

Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

It is said, Patience is a virtue. I envy people with patience. Recently I watched as my wife sat crocheting, patiently working away as she hooked this and pulled that, over and under, around and through. It seemed like no time before she asked me to look at what she had done. Whether it is making a quilt, crocheting, putting a puzzle together or whatever your hobby might be, it takes time and we are willing to wait because we have the end result in mind.

God is a lot like this. It's easy, as our world unravels, to get discouraged and wonder how long it can go on like this. I often hear people say, "If I were in charge I'd straighten things out quick." I'm glad God doesn't think like that. One of God's greatest attributes is his patience. I often ask myself, how can he be so patient? The answer is that he has a glorious end in mind. In case you haven't noticed, God has been at work for thousands of years, pulling this, hooking that, over and under, around and through patiently working in order to bring all people together into his glorious kingdom. Sadly, some will not comply. But in the end, the pieces that God chooses will fit perfectly. Until then, there are still some who are not naturally born yet and some not spiritually born yet, so God waits as time follows the course he set out for it in the beginning and creation unfolds, waiting for all who will come to him as Lord and Savior.

February 2016 has an extra day in it. This means we have an extra day of life and an extra day to examine our life to see where we are in our relationship with God. And yes, he has an extra day to wait until Christ comes again in final victory, when the project is finished and we will all stand and see what the Lord has done. What has he done in your life? How have you responded to him and how is your relationship with him? I want to encourage everyone to spend extra time this month with the Lord. No one can say, "I don't have the time," because we have an extra day this month. God is patiently waiting for your attention.



Blessings,

Pastor Mike

Love is patient,
love is kind 
1 Corinthians 13:4

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To Members & Friends of the Elimsport UMC,
On behalf of the Recipients, Volunteers and Board of Directors at the Son Light House,
Thank you for your generous donation of \$300 received on December 23, 2015.

Your donation will purchase food and help with expenses.

Your thoughtfulness and continued support with helping our ongoing mission at the Son light House is truly appreciated.

The month of December, 727 households or 1,984 individuals, 682 youth, 952 adults, 350 seniors 60+ received food and clothing. There were 14 new households registered in December at the Son Light House.

Son Light House depends on the community and local support with both non-perishable food and monetary donations, 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 of Son Light House

Dear Rev. Mike & Congregation:

During this season of advent I hope you are able to find time to quietly reflect on God's faithfulness and love shown to us through the birth of a baby, His Son. Advent also prompts us to look forward in anticipation of the fulfillment of Scripture. Jesus is coming (again)!

At Expectations Women's Center we celebrate the gift of life. We are God's masterpiece, and we celebrate that as we welcome each baby born as a result of this ministry. I know this ministry is close to God's heart.

So, I thank you for your financial support! Without your help how would we pay that phone bill, have a warm and welcoming building for women to come to, or train our volunteers, or have the educational materials women need to make good choices? I wish I could sit down with you and share how deeply I appreciate you. Maybe that will happen someday, my door is open. But in the meantime, please accept my deepest and most sincere thank you. And trust you had a blessed Advent Season and Merry Christmas as you find ways to celebrate and reflect on God's greatest gift.

Together for Life,

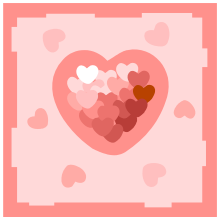
Pam Burkholder

Executive Director of Expectations Women's Center



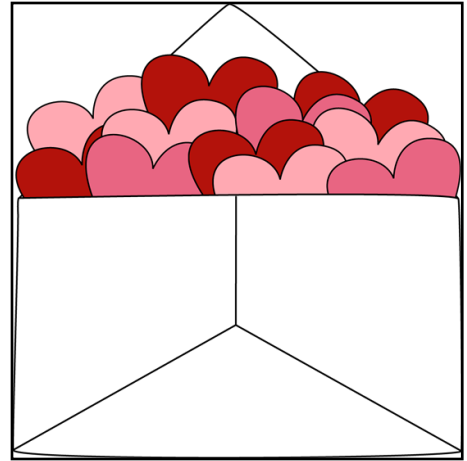
Dear Fellow Believers,

Praise the Lord and Greetings! We would like to say a special thank you for your generosity in giving to Sojourner Truth Ministries. You have truly been a blessing, it is only through your financial support and prayers that we are able to continue to do what we do to be the hands and feet of Jesus that He called us to be. We pray that God continues to bless you and your loved ones throughout the upcoming year.



