

# Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

Have you ever noticed when watching a weather forecast that they give a probability of precipitation for each day? What this means is, that there is a chance that precipitation will probably happen. In some cases, it is a 100% chance of precipitation, which means it is definitely going to happen. I often chuckle at how when they predict a storm and 100% chance of precipitation, people spring into action to prepare in case the worse happen. Maybe it's a snow storm coming or a lot of rain heading our way. In either case, there is always a possibility that they will be wrong. Maybe they should say there is a "possibility" of precipitation. A possibility says it could happen whereas a probability implies that it will happen. After all, who are we to know what is definitely going to happen. Well a new year is upon us with its many uncertainties. Some are looking back and saying that 2017 can't be any worse than 2016 whereas others are looking ahead and hoping the new year is as great as the past year. One thing is certain, we are not in control of the future and we should put our trust in the One who is in control, our Creator God.

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No matter the possibilities or probabilities in 2017, we know that our Lord will take care of us whatever situation we find ourselves in. Jesus says in Matthew 6:25-34 not to worry about tomorrow, "for tomorrow will worry about itself." I'm sure the birds are not worrying about 2017 nor are the lilies that he refers to in these passages. There is absolutely no way we can properly prepare for the future except to take a deep breath, close our eyes, and thank the Lord that he will be with us every day this year as we face each new day with its possibilities and probabilities.

Facing the future together,

Pastor Mike

#### 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



Thank you to everyone for all their prayers while Carl was sick & after his passing. It is comforting to know we have a church family that is so caring and loving. Also, thank you to Pastor Mike for all his time & guidance in this time. We would like to thank Hilda & all her helpers for the wonderful meal.

Thanks again,

Janet Eiswerth, JR, Tara Tyson & Carl Berry

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the snack bag. It will make studying a lot easier.

Sincerely,  
Jacob Chamberlin



Thank you once again for putting together a bag of goodies for me to take back to college! I always look forward to this time of year (minus finals)! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Happy Holidays!

Megan Bryson



January 19th at 6:30 pm is our Parish Council of Ministry meeting at Elmsport Church. Please come and join us and bring your ideas for the new year. All are welcome!



When we have a need, our parish is always willing to help! Thanks to all of you that helped with the families from Montgomery that needed a little extra help for Christmas! Because of you, the 7 kids had gifts of toys and clothing to open Christmas Day, and the parents got a Weis gift card to help with food!



## Elmsport Volunteers

### Greeters for January

January 1	Donna Taylor
January 8	Mary Moore
January 15	Retta Moore
January 22	Frank Voneida
January 29	Keith McCormick

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





December 2, 2016

Elimsport United Methodist Church  
16145 S State Route 44  
Allenwood, PA 17810

Dear Friends:

**I wish you could have been there next to me.**

Recently, I attended a holiday food distribution. With your help, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank was able to provide a complete Thanksgiving meal; turkey, all the trimmings and fresh milk! The line was so long that it extended around the block. I had the privilege of greeting each and every person in that line...children, families, seniors and they were all so thankful.

I received hugs, wiped away tears of joy and was thanked over and over again. I was so humbled by their gratitude. **You are the reason these moments are possible.**

Tis the season...of family, to give thanks, of comfort and joy! Your gift of \$300.00 not only blessed those I met, but so many others in our communities who are struggling.

Thank you for helping us so that we may help others. Thank you for extending the gift of your generosity.

Appreciatively,

Joe Arthur  
Executive Director

*Friends at Elimsport UMC,*

*Thank you so much for  
all of your generous support!*

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

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A United Way Program Partner





November 30, 2016

Elimsport United Methodist Church, Congregation  
16145 S. State Route 44  
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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the young people who live at the United Methodist Home for Children, Inc., we gratefully acknowledge your recent contribution of \$300.00. 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dan Brannen", followed by a long horizontal line.

Daniel J. Brannen  
President/Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten note in dark ink that says "Thank You!" in a cursive style.

