

# Valley Views



VOLUME 29, NUMBER 2

FEBRUARY 2022



Pastor Mike Hill

## Being Consistent and Useful to God

*Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech,  
that I dwell among the tents of Kedar.*

*Psalm 120:5*

As a Christian you have to live in the middle of an ungodly world, and it is of little use for you to cry, "Woe to me." Jesus did not pray that you should be taken out of the world, and what He did not pray for, you need not desire. It is far better to meet the difficulty in the Lord's strength and by doing so to glorify Him. The enemy is always watching for inconsistency in your conduct; therefore be *very* holy. Remember that the eyes of all are on you, and that more is expected from you than from other men. Strive to give no occasion for blame. Let your goodness be the only fault they can discover in you. Like Daniel, compel them to say of you, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God."<sup>1</sup>

Seek to be *useful* as well as consistent. Perhaps you think, "If I were in a more favorable position I could serve the Lord's cause, but I cannot do any good where I am." The worse the people are among whom you live, the more they need your exertions; if they are crooked, all the more need for you to set them straight; and if they are perverse, they need you to turn their proud hearts to the truth. Where should the doctor spend his time if not among the sick? Where is honor to be won by the soldier but in the center of the battle? And when you are weary of the strife and sin that meets you on every hand, consider that all the saints have endured the same trial. They were not carried on couches to heaven, and you should not expect to travel more easily than they. They had to risk their lives on the battlefield, and you will not be crowned until you also have endured hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Therefore, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong!



We want to personally invite you to Youth Group starting January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the church basement. We are taking over the church Sunday Night! We will have food, a Bible Study, prayer, and game/free time. Each week we will start with preparing and enjoying a meal. For our Bible Study, we will work through the Book of James together, which will take about three months to complete. We will dig into Scriptures and one of the biggest questions today - why is there suffering? After the Bible Study, we will take some time to pray for each other and needs that are on our hearts. We will end the night with game/free time. Bottom line, let's have fun!

## **SCHEDULE**

6:00 > 7:00 – Food – we will be cooking and eating together.

We are starting with Homemade Pizza! Come hungry.

7:00 > 7:30 – Bible Study – Starting with James 1

7:30 > 7:45 – Prayer –for each other and needs that are on our hearts.

7:45 > 8:30 – Game Time / Free Time (new air hockey and ping pong).

Once a month, starting in March, we hope to do an activity outside the church by visiting other youth groups, organizations, concerts or just a fun activity together. So be ready with some ideas.

SO...

We hope to see you SUNDAY – January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for pizza. Bring a friend and let's get busy. If you need a ride, let us know and we will make that happen. And, if you have any questions, give us a call or send a TXT.

David and Sharon Steele

David Steele – CELL – 570-419-6753

Sharon Steele – CELL – 570-337-8259



[www.ElimSPORTBaptist.org](http://www.ElimSPORTBaptist.org) – 570-547-6277



Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc

"I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well"

3 John 1:2

Nov 19, 2021

To: Elimsport UM Church

Thank you for your recent generous donation of \$300- to support our ministries to body and soul for the needy in our community.

Recently a child asked a volunteer for prayer for his family "having a hard time right now." She placed her hands on top of the child's hands and prayed. Then she heard "Amen, Thank you."

You are part of our ministries to all. This is a safe and blessed place for all who enter our doors.

Matt. 19:14

Blessings,  
Carrie

Thank you so much!  
In His love -  
Pastor Angelique



December 22, 2021

To: St. John's U.M. Church

Thank you for your recent donation of \$414<sup>08</sup> to help support our ministries to folks in need in our community. We offer a variety of opportunities for nourishing both body and soul. Your gift makes a difference.

Just yesterday a call came from one of our folks who hasn't been able to be here for awhile due to some serious health issues. He called for prayer and said "I don't know what I'd do without Sojourners."

Christmas Blessings!

Earie, Secretary



December 2, 2021

Elimsport  
16145 S Hwy 44  
Allenwood, PA 17810

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you"*  
Matthew (28:19-20)

Dear Friends in Mission,

**Thank you!**

Your financial support is enabling Global Ministries missionaries to fulfill the mission of the Church.

Through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in more than 60 countries around the world.

Nearly 400 United Methodist missionaries come from many places and backgrounds, witnessing and serving in dramatically different locales and cultures, engaging in a range of activities and professions as pastors, educators, congregational and leadership developers, regional coordinators for UMCOR, agriculturalists, health coordinators, and doctors.

On behalf of the people who are recipients of the love of God through the direct ministry of a Global Missions missionary – *Thank You!*

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

**Supporting**  
James Keech  
Date Received 11-03-21

**Gift Amount**  
\$ 83.33

Account #17960

Please retain this letter as your receipt. In compliance with IRS regulations, no goods or services were provided by the General Board of Global Ministries in consideration of your contribution. Thank you for your continued support.



