

# Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

In his devotional *Morning and Evening*, Charles Haddon Spurgeon said “A godly man often grows best when his worldly circumstances decay.” My question is, what does he mean by “a godly man?” We all have experienced decay in our personal circumstances. That is to say, we all have our problems. So, what is the key to growing in those problematic circumstances?

When I think of something growing, of course I think of the trees and plants. I watch and wonder as the wind blows them and the sun beats down on them. How easy it would be for them to just give up and wither and die. The wind is just one of the circumstances that make a tree strong. As it blows against the tree and causes the tree to sway, the tree holds tightly to the earth. The tree develops more and stronger roots to help in the battle against the circumstances that try to blow it over. As it grips the earth even tighter, it reaches for the heavens and stretches its branches out to gather the needed nourishment of rain and sunlight. Here lies the key for enduring the problems of life.

A godly person is not someone who is perfect, for there is no tree nor person that is perfect. A godly person, like the tree, grips the foundation that supports it. It stays in contact with that foundation and never lets go. The foundation of a godly person is Christ, the one who suffered many problems here on earth and yet overcame them all. Not only does he support us, but he strengthens us. Paul encouraged the Colossians to do this when he said, “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught,” (Col 2:6-7)

What Spurgeon was trying to say is that often times our earthly situations and circumstances seem to decay; they seem to be rotten and if one is a godly person, which is rooted in Christ and in contact with him, they will grow in those rotten circumstances and be strengthened because they are supported and held fast by Christ. Being godly means staying connected to the one who is able to provide all things necessary to help us in life. Think of it like this, Jesus is able to turn the garbage in our lives into rich compost, which provides a heavenly richness and helps us grow. May you grow closer to God, strengthened in your faith, and nourished in your soul as the Lord gives you strength in your circumstances.

Pastor Mike



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Grab your scuba gear and snorkel because our VBS Deep Sea Discovery is just around the corner! This year, our young divers will be jumping into the sea for an adventure of a lifetime. They will dive into God's word to learn that God KNOWS me, God HEARS me, God STRENGTHENS me, God LOVES me, and God SENDS me. This deep sea adventure will be taking place July 11-15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am- 11:30 am. Please send out deep sea

signals to any young divers to let them know we need their help for our adventure! We are also sending out an S.O.S. for diving instructors to join our discovery crew. If interested in helping in any way, please contact Crew Leaders Shayna Rourke or Taryn Myers or speak with Pastor Mike. You can also fill out your crew member interest form in your bulletin, and return it to any of the above crew members.

#### 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.

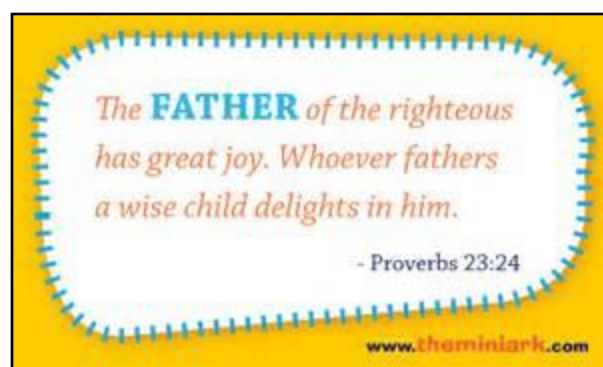
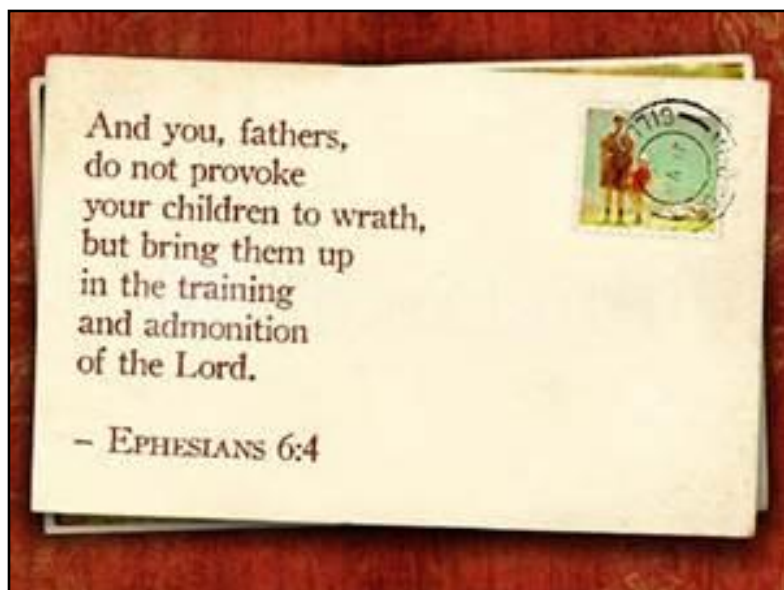
Publicize the programs.

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









### Youth Fellowship Happenings

June 18th - 25th Youth Beach Trip

The Youth will be working on Community Service projects. Painting a handicap ramp for an elderly gentleman and litter pickup. Dates and times to be announced.

Call or email Tweet with any questions.



### Acolyte Schedule

6/5/16 Jenna & Laura

6/12/16 Elizabeth & Mallorie

6/19/16 Clara & Kendall

6/26/16 Mitchell & Jackson

7/3/16 Ben & Tyler



The Youth will be having Fundraisers at Wendy's in Muncy on the following dates:

June 21st

September 20th

December 13th

All times are 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

Come and help support our Youth!



Call or email Tweet with any questions.



Blood Drives: All 2-7 pm



- Tues., June 9th, 2016 @ Fire Hall
- Tues., August 9th, 2016 @ Fire Hall
- Tues., October 11th, 2016 @ Elimsport UMC



Sending out an S.O.S....all hands on deck for our upcoming Deep Sea Discovery VBS meeting. This exploration will be Sunday, June 5th at noon at

Elimsport. Anyone that has expressed interest in joining our deep sea diving team or who would still like to help should try to attend! Diving manuals will be passed out for instructors and undersea decorating ideas will be discussed. If you have any questions, please contact Crew leaders Shayna Rourke & Taryn Myers, or Pastor Mike.

There will be a Strawberry Social at the Elimsport Church Pavilion on Sunday, June 12th at 4:00 pm. Hope to see you there.



The "Red" Submarine will be diving into "VBS Deep Sea Discovery" July 11-15, 2016.

If you want to ride on that dive into the deep sea, call the submarine's Captain Kay 570-538-1855, or Crew Leaders Shayna Rourke, Taryn Myers, Pastor Mike Hill.

## Elimsport Volunteers

- 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.)

### Greeters for June

June 5	Polly Kahle
June 12	Dave & Peg Kennedy
June 19	Charles & Jane Riebsome
June 26	Joann Stainbrook





# **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:**

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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 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.