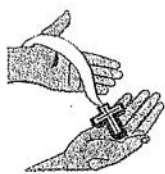
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## ***Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc.***

501 High Street Williamsport Pennsylvania 17701 † 570-323-1797

Dear Fellow Believers and Supporters of Sojourner Truth Ministries:

Greetings and blessings to all. Hopefully, you receive and read the Sojourner Truth Newsletters and know that so much is happening within our mission. We continue to feed (both physically and spiritually) so many who come through our doors daily with:

- A kind and loving God inspired greeting, blessing and often a hug
- Light breakfasts and full sit down lunches, seven(7) days a week, in the Sojourner "Café"
- with a devotional message and social-interaction included
- Groceries from local stores and the Food Bank
- An after school and summer children's program in partnership with the Central PA Food Bank that provides food, snacks, games and a safe environment while school is not in session
- A clothes closet
- Social Services counseling and referrals to local support agencies
- Health fairs and classes, dental and eye screenings, a planned job fair
- Etc., etc. ...

We do all this with a minimal staff of one(1) full time and several part-time employees and a group of very dedicated volunteers.

Thanks to a grant from the First Community Foundation, we are enjoying the much heeded renovations to our facilities completed in 2015.

Although we have received some funding from the Lycoming County United Way, by far the bulk of our expenses must be covered by donations and we are far from where we should be for the start of our new year. Since our opening, you have always generously and faithfully allowed God to use you as His instruments to fund our services to the needy here in Williamsport and we have confidence in the future. We thank all those who have already been contributing time, money, food, clothing and services throughout the year. We also recognize that many people make donations toward the end of the year and we prayerfully ask that you consider Sojourner Truth Ministries in your generosity and your prayers. Please send your donation to Sojourner Truth Ministries, 501 High Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

As always, know that we pray God will continue to bless you and prosper you as you continue to work with us as His humble and faithful servants.

Yours in faith,

The Sojourner Truth Board of Directors

*Philgo B. Wolf, Treasurer*

**Our Vision Statement.....**Sojourner Truth Ministry shall be a loving, spiritual, and inclusive Christian mission.

***The Mission and Purpose of Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc.....***

Sojourner Truth Ministry loves all people, creates community, builds character, and equips us to be faithful disciples of JESUS CHRIST.



## Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc.

501 High Street Williamsport Pennsylvania 17701 570-323-1797

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy *and* loving-kindness endure forever! (Psalm 118:1)

November 15, 2016

Elimsport United Methodist Church  
Benevolence Fund  
5 Gap Road  
Allenwood, PA. 17810

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  
Director of Services

Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc.  
501 High Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701

**TAX RECEIPT**  
(Please Keep for Your Records)

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11/15/16	\$100.00		\$100.00

Donor's Name and Address
Elimsport United Methodist Church Benevolence Fund
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Allenwood, PA. 17810

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November 29, 2016

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Gift Amount:

NOVEMBER 21, 2016  
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Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for your gift. Your prayers and giving enable us to share resources with people all around the world to help them better know God and His Word.

This is the time of the year when we typically focus on giving thanks. We know it's an attitude of mind we should have all the time: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV). Yet as we work to live out our faith each day with family, co-workers, neighbors, and others, we all face the struggles of doing this well.

Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians that thanksgiving to God increases as His grace is brought to more and more people. Our challenge is not easy, but the results are just what God is looking for—helping more people bring Him praise for what He has done.

"We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God" (2 Corinthians 4:14–15 NIV).

May we all be filled with thanksgiving not only now but all year long, and may we also be part of what causes "thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God." Thank you, again, for your support and all you do to help others come to know and grow in Jesus. I wish you a very special Thanksgiving.