## American Rescue Workers

*Repurposing clothing, shoes, and lives.*

November 19, 2021

Elmsport United Methodist Church  
5 Gap Road  
Allenwood, PA 17810

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your gift in the amount of \$300.00 to benefit the ministry of American Rescue Workers.

It is because of your generosity that American Rescue Workers is able to stand in the gap for thousands of families in crisis each year. Whether that crisis is homelessness, food insecurity, or an unforeseen emergency, it is thanks to you that we can continue to provide warmth, comfort, and hope to those who we care for.

With sincere appreciation,

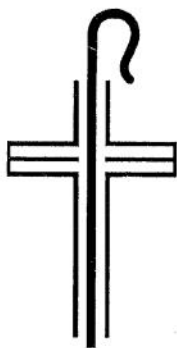
Valerie Fessler  
Director of Development and Community Engagement

*Thank you!*

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution

643 Elmira Street • Williamsport, PA 17701 • Phone: 570-323-8401 • Fax: 570-323-0980 • [www.arwwilliamsport.org](http://www.arwwilliamsport.org)

*American Rescue Workers is a proud program partner of the Lycoming County United Way.*



# Shepherd of the Streets

*A Ministry of the United Churches of Lycoming County*

**320 Park Ave, P. O. Box 2184, Williamsport, PA 17703**

Telephone: (570) 322-6538 Fax: (570) 322-1968

Mark D. Brumbach, Shepherd.

Janet Matz, Administrator

shepherd@uclc.org

shepherdofthestreetss@verizon.net

## Thank You!

Your generosity is appreciated, and it is making a difference in people's lives.

Check Number: 1574

Amount Donated: \$300-

Date of Donation: 11-11-21

Dear Elmsport UMC

I give sincere thanks to God for laying upon your heart the ministry of the Shepherd of the Streets. We continue to serve our clients at their point of need through your generous support. Today people in need in our Lycoming County community are receiving their medications and traveling to their medical appointments because of your gifts to the Shepherd ministry. Also, today some of our clients are able to see clearly through the glasses that we have helped them to purchase. Finally we have been able to provide many of our neighbors in need with the gift of various hygiene items, which help to promote their general health and personal care.

I pray that God will abundantly bless you as you continue to serve Him through your generous giving.

In Christian Love,

*Pastor Mark*

Rev. Mark D. Brumbach  
Shepherd of the Streets

*Giving thanks  
for the gift + giver !!*

Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you.

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over,  
will be poured into your lap.

For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:38



December 1, 2021

Pastor Michael Hill  
Elimsport United Methodist Church  
16145 S State Route 44  
Allenwood, PA 17810-9421

Dear Pastor Hill and Friends,

Thank you for making the choice to help end hunger. Your donation of \$300.00 will help to provide healthy meals for central Pennsylvanians. For many, a daily meal is just a decision of what to eat for dinner. For those facing hunger, a daily meal poses a very different type of choice. It is often an impossible choice between food and other critical needs such as utilities, housing or medicine. We truly appreciate your support and believing that food shouldn't be an impossible choice.

Your generosity provides for families like Maria's. Maria has been coming to Charlotte's Pantry, a partner of the Food Bank, for the past year. Her gratitude for receiving nutritious food for her family is as strong as ever. "We're on one income right now, so definitely money goes fast when you pay bills. The food means everything," Maria says with a smile. "It supports my home, my house, my family. To be able to have this is a blessing."

The signs of recovery in our communities are encouraging; yet the need continues. A significant number of our neighbors will still need a helping hand for months, even years to come. Today, more than 337,000 central Pennsylvanians remain vulnerable to hunger. With your support, children, families, seniors, and veterans will not have to worry about their next meal.

Yours in Service,



*You G.I.A.T. HERE SO MUCH!*

Joe Arthur  
Executive Director

*No goods or services were provided in consideration of your contribution to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.*

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

3908 Corey Road **Harrisburg**, PA 17109-5929 Phone: (717) 564.1700 Fax: (717) 561.4636  
3301 Wahoo Drive **Williamsport**, PA 17701-9205 Phone: (570) 321.8023 Fax: (570) 321.8024

The official registration and financial information of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank may be obtained from Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732.0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.





December 30, 2021

Elimsport  
16145 S Hwy 44  
Allenwood, PA 17810

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you"*  
Matthew (28:19-20)

Dear Friends in Mission,

**Thank you!**

Your financial support is enabling Global Ministries missionaries to fulfill the mission of the Church.

Through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in more than 60 countries around the world.

