize, and lead an annual Youth Sunday worship service.

Publicize the programs.

Appropriate Act clearances would need to be obtained.

Salary per year: \$3,388.

Active member of either church and present in weekly worship service and fellowship events

**Hanging of the Greens** will be Sunday, December 4th during the morning service at both churches. Elimsport will have a fellowship time following service with a treat table of finger foods. Please bring a favorite Christmas goody to share.



Dear Church family,

Thank you for the care package. It will help me get through the final weeks of this semester. Thank you for thinking of me.



Kyle Becher

The **Children's Christmas Pageant** will be Sunday, December 18th during the worship service at both churches. There will be refreshments to follow at Elimsport Church.



There will be a **combined Parish service** at Elimsport Church on Sunday, December 11th at 9:00 am with Nick Biddle. Donut Day will be in the Fellowship Hall after the service. There will be no Sunday School that day.

St. John's Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30. Please bring a dish to share and a wrapped gift for each child you bring.



**Christmas Eve Services** will be Saturday, December 24th.

Elimsport service is at 6:30 pm and St. John's service will be at 8:00 pm.



*Merry Christmas*



The Christian Crusaders will meet at the Elimsport Church Friday, December 16th at

6:00 for a Christmas Party.

## Elimsport Volunteers

### Greeters for December

December 4	Sandy Foresman
December 11	Christa McCormick
December 18	Charlie & Pat Ulrich
December 25	Joann Stainbrook

*Merry Christmas*



- 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.)*

## Son Light House



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 all the generous donation of non-perishable food and clothing that we received November 10, 2016 at the Son Light House.

Your continued support is appreciated. This donation will be distributed November 16th & 17th for Thanksgiving at the Son Light House.

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Directors, Son Light House

With Regret, St. John's UMC Helping Hands, (former Apple Dumpling Gang), will not be making apple dumplings until Fall 2017. We checked other orchards & found because of the spring weather, the variety of apples we use, will not be available until the beginning of January. We made a few of another variety that will be available, but decided they were too tart. We thank you for your support.



St. John's Ladies Aid, The Apple Dumpling Gang & Wednesday's Crochet, Knit &



Sew Ladies have combined forces. As of November 8th, they are now known as **"St. John's Helping Hands."** We are thankful for you and your support to each of us and our mission work. We pray with God's Blessings that St. John's Helping Hands will be more productive than three individual groups. Blessings to you.

Christmas Concerts  
by the  
West Branch Chorale  
Shirley Smith, Director

Sunday, December 4th @ 3:00 pm  
Faith United Methodist Church, Montoursville

Sunday, December 11th @ 3:00 pm  
Pleasant View Wesleyan Church, Muncy

Instrumentalists:

Joy Barto, Piano/Organ      Sarah Christine-White. Oboe  
Krista White, Flute      Wayne Gaver, Bassoon

A free-will offering will be taken

The following dates have been reserved for friends and members of the Elimsport UM parish to work at the Toys for Tots warehouse (Lewisburg area):

12/4 (Sunday) – 2pm-5pm

12/10 (Saturday) – 1pm-5pm



The Toys For Tots warehouse is full of toys waiting to be chosen for needy boys and girls in the Union, Snyder, and Northumberland counties. Slips of paper with names, age, and toy preferences are given to the “toy pickers” and orders are filled from the warehouse shelves. Groups from our area, such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and our own youth group have participated in this service project for years and have always looked forward to returning.

Sign-up sheets will be available in each church in November. Please feel free to contact Deanna Drick (570-419-1730) or Sharon Heintzelman (570-547-1714) with any questions.



***Shepherd of the Streets******October 2016*****As it is written:**

“He scatters abroad, He gives to the poor; His Righteousness endures forever. He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; For the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgiving to God.” II Cor. 9:9-12

We stand in the threshold of the most beloved time of the year...harvest and the advent of our Lord and Savior. But, it is also the threshold of weather related issues such as illnesses in need of medicine and mental and relational oppressions that seem to surface when the ultimate answer for all of these should be our focus... behold, your salvation has come.

The last four months have been difficult. The cost of nearly everything (especially medicine) has gone up and the economy has gone down. At the SOS office we have ceased some help - programs, taken cuts in personal financial involvement, and have plans for cutting some other programs with medical and safety emphasis.

For you who have faithfully given, we are most appreciative. For you who will give in this winter season, we are grateful and we thank you even now for your support to help us achieve our mission. Be assured that your donation will be used to help with medicine, glasses, safe practices, and work - entry needs.