In His Loving Service,

Pastor Velinda Smith



To the Elimsport UMC,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$300 to the American Rescue Workers. There are so many needy families and individuals in our community that go without proper food, clothing and shelter every day due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, injuries, age, domestic violence or divorce. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, children and the elderly are at the most risk, and they make up a large number of the clients we serve. Through your kindness, we will be able to help many of these families and individuals not only to meet essential daily needs, but to work toward a brighter future with the various programs that we offer.



Thank You Again,

Sam & Dawn Astin

Dear Congregation,

On behalf of the young people at the United Methodist Home for Children, Inc., we gratefully acknowledge your recent contribution of \$300. Your gift means that the Home can provide more than food, clothing, counseling and a safe environment. As you can imagine, our young people have the same needs as children everywhere: a new pair of jeans, a warm coat, sports equipment, along with an occasional pizza party, to name a few. In addition, we help the older teens begin their journey into adulthood with all the opportunities and challenges that entails, from attending college to finding a first job. But, more than the basics, they also need love and a sense of belonging to a family.

Thanks again for your generosity,

Daniel Brannen



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Fellowship Happenings

February 7th Souper Bowl Sunday - Collections go to Son Light House and Footprints of Montgomery

February 14th Youth Sunday at both churches

February 21st meet at the church at 6:30 pm

February 28th meet at the church at 6:30 pm

Call or email Tweet with any questions.

Please see any member of the Youth Group to purchase a 2016 calendar.

Cost is \$7.00. This is a great way to help support our Youth

Thanks to all at Elimsport UMC for your generous support of the American Red Cross. We never forget that all we do is made possible by generous, compassionate people like you.



Thank You!

Valerie

Thank you so much for my care bag! It's a wonderful treat to have for finals week!



Megan Bryson

Dear St. John's UMC,
Thank you so very much for your gift of \$29 to the Montgomery Food Bank. Your gift was very much appreciated. Thank you for caring for the needy people of the Montgomery area.



Thanks again,
Footprints of Montgomery

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, thoughts and concerns! I have felt the love and it sure helps me get through! Thanks for the picture and book, and food for the guys. The visits were much appreciated. God is awesome! God will see us through!



Our Love,
Suzette and Family

current events

Wednesday, February 3rd @ Elimsport Social Hall **Red Cross Blood Drive**, 2:00-7:00pm.

**Help
save
lives**



1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)
11. Honor without fail. (Hebrews 13: 4)

We will be moving forward with improvements to the sidewalks and parking lot this Spring. The improvements include repairing cracked and deteriorated sidewalk slabs and eliminating high curbs with new paving. This major project will make us more in ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. The projected budget is estimated to cost \$28,000. We encourage you to prayerfully consider designating funds toward this project.



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Elimsport Volunteers

- Items for March's newsletter are due February 20th.
- Items for the weekly bulletin's need to be to the church office by Thursday morning each week.