Nearly 400 United Methodist missionaries come from many places and backgrounds, witnessing and serving in dramatically different locales and cultures, engaging in a range of activities and professions as pastors, educators, congregational and leadership developers, regional coordinators for UMCOR, agriculturalists, health coordinators, and doctors.

On behalf of the people who are recipients of the love of God through the direct ministry of a Global Missions missionary – Thank You!

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

**Supporting**  
James Keech  
Date Received 12-07-21

**Gift Amount**  
\$ 83.33

Account #17960

Please retain this letter as your receipt. In compliance with IRS regulations, no goods or services were provided by the General Board of Global Ministries in consideration of your contribution. Thank you for your continued support.



# FOOTPRINTS OF MONTGOMERY FOOD PANTRY

71 Bower Street Extension, Montgomery, PA 17752

PRSRT MKT  
ECRWSS  
US POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT No. 225

EDDM  
Residential Customer

Dear Neighbors,

We want to make sure you know we are here for you. **Footprints of Montgomery Food Pantry** serves families and individuals in the Montgomery Area School District.

We provide nutritious foods like:

- Fresh fruits & veggies
- A variety of meat
- Milk & eggs
- Cereal, pasta, snacks & more!

To find out more about what we have, visit us! We are open two days a month. You have the option of coming one or both days.

If you are in need of food assistance, we are here to help!

Sincerely,  
Your Neighbors at Footprints

## Details:

### Who:

Families and individuals in the Montgomery Area School District

### When:

2nd Thurs: 10am-2pm & 5:30-6:30pm  
4th Thurs: 10am-12noon

### Where:

71 Bower Street Extension  
Montgomery, PA 17752

### What to bring:

Proof of residency  
Ex: I.D., mail, or bill with  
your name and address

## How it works:

1

When you arrive you will come inside and check in with one of our volunteers. If it is your first time you will need to fill out a few forms but our volunteers will help answer any questions you have and aid you in filling them out.

2

After completing the forms, a volunteer will walk with you through the pantry while you choose the foods and drinks you would like. Then you're done!

If you have questions please call us at 570-337-7146 or message us on facebook!

- Visit our facebook page for updates including potential weather related closings.
- If you or someone you know is homebound and in need of food, please reach out to us.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. This material was funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) through the PA Department of Human Services (DHS).

Elmsport United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your donation to the Montgomery Christmas Committee. Your donation helped with purchasing food, gifts and supplies for the families of our community. This would not be possible without your donation. Thank you again for supporting the Montgomery Christmas Committee.



Virginia Hill

Elmsport United Methodist Church,

Thank you so very much for your donation to the Montgomery Food Bank. Your gift was very much appreciated. Thank you for caring for the needy people of the Montgomery area. Thank you very much for your gifts of money you gave to the Montgomery Food Bank for the year 2021.



Thanks again,

Footprints of Montgomery

Thank you for your expression of sympathy in the passing of George's brother Dean and Kay's sister Loretta. With sincere thanks for your words of comfort. It means a lot knowing others care.



George & Kay Showers

Council of Ministries will meet  
in the Elmsport Church Social  
Hall on February 15th at 6:30.



*Let your light so shine*  
Matthew 5:16

### Various means to keep updated:

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

Face book: Elimsport United Methodist Parish

Electronic sign at Elimsport church

email Pastor Mike: [hjebm@comcast.net](mailto:hjebm@comcast.net)

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

Call Pastor Mike: 570-547-1386

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

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

Please be sure to check the church website [evpumc.org](http://evpumc.org) and Elimsport United Methodist Parish face book for up to date church news.



As we continue to experience inconsistent winter conditions on Sunday mornings, please be vigilant as you consider coming to church each Sunday morning. Any cancellations will be

on our Face book page listed above, on the prayer chain, and hopefully on our website listed above. Please check there first. If you are unclear about church being open, feel free to call the parsonage at 570-547-1386. If you have any reservations about traveling on Sunday morning, please stay home. Our country roads in Elimsport are kept as safe as the township workers are able, but not always clear first thing Sunday morning.

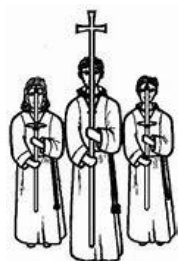
Due to the constant changes in the covid mandates, we are making it a personal choice to wear masks or face coverings in the church building, but are suggesting that you wear one if you are unvaccinated or are vulnerable to contacting the virus. We are still suggesting that people practice social distancing each Sunday Morning and use common sense while greeting each other.



- 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.)

### Acolyte Schedule:

2/6/22 Mitchell & Samuel  
2/13/22 Garrett & Jackson  
2/20/22 Elizabeth & Mallorie  
2/27/22 Samuel & Garrett



To the Children of Elimsport,  
It made me very happy to receive this  
card from all of you. It brightened my  
day.