Gratefully,

Rick DeHaan  
President

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*Your Gift Provides Light To Those In Crisis.*

*Check Number: 1444*

*Amount Donated: \$200<sup>00</sup>*

*Date of Donation: 11-15-16*

*Dear Williamsport UMC*

*Your recent donation to the Shepherd of the Streets Ministry is deeply appreciated.*

*Your gift of love is the spark needed for the candle to burn brighter in the hearts of those walking a difficult road.*

*May the Lord bless you abundantly, and shine brightly in all you say and do.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*



*J. Morris Smith, Th.D.*



*Thanks*



CONNECTING THE CHURCH IN MISSION

## General Board of Global Ministries

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November 29, 2016

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Elimsport  
United Methodist Church  
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Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your gift received on 11/22/16 of \$250.00 to the General Board of Global Ministries through The Advance, the designated mission giving channel of The United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that **100 percent** of your contribution will support the missionary community in honor of James Keech Advance #10841Z. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission.

United Methodist missionaries serve in more than 60 countries around the world. With your gift and prayers, you have initiated a partnership with missionaries planting churches and developing congregations, providing health care in remote areas, and working in sustainable agriculture and community development. Your gift allows Global Ministries missionaries to be The United Methodist Church's embodiment of Christ in the world. Thank you for partnering with us in God's mission. We are grateful for your support of this life-giving work.

Please let us know if you have questions and/or concerns, as we welcome the opportunity to speak with you. You can reach the Gift Processing Unit at 212-870-3611. Information on Advance projects and missionaries can be accessed online at [www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org). We also invite you to sign up on our website to receive our electronic newsletter, *ConnectNMission*. This monthly publication will keep you informed about Global Ministries' work.

May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes  
General Treasurer  
General Board of Global Ministries

Mary Andreolli  
Executive Director of Communications, Advance & Fundraising  
General Board of Global Ministries

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. PRL2-4



# Red Bird Notes

DECEMBER 2016

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## *Righteous Justice for the Needy and the Poor*

*"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth." -- Isaiah 11:1,2, 3b-4a*

Isaiah foretold the wonderful news about the baby whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. The baby grew up to be the controversial prophet, Jesus, who did not see others as everyone else saw them. His righteousness was salvation to the needy and his justice brought life to the poor.

Jesus still inspires righteous ministry and justice to the poor and needy through Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic on a daily basis.

- The deaf hear again because audiologists give their time and others give funds to provide hearing aids.
- Healing flows from our dental clinic because we have a dentist again and limited funds to provide care for those with desperate dental needs.
- Thousands of hungry people are fed through our food pantries and meal programs because churches and individuals are donating funds and food that supplement base funding of other organizations.
- The elderly and children have safe, warm housing because volunteers give of their time and money to make essential home repairs through our Work



Camp ministry.

- Children and youth have opportunity to break the cycle of poverty because generous people support our work to form Christian leaders at Red Bird Christian School.

We praise God for all of these blessings! Even though great ministry is happening here through Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic with the help of our

partners, we have seen a decline this year in charitable giving. If you have given already this year, even recently through your online gift on Giving Tuesday, we are grateful. If you haven't yet given financially this year, or find it possible to give an additional gift before the end of the year, please pause during this busy time and support the

ministries that help to bring salvation and life in the name of the Messiah.

We are grateful for your partnership with us, and pray God's richest blessing on you and yours during this holy season.

Kari Collins, Executive Director

## *Give a Gift That Honors Christ This Christmas*

It's a growing movement among many that is becoming more commonplace, but giving a Christmas gift in honor of a family member or colleague is not a common act. Your gift this Christmas to Red Bird Mission or Red Bird Clinic can provide needed service to an individual or family that also honors the Christ Child.

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40*



## Red Bird Mission

### *Early Childhood Development Covers Preschool Service Gap at Big Creek*

Financial shortfalls and low attendance led to the closing of Red Bird Mission's Early Childhood Development (ECD) at Big Creek several years ago, but the call to reopen a site in that community last year is showing great promise for children and families. Betsy Jack, ECD Director, said that the opening of a new site in Big Creek at the Joy Center, an outreach center of the Red Bird Missionary Conference, is a joint effort of the Joy Center, Red Bird Mission, and Promise Neighborhood, a presidential educational initiative for economically distraught areas.

