

Valley Views



New Beginnings

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(Note: The following excerpt was written by Pastor Mike in June 2009)

Graduation or commencement? It's funny how we use two words with different meanings to describe the same event. During May and June each year, many people attend graduation or commencement ceremonies, at which students are given diplomas or certificates of recognition. But are those students graduating or commencing? The answer is they are doing both. The word graduate comes from the Latin word gradus, which means a step, and is a step of completing a course of study at a school or college. The word commence means to begin or start, as one would begin or start in a new direction or begin or start a new project. As students complete their courses of study, they are taking a step to begin a new direction in life, so they are not only graduating, they are also commencing.

This is how it is when one accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; we call this being saved. Paul explains it this way in his letter to the Romans in chapter 10:9-10 that "if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that

God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; [10] for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." We also call this being "in Christ." Paul also explains the change in a person who is in Christ, and that change is like the change that graduates experience in their lives. In 2 Cor. 5:17 he says "Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

For the graduate and one who accepts Christ as Savior the old ways are over, they have graduated and the new things have come, they begin a new life with an exciting future. The graduate and the believer have both experienced graduation and commencement; an ending and a beginning. May God be with all of you, whether a scholarly graduate or a spiritual graduate as you commence your new life. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. (Prov. 3:5)

Congratulations

Pastor Mike



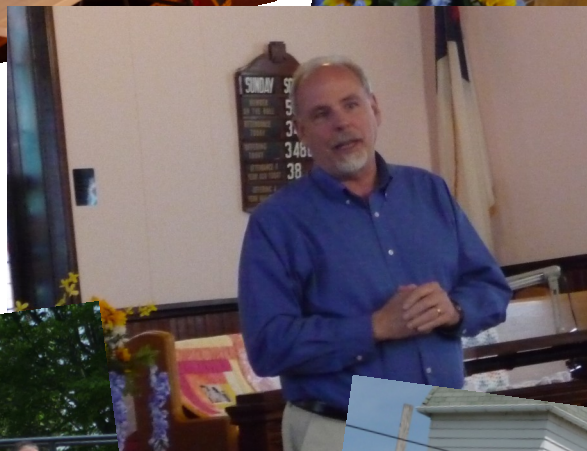
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Yes! God is working in St. John's with new beginnings each day. Our ancestors planted roots and we have continued to grow. Thanks to all who attended and participated in the rededication worship service:

- ⇒ Pastor Mike with his sermon, *If we set our faith in God we will accomplish great things*
- ⇒ D. S. Tom with his encouraging remarks, especially good to see we still have double door if the ladies ever go back to hooped dresses, they will still be able to attend
- ⇒ Amy and Ellen with their music
- ⇒ The litany readers Glenn Shadle and Patti Shaffer
- ⇒ Those who set up for the great food the ladies provided.

THANK YOU ALL



Elizabeth (Rhone) Taylor will be ordained at Susquehanna United Methodist Annual Conference Ordination Service, Saturday afternoon, June 13, 2015. This is held at Messiah College, Grantham, PA. The service is open to everyone, you need not be a delegate to conference to attend. If there is enough interest, the parish bus can be taken. If you would like to attend and ride the bus call Kay 570-538-1855.



Thanks

- To the church: Thank you for the prayers and cards that [you] sent me during my operation. It made me feel good that people still care. - Thank you , Bill Kennedy
- Elimsport Church Family: Thanks you for thinking of our family during this difficult time. The flowers you sent were lovely. - Sincere regards, the Lynch's
- To my friends of St. John's and Elimsport Churches, Pastor Mike, Max, neighbors, family and friends: Your prayers, cards, visits and food is greatly appreciated while I am healing form hip surgery. May God's blessings be always with us. - In loving gratitude, Nancy Shadle
- I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and phone calls, for my recent surgeries. - Thanks so much, Sandy Foresman

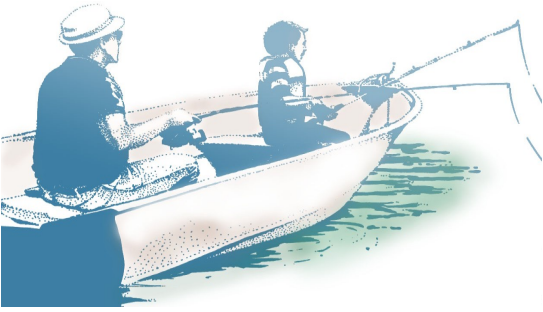


- Ben Simcox is serving our country in the Navy and is currently stationed in Bahrain. St. John's is putting an ongoing box in the back of the church for items to show Ben that we are thinking of him. Bahrain weather is very hot, so no easily perishable items or chocolate. Continue to write Ben at

*Benjamin Simcox
PSC 851 Box 70088
FPO AE 09834*

- Michelle Waughen is currently serving in the Army at Fort Leonard Wood Mo. And would love to hear from you. Please write her at:

*PFC Waughen 12897 Kansas Ave, Unit 52 (all one line)
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65584*



Chicken-Fruit Salad

- 2- 13oz. Cans chicken, drained
- 1- 20oz. can pineapple tidbits
- 2 to 3 ribs celery, chopped
- ½ cup dried cranberries, more or less
- ½ to ½ cup Ranch dressing
- 8 oz. of small shell pasta, cooked

Mix altogether, chill and serve.

Red Beet Cake

- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 1 ½ cups puréed beets
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 ¾ cups flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ teaspoon baking soda

Mix melted chocolate and beets in a bowl, set aside. Cream sugar, oil, eggs, and vanilla in a mixer bowl until light and fluffy. Add in beet mixture; mix well. Add to this mixture the flour, salt and baking soda; mixing well.

