

Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

While visiting one of the area hospitals recently, I was reminded of the awesome power of God's Holy Spirit. I was standing on the fifth floor, near an elevator, and looking out the windows of the hospital. A group of people came to the elevator and entered and the doors closed. As the elevator started, the floor of the hospital where I was standing began to vibrate. I was sure I could feel the building shaking. It was a weird feeling that made me somewhat uneasy. I wondered what was going on and if it was possibly my imagination. Finally the shaking and vibrating stopped. Evidently the building had a good foundation.

**Psalm 46 says ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.**

**² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

**³ though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Many times our world is shaken unexpectedly. Don't think for one moment that God is caught off-guard. He knows our coming and our going. In fact, He sometimes uses the unexpected to shake us and wake us from our spiritual slumber. The only thing that keeps the building from falling down when shaken is a strong foundation. The question is, have we made the LORD our strong foundation on whom we can stand in times of trouble.

The wise man built his house upon the rock and the house on the rock stood firm.

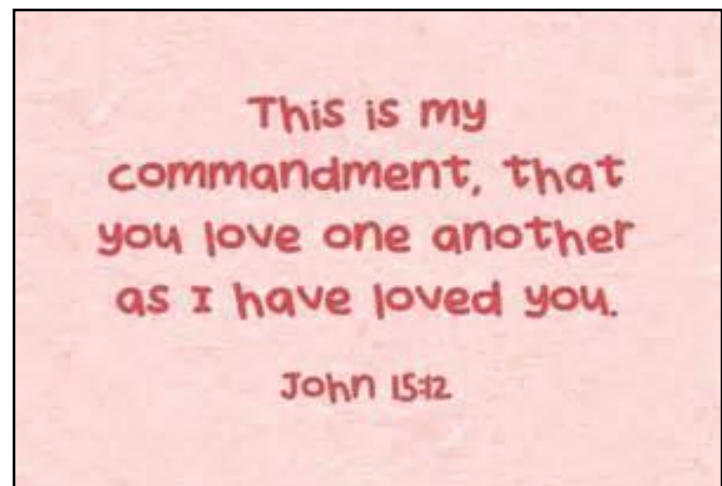
Together we build, together we stand,

Pastor Mike



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There will be a
Community Blood
Drive on
Wednesday,
February 1st
from 2 - 7 at the
Elmsport United
Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Please come and donate.



Thank you so much for the college care package! Those snacks will help me get through the stress of finals. Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and cards as well!

Amy Drick



St. John's United Methodist Church will be having a fundraiser at Hoss's, Sunday, February 19th. The fundraiser will be from open to close. There will be tickets on the tables at both churches. Any questions, contact Marie Kennedy at 570-547-1772.

Community Breakfast is held Wednesday mornings from 7:00 - 9:00 am at the Elmsport church. All are welcome.



Parish Bible Study is Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at the Elmsport church. All are welcome.



Elmsport Volunteers

Greeters for February

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| February 5 | Polly Kahle |
| February 12 | Jane Reibsome & Chrystal Chriswell |
| February 19 | Bob & Renee Kahley |
| February 26 | Dave & Peggy Kennedy |



- Items for March's newsletter are due February **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.)

American Rescue Workers *Williamsport*

Community Outreach Ministries

The Men's Center Program
Men's Transitional Shelter
ARW Community Church
YMAC (Youth Making A Change)
Retail Thrift Stores
Toys for Tots Distributor
4th Largest County Recycler
United Way partner programs
Saving Grace Shelter
Social Service Center

Pastor Sam Astin, *Executive Director*
Dawn Astin, *Business Administrator*



November 18, 2016

Elimsport United Methodist Church
5 Gap Road
Allenwood, PA 17810

Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$300.00 to the American Rescue Workers. Proverbs 22:9 says "Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor" and we are grateful for your generosity.

There are many needy families and individuals in our community that go without proper food, clothing, and shelter every day due to a variety of factors. 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.

For more information on how your donation is helping to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community, we invite you to visit our Web site at <http://www.arwilliamsport.org>.

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

Sam & Dawn Astin

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Pastor/Executive Directors



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United Methodist
HOME for CHILDREN

Where Young Hearts Get New Starts

January 9, 2017

Elmsport UMC, Congregation
Attn: Pastor Michael Hill
16145 S. Rt. 44 Hwy
Allenwood, PA 17810

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the young people who live at the United Methodist Home for Children, Inc., we gratefully acknowledge your 2016 donation of gift cards valued at \$880. 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.

For nearly 100 years, the United Methodist Home for Children has cared for and about central Pennsylvania's children, many the victims of abuse and neglect. As a friend and contributor, you are part of that extended family. Your support fuels many of the Home's programs, which in turn puts and keeps this special group of young people on a forward-looking path to success in school and life.

Thanks again for your generosity.

Gratefully,

Daniel J. Brannen
President and Chief Executive Officer

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The United Methodist Home for Children, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 1917. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of IRS tax laws. The official registration and financial information of the United Methodist Home for Children, Inc. may be obtained from the PA Dept. of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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

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We love because
He first loved us.
1 John 4:19

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.