Five children were enrolled at ECD Big Creek last year, but that number jumped to 15 for the current school year now that the Clay County public school district is referring families. Most of the children being referred are four-year olds that would go without any preschool preparation due to limited public school capacity in the Big Creek community.

Mrs. Jack said, "The families at the Joy Center are really glad to have another preschool option in

their community. A lot of those kids would have to go over to Manchester. Parents are really supportive including bringing healthy snacks to help out with the program."

Language for Learning, a new curriculum provided by a private, charitable foundation is producing amazing results for students at both Big Creek and Queendale ECD centers. The curriculum helps preschoolers acquire the words, concepts, and statements important for oral instruction and written language. Mrs. Kristy Roark, Kindergarten teacher at Red Bird Christian School, continues the concepts for her new students and is able to quickly move them to reading readiness and early reading skills that are the foundation for educational success.

One of the unique traits of Red Bird's ECD since its inception involved a weekly or bi-weekly in-home lesson by a staff person that involved the child's caregiver. The increased number of students, the new curriculum approach, and changes in the local community environment are creating some change in the home visit aspect of ECD. Staff visits are now made twice a year, and the in-center time has been extended an hour a day. This extra time is spent in small group activities which target needed areas of development. Parents and caregivers are still encouraged to read regularly to their children from a book bag each week provided by a children's advocacy group.

*The partnerships with ECD have strengthened the expansion to Big Creek, but your financial support is still needed to undergird this ministry that begins the spiritual and academic preparation of children to become the next generation of Christian leaders.*



### *Vision for Elementary Language Arts*

Elementary teachers at Red Bird Christian School have identified a K-6 language arts curriculum as their continuing effort to be the best school in Kentucky. The new curriculum will utilize digital and print resources to integrate language arts, spelling, writing, and grammar while providing intervention techniques to ensure success for all students.

Alumni kicked off the fundraiser for the \$15,000 project at Homecoming. *If you are interested in making a difference by providing a strong, foundational, language arts curriculum for RBCS elementary students, simply mark your donation "Journeys".*

### *Fall Success for Athletics Teams*

Congratulations to two fall varsity athletic teams. The Girls Volleyball team finished second in their district to qualify for the regional tournament. The Boys Cross Country team finished fourth at the regional meet, and one runner, Austin Napier, qualified as an individual to run at the state meet.

Next year may hold greater promise for both teams. The junior varsity volleyball team rarely lost a game, and the top five cross country finishers are in 7th through 9th grades.

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## *Red Bird Clinic*

### *Gift of Hearing Enhances Life*

*The following was submitted by Robert W. Keith, Ph.D., Professor of Audiology, University of Cincinnati.*

Since its beginning several years ago, the hearing clinic has provided hearing health care to hundreds of persons suffering from hearing loss that deprives them of social interaction and employment opportunities. This silent problem that affects so many can be helped in many ways with proper diagnosis and treatment. While some of the persons who attend the clinic can be treated by medicine or surgery, most cannot. But there is hope for those people who can be helped through amplification provided by hearing aids and other devices.

A team of eight students and two supervising faculty members from the University of Cincinnati Doctor of Audiology program came to Red Bird Clinic in November and rendered services to 69 persons with hearing loss over two days. Fifteen of those were fit with new hearing aids in both ears. The remaining patients received diagnostic hearing tests, or their hearing aids were checked, cleaned and adjusted.

When students attend the hearing clinic they learn through providing service and have a true sense of fulfillment. The students are always excited to come to Red Bird and on returning home are universal in their appreciation for the experience. At the same time, those who receive the hearing aids are grateful beyond measure for the increased opportunity to communicate with their family and friends through improved hearing. The hearing aids that



they receive are a true gift enhancing life and opportunity for those who receive them.

