

Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

A New Year's Plan

I tried to think of a clever new phrase—
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,
A motto to live by this coming New Year,
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:
With each new dawn and close of day
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."

"Don't look back, caught in regret
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,
No, live in this moment, for I Am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.
You are held secure by my strong hand.
Give me this one thing—your all in all;
Into my grace, let yourself fall."

So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give Him my everything—all that I am.

--Mary Fairchild



A New Year's Poem for Christians

Instead of making a New Year's resolution
Consider committing to a biblical solution
Your promises are easily broken
Empty words, though earnestly spoken
But God's Word transforms the soul
By His Holy Spirit making you whole
As you spend time alone with Him
He will change you from within

-- Mary Fairchild

Just One Request

Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.
I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

--Unknown Author



His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper,
I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."
What will the New Year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."

--Unknown Author



The New Year

Dear Lord, as this new year is born
I give it to Thy hand,
Content to walk by faith what paths
I cannot understand.
Whatever coming days may bring
Of bitter loss, or gain,
Or every crown of happiness;
Should sorrow come, or pain,
Or, Lord, if all unknown to me
Thine angel hovers near
To bear me to that farther shore
Before another year,
It matters not — my hand in Thine,
Thy light upon my face,
Thy boundless strength when I am weak,
Thy love and saving grace!
I only ask, loose not my hand,
Grip fast my soul, and be
My guiding light upon the path
Till, blind no more, I see!

--Martha Snell Nicholson



St. John's UMC - 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 very much for your gift of \$100 to the Montgomery Food bank.



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Thanks again,

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December 9, 2020

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5120 Simpson Ferry Rd
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
umhc.org

Elimsport UMC
5 Gap Rd.
Allenwood, PA 17810

Dear Elimsport UMC:

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your generous gift of \$200.00 to the United Methodist Home for Children (UMHC), a Board of Child Care program.

Children who have experienced past trauma need a specialized team of caregivers. Our staff provide healing and recovery utilizing therapeutic interventions that are trauma informed. Youth living at BCC's Mechanicsburg campus receive safe housing, emotional and educational support, food, clothing, medical and behavioral healthcare, and counseling in a family-like atmosphere that inspires them to heal, recover, and thrive.

Thank you for partnering with us to help provide these valuable services. Together we will transform more lives and make a greater impact for the youth and their families we serve.

We appreciate your support!

Warmly,

Laurie Anne Spagnola
President and CEO

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**Son Light House
130 Carpenter Street
Muncy, Pa 17756**

**Elimsport United Methodist Church
5 Gap Road
Allenwood, Pa 17810**

November 20, 2020

To: Members and Friends, Elimsport United Methodist Church:


On behalf of the Recipients, Volunteers and Board of Directors "Thank You" for your monetary donation of \$200.00 received on November 18, 2020 and for the "Non-Perishable Food" we have received for the Son Light House.

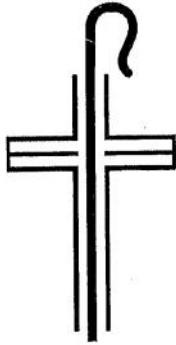
We are truly thankful for your generous and thoughtful support. This donation will help with expenses and purchase food for the Holidays at the Son Light House.

The month of October, 2020—391 Households received food and clothing. There were, 957-Individuals, 284-Youth, 409-adults, 264-Seniors. There were 15 New Households registered in October.

Son Light House depends on the support of the local community organizations and individuals for their support with both non-perishable food and monetary donations, not to forget our volunteers making it possible to provide this service for the many families in need during the year.

Gratefully with God's Blessing,


**Ken and Delores Frey
Directors, Son Light House**



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.
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Thank You!

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

Check Number: 1549

Amount Donated: \$200⁰⁰

Date of Donation: 11-15-20

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

*May Immanuel - God with us -
bless you + yours this Christmas
as you blessed us !!*

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

St. John's UMC,

Thank you so much for your donation! We are so appreciative of your support. The donation will provide 64 meals for those in need! Such a Blessing. - Matt 28:20

Please pray for our community and our churches as we continue to find our way into 2021 and deal with the issues of our times.

God Bless!

Julia, Volunteer
Sojourner Truth Ministries



Thank you for all the goodies, gifts, and cards we received during holiday season. Your show of appreciation and thoughtfulness is very much comforting and appreciated.

Dear Elimsport Church,

Thank you for the care package! Your support means so much to me. I have so much wonderful history with this church and it will always have a special spot in my heart. Thank you again!

Pastor Mike and Family



Jenna Lutz



Dear St. John's Church Family,

Thank you for the care package you sent! I really appreciate it and am grateful to have a second family looking out for me during these times! Thank you again and God Bless.



Dan Beckley



Pastor Mike,

Thank you for your calls and visits to my mother, Deanie Rhone over the years. Also, thank you for the words you spoke at her graveside service which reminded us of her train ride to Texas as a young woman to be near my Father, as he trained, before shipping out to Italy in WWII. You spoke of her hands which showed of the many years of hard work at Montgomery Mills, which helped to provide for her children growing up. You also talked of her faith journey which included attending and joining St. John's many years ago. We would like to personally thank everyone for their prayers, calls and texts of condolences.

In Christ,
Bill and Marcia Rhone



Elimsport Administrative Council will meet Monday, January 11th at 6:30.



We are looking for someone to be our Annual Conference delegate for 2021. This involves going to Hershey for up to three days on June 3-5 and attending the daily worship, meetings, and voting on various issues. We stay at the Hershey convention center. Expenses are paid by our parish. This is a very interesting experience and not like the conferences in the old days. Please contact Pastor Mike if interested.



We are looking for someone to be a Vacation Bible School coordinator with the coordinator from Elimsport church. Please let Pastor Mike know if you are interested.



St. John's Administrative Council will meet Thursday, January 7th at 7:00.



Various means to keep updated:

website: evpumc.org

Face book: Elimsport United Methodist Parish

Electronic sign at Elimsport church

email Pastor Mike: hjebm@comcast.net

email church: 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.

Montgomery Footprints has received 5 afghans, 11 various sized quilts, 3 pillows, 4 sets of hats & scarves and 1 pet pad.



Thank you,
Karen Eck, Director

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- 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.)



Community breakfast is on hold until further notice.



Please be sure to check the church website evpumc.org and Elimsport United Methodist Parish face book for up to date church news.

Good Evening Kay,

Wanted to let you know the quilts are all delivered. Thank you again and also to your fellow quilting ladies. I thought you might like to know a little about who the recipients were -

- 1) 70 year old lady who cares for her non-ambulatory 90 year old mother.
- 2) An elderly widow who has asked for very little.
- 3) A single mother and her 5 children.
- 4) The Montgomery Christmas Committee

Merry Christmas and A
Happy New Year

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

Parish email:

elimsportumc@gmail.com

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Create in me a clean
heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit
within me.

Psalm 51:10

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.