We are most grateful for the Plankenhorn Foundation that assists us with providing heat, electricity, and water ... for the United Way of Lycoming County to providing the dental grant for oral surgery.

Yours in Christ,

J. Morris Smith, Th.D.

## United Methodist Home for Children

Dear Friends,



Just like your family, we want the kids living at the Children's Home to have a delightful Christmas experience and carry those memories with them for the rest of their lives.

Most of our kids have been abandoned, neglected or abused (physically, emotionally and in other ways). Many struggle with a lack of trust and limited relationship skills. Holidays can be particularly hard for them, especially if they cannot go home or when they have only limited or supervised access to family members.

Understanding and nurturing kids who have experienced real trauma takes not only a dedicated staff, but also access to an extensive range of programs and services to meet their needs. Our kids often require extra time and very intentional therapeutic interventions as they seek to understand their pain and overcome their fears. Many of these treatments are not covered by reimbursements and we must find ways to make them available.

As important as it is to meet their physical needs, it is also crucial to provide them with comfort, safety, dignity, and a sense of belonging within a family, which they experience in abundance at the Home. Care workers help the kids find words to express their feelings, and, while the professional staff calls this developing emotional intelligence, the kids call it heart-to-heart conversations, which are so vital to their healing.

Despite their challenges, our kids wish for the same things that children everywhere do: a new pair of jeans, a warm coat and boots, sports equipment, and the ability to enjoy the festivities with carefree hearts. For some, it may be the first time they experience the personal attention and Christ-inspired kindness that most of us take for granted at the holidays.

This year, as you count your many blessings, please remember that some Central Pennsylvania young people cannot go home for the holidays. Your generous gift now will become life-long Christmas memories for youth who need your support. Giving to and caring for our kids is at the heart of our ministry every day, but the staff and volunteers at the United Methodist Home for Children are especially inspired by the holiday spirit, and we know that you are too.

Your generous contribution will provide a variety of services not covered by reimbursements. You can make a secure on-line donation at [www.umhcservices.org](http://www.umhcservices.org) or by mailing to United Methodist Home for Children, 5120 Simpson Ferry Road, Mechanicsburg, PA. 17050. On behalf of the young people who benefit most from your generosity, we thank you and wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



### Montgomery Christmas Committee



It is once again that time of year when we make an appeal for the less fortunate in our community at Christmas time. As of this time, I have had several families contact me. Last year there were 167 families who received boxes and over 250 children who received toys. The food bill was over \$6,500. With your generous support, we were able to pay this bill.

We distributed canned goods to each family and with the money we supply a Christmas dinner for each family, which consists of turkey/ham, potatoes, vegetable, stuffing, cranberry sauce, apples, bread, celery, margarine, cookies and Christmas hard candy. This year any kind of help you could give would be helpful.

We greatly appreciated the toys that are given for the boys and girls. We ask that if you donate toys that need a battery to please donate that also. It is so good to see the faces on the families who receive these gifts of food and toys.

We sincerely appreciate your donations. We ask that your check be made out to Montgomery Christmas Committee. If you have any questions or you want to put someone on a list, please don't hesitate to call me at (570) 547-6777. Checks can be mailed to: Nancy Gruver

Attn: Christmas Committee  
553 Schoolhouse Road  
Montgomery, PA. 17752

Once again, Thank you and God Bless  
Nancy Gruver, Montgomery Christmas Committee



The Holiday Seasons are inextricably linked with family and children. We remember there are children who don't get to eat on Thanksgiving, who don't get gifts at Christmas, and who don't see that God has plans for them, plans to give them hope and a future. We pray for their wellbeing and we serve them as part of God's family. Love-a-Child is a permanent Endowment Fund of the Commission on Child Advocacy, created with a goal of financially and spiritually equipping churches called to care for the least of these. This fund is one way you might help children in need. Please contact me directly at (717) 968-0251 or email me at [pbowers@susumc.org](mailto:pbowers@susumc.org) with questions. May God bless your ministries and offerings.

Phyllis Bowers, Executive Director of The United Methodist Stewardship Foundation

# 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:**

16145S. RT 44 HWY  
Allenwood, PA 17810

### **Parsonage Phone:**

(570) 547-1386

### **Pastor Mike's Cell:**

(570) 974-8590

### **Parish Website:**

[www.evpumc.org](http://www.evpumc.org)

### **Parish email:**

[elimsportumc@gmail.com](mailto:elimsportumc@gmail.com)

[www.evpumc.org](http://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.