Unfortunately, the need for hearing aids far exceeds the funding available to provide them and persons may wait up to two years or even more until they receive these devices. All of the funds used for hearing healthcare through Red Bird Clinic come through the generous gifts of donors and friends of the program who see and understand the need.

*While professionals are volunteering their time to diagnose and fit those in need, gifts are needed to purchase materials and support other uncovered expenses. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is deeply appreciated. In return, those who receive the hearing aids will be forever grateful.*

### *Alternative Gift Suggestions*

A gift given in honor of someone can be for general support of Red Bird Mission Red Bird Clinic, but below are some suggestions that might bring a little more significance for you or the honoree. Include the address of the honoree, and we'll send them one of our student Christmas cards, or we'll send it to you for more a personal exchange.

#### ***Red Bird Mission***

- \$30 – Cover Gap Food Pantry food costs for one family visit
- \$35 – Educate a child for one day at Red Bird Christian School
- \$70 – Provide meals for an elderly person for one month at DeWall Senior Center
- \$85 - Partners with a family to cover ECD tuition

#### ***Red Bird Clinic***

- \$45 – Partner with a patient to pay uncovered costs for one visit at Red Bird Dental Clinic
- \$70 – Cover costs for five people served by Red Bird Clinic Community Health Nurse

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## Work Camp Service Leads to Compassionate Giving

Work Camp volunteers coming to Red Bird Mission are inclined to serve, but remarkable stories of compassionate giving beyond the minimal project requirements for the week are witnessed regularly. Volunteers purchase flowers to plant around a new porch, buy furniture and accessories for a remodeled bathroom, and just spend quality time listening to the struggles of others.

Bob Pohli who stepped in as Volunteer Manager in early April credits the focal point shared each week for the excellent year experienced by staff and volunteers. He said, "We tell them that the project is not the reason you are here. Christ called you here for some purpose this week. Take some time during the week to discover that purpose."

One volunteer working on a home improvement project this fall noticed the children had no bed to sleep on. After talking with staff and returning home, he dedicated himself to build bunk beds and dressers that could be given to families served by Red Bird Mission. Others in his church joined the effort by donating funds to purchase the mattresses needed as well as bed linens and comforters. Ten families have already received beds.

Another story involved a middle-aged woman that was struggling to find her place with her group's project the first two days of the week. On their free day, the pastor encouraged each group member to find one of God's

angels during the day. The group schedule included three mountain hikes at three different parks, but the volunteer decided to sit out the third hike and wait for the group to return for dinner.

As she stood waiting for her group by the rail viewing beautiful Cumberland Falls, she overheard a couple sitting on a bench. They were talking about their struggles in the last two years of losing a child, followed by breast cancer six months later, and now, a diagnosis of lung cancer leaving the woman just one month left to live. As the husband left the bench, God's Spirit nudged our volunteer to go sit by the suffering woman to offer a hug and a prayer.

Later, at dinner, she told her group that she hadn't encountered an angel that day, but she shared her story. Confessing that

God had moved her from her comfort zone, she told her team, "I don't hug and I don't pray out loud for people I know!" In response, her pastor instructed her to find God's angel by looking in the mirror when they returned to their cabin.

If you are interested in becoming a part of compassionate service through Red Bird Mission Work Camp, or are interested in volunteering as an individual, check out the information in the Work Camp or Volunteer sections of our website.



### Ways to Support

Secure online donations - [www.rbmission.org](http://www.rbmission.org)  
Donations by phone - 888-726-3459 (toll free)  
Donations by bank transfer - 888-726-3459 (toll free)  
Copy paper & USB drives for school

Furniture & household items  
Host a baby shower for the baby pantry  
Campbell's & Tyson A+ labels, Boxtops for Education  
Sponsor an Appalachian Craft Fair in your church

For a more complete listing of needs, click "Ways to Support" on our home page

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)

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[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.