Spoon into greased, and floured 9X13 cake pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until cake tests done.

Yield 12 servings.

Mary LeFavor, Virginville #1832

The Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbook [Green book]





Elimsport Volunteers

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Thursday, June 11th @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, July 13th - Friday, July 17th

Bible School @ Elimsport

Friday, July 17th

Bible School Closing @ Elimsport, 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 11th @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00pm

Sunday, September 6th

Joint Service/Labor Day Brunch, Outside 9:00am

Tuesday, October 13th @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, December 8th @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00pm

Wednesday February 3rd @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00pm

VBS Meeting

There will be a VBS meeting for staff and anyone else interested in helping with SonSpark Labs this year. The meeting will be June 7th at 4:00 pm. Any questions, see Shayna or Taryn.

VBS

Hello! Grab your safety goggles and lab coats and mark your calendars for July 13, 2015-July 17, 2015 from 9-11:30 a.m.! It's time to start a new exploration with God at SonSpark Labs VBS. This year we will experience God's love for us in a scientific way as we try to figure out GP4U=J, or God's Plan for You is Jesus! We will be exploring the Bible as we learn about God's plan to make us, to be with us, for us to know him, to save us, and to love us forever. We are looking for scientists to help us prepare an exciting week full of experiments demonstrating God's unending love. We are also searching for young scientists ages 3 through those entering 7th grade willing to join in the fun! Please help us make God's love explode in our faith labs! If interested, please contact Shayna Heintzelman, Taryn Myers, or Pastor Mike.

Greeters for June

June 7	Alice Eddinger
June 14	Cathy Hill / Betty Farley
June 21	David & Peg Kennedy
June 28	Bob & Hilda Sampsell

- Items for July's newsletter are due June 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.)

Clearances

Anyone needing clearances to work with children in our Sunday schools, Vacation Bible School, or just helping with children and youth. You are required by law to get your clearances. Due to the amount of time it takes to receive them back, it is advised that you get them now. This is an urgent issue that we have been requesting all of our volunteers to do since the January. It is time to get them.



Earth: A New Beginning

Things on earth had become bad. Violence and evil had taken their toll on God's creation. God was sorry that He had created mankind. God decided it was time to make a change. Read Genesis chapters 6-9 for details about the New Beginning that God made on the earth.

[HINT: scripture references from Genesis]

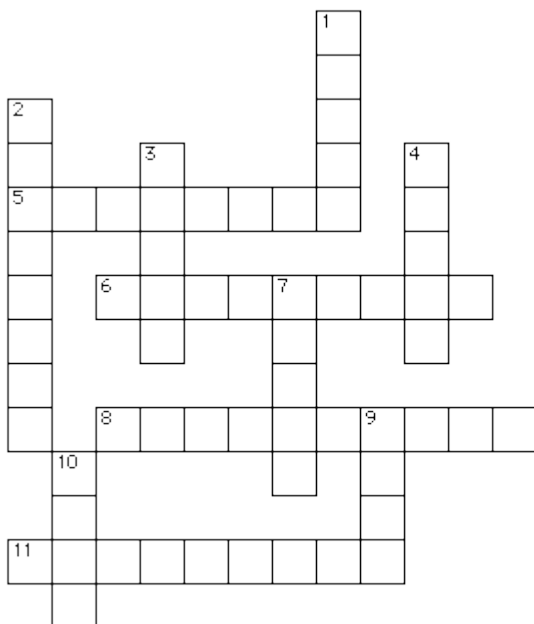
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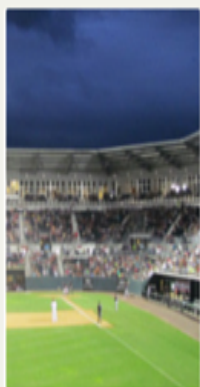
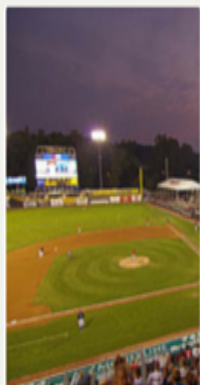
ACROSS

- 5.--The earth was filled with _____. [6:11]
 6.--The flood waters covered the _____. [7:20]
 8.--God saw man's _____. [6:5]
 11.--God told Noah and his sons to _____ the earth. [9:1]

DOWN

- 1.--The ark was to be _____ stories tall. [6:16]
 2.--God gave the rainbow as a token of His _____ with all creatures on earth. [9:16]
 3.--God promised to never again destroy the earth with a _____. [9:11]
 4.--After leaving the ark, Noah offered _____ offerings to God. [8:20]
 7.--After the flood, Noah lived _____ hundred and fifty years. [9:28]
 9.--Who found grace in the eyes of the Lord? [6:8]
 10.--All men left outside the ark _____. [7:21]





you saved the date...

June 13

and here's why:



Camp and Retreat Ministry is hosting a United Methodist
night with the Harrisburg Senators baseball team.
baseball. fun. games. activities.
prizes. experience. community.
fellowship. outreach.
fundraising. laughter. memories.

For every \$10 UMC ticket purchased, the Senators are
donating \$3 to the Camp and Retreat Ministry
Campership fund.

Buy a ticket, support the ministry and enjoy a fun night at
Metro Bank Park!

Purchase your ticket at www.senatorsbaseball.com and use
special promo code "UMC"

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.

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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 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.