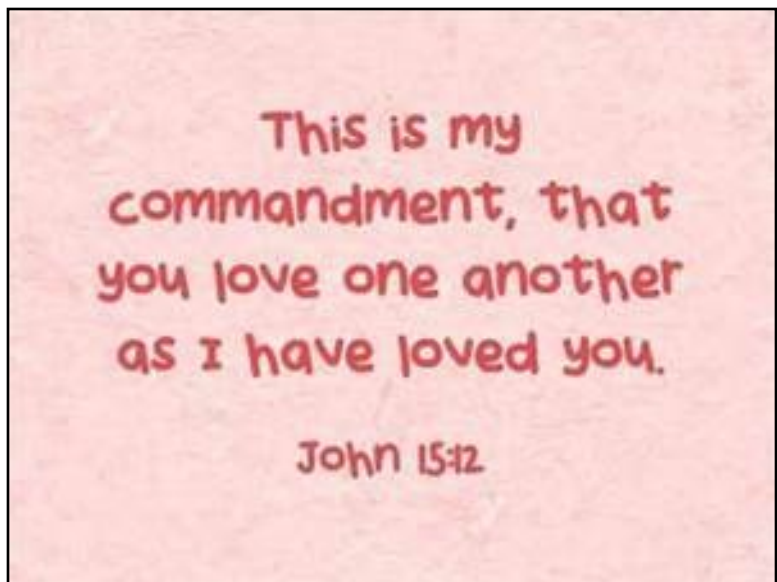
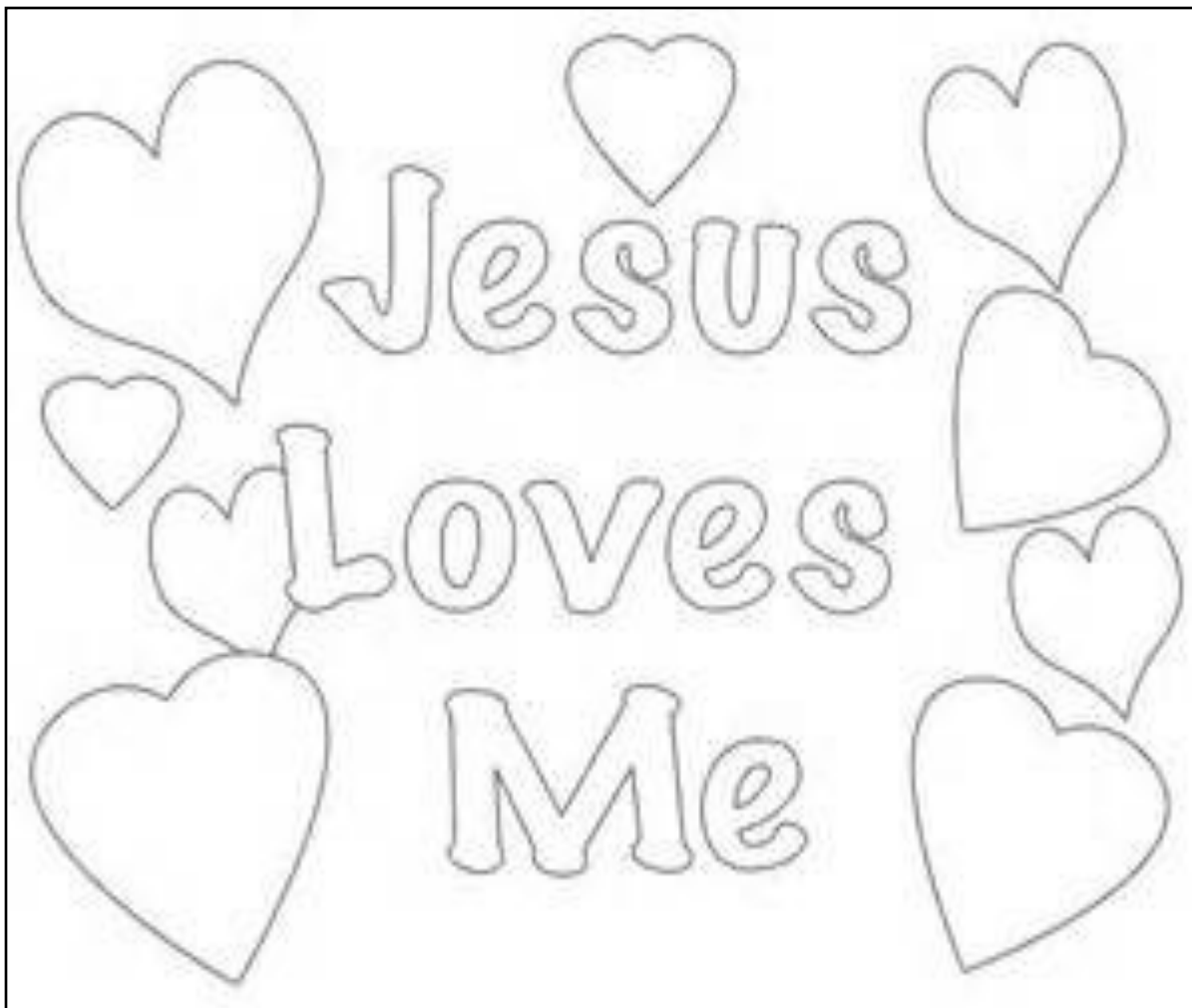
(Items received after these dates are not guaranteed to be printed.)

Greeters for February

February 7	Larry & Sandy Foresman
February 14	Joe & Lauren Bryson & Family
February 21	Mike & Lori Wallis
February 28	Stu Seitzer



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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

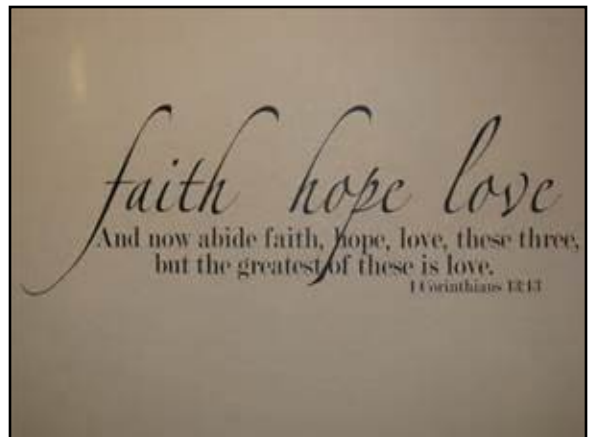
Parish Website:

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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.