Penny  
De Remer

St. John's Administrative  
Council will meet Thurs-  
day, February 10th at  
7:00.



Elimsport Administrative  
Council will meet Mon-  
day, February 14th at  
6:30.



There will be a blood  
drive on Tuesday, Feb-  
ruary 1st from 2-7 at  
the church fellowship  
hall.

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



St. John's Helping Hands,

Thank you so very much for your donation to the Montgomery Food Bank. Your gift  
was very much appreciated. Thank you for caring for the needy people of the  
Montgomery area. Thank you so very much for the money you gave to the Mont-  
gomery Food Bank. We are giving Christmas bags to the elderly, shut ins and sen-  
iors.

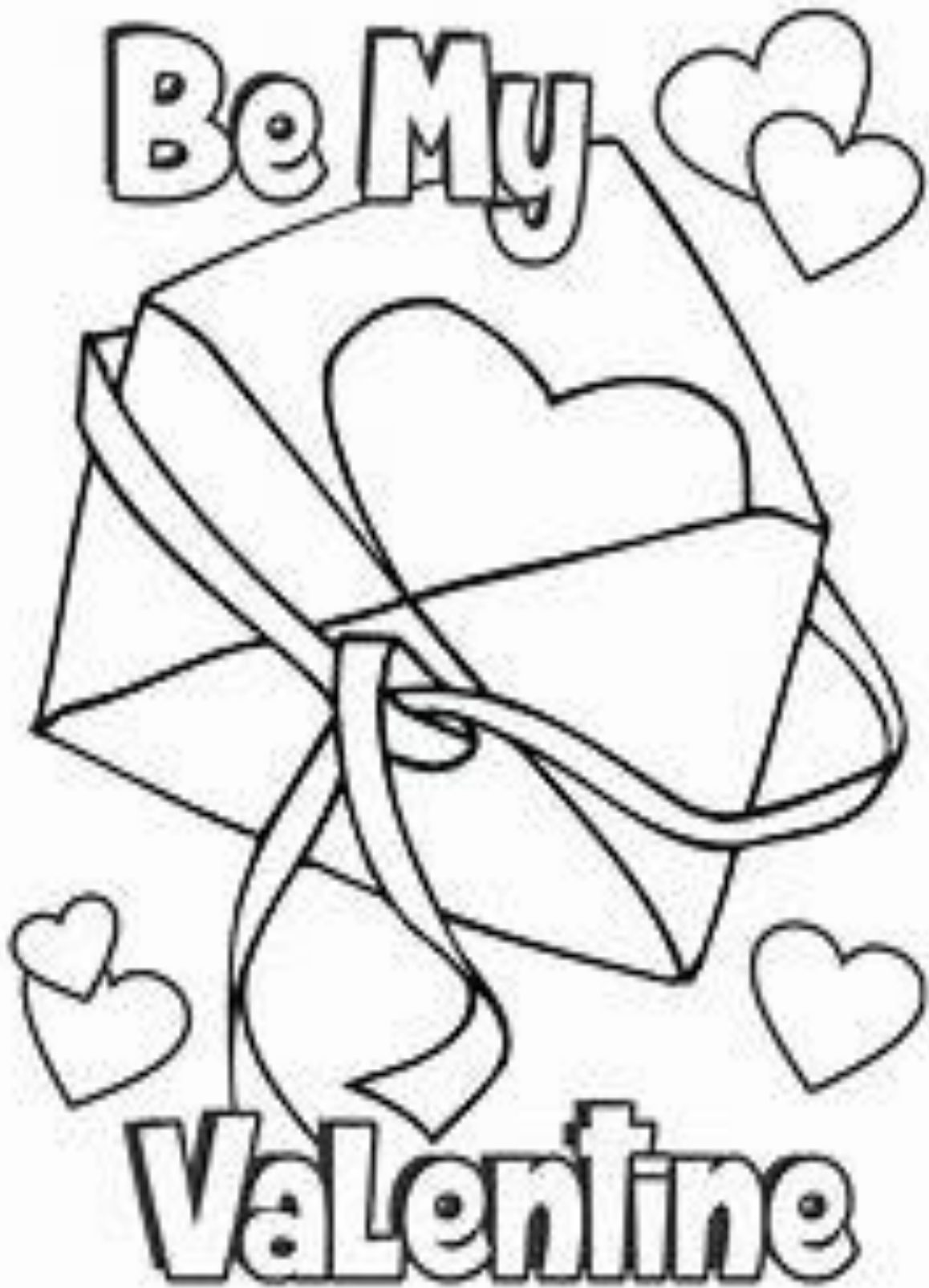


Thanks again,

Footprints of Montgomery



# 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)



**TRUST  
IN THE  
LORD  
WITH ALL  
YOUR** ♥  
{proverbs 3:5}

### **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.