

# Valley Views



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God wants men today to be godly fathers and teach their children about Him. We ought to rise to the challenge as many fathers in the Bible did to train our children in the knowledge of God. We are given great examples in the Bible of men who did just that. There are also many examples of bad fathers. We can learn from these men so that we can avoid making the mistakes they did.

## Adam

Adam and Eve were the first man and woman in the Bible. Adam lived to be 930 years old. He had many children. Though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they still had a great understanding of God's promise of a redeemer. Adam passed this knowledge on to his children. It is obvious in the story of Cain and Abel in Genesis chapter 4 that the boys knew enough about God's promise that Abel consciously chose to acknowledge God's plan while Cain rejected it. Adam diligently taught his children.

## Noah

Noah was chosen by God to build the ark which would be used to save those who would trust Him. This also served as a picture of redemption which would come through Jesus Christ. Noah and his family were not like the rest of the world. They stood out to God. The building of the ark took many years, but his sons and daughters-in-law were right beside him. They could have chosen to walk away, but Noah, as a father, taught them about God and how to trust in Him. Though he did some horrible things later in his life, God used Noah to preserve life on the earth while teaching later generations about God. The main events of Noah's life are told in Genesis chapters 6 through 9.

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**Job**

Job was a wealthy man who owned land, cattle and crops. Besides the great riches of Job, he had many children—seven sons and three daughters. As a father he grieved greatly when his children were killed in a storm. However, for his faithfulness to the Lord, God rewarded him with ten more children. In all, he had fourteen sons and six daughters. The book of Job tells of the events in Job's life.

**Abraham**

God had given His promise of a redeemer to Adam and Eve in Genesis chapter 3. Through the years that promise was refined more and more. Specifically, the Savior would come through the son of Abraham and Sarah. Abraham had another son with Sarah's maid. His name was Ishmael, but this was not the promised son from God. The son that Abraham and Sarah had in their old age was Isaac. Abraham was known as a man of faith. He showed this great faith to his children through teaching and by example. Read Genesis chapters 11 through 25 to learn more about Abraham.

**Isaac**

Isaac was the father of the twin boys named Esau and Jacob. Isaac learned much from his parents about trusting God and raising a family. Isaac's sons were very different from one another. One was a hunter and the other enjoyed being at home. Though Isaac was not a perfect father he instilled a knowledge of God and the promise of a Savior. Details of Isaac and his family are found in Genesis chapters 17 through 49.

**Jacob**

Jacob was one of the two sons of Isaac and Rebekah. He was married to two sisters, Leah and Rachel. Jacob had twelve boys and a girl. These twelve boys became the twelve tribes of Israel. Though Abraham is considered the father of the nation, Jacob was the father of the twelve men for whom the tribes are named. Jacob and his family's account is shared in Genesis chapters 25 through 50 and even goes on into Exodus.

**Solomon**

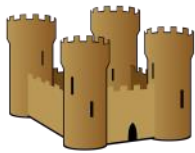
Though the wisest man in history, Solomon was not always the best father. His sons turned away from him and God because of Solomon's horrible example as a father. Despite all this, Solomon used his great wisdom and the lessons he learned from God to pen the book of Proverbs. This is the greatest piece of literature for parents and children to read and learn about wisdom. You can read about Solomon in many of the Old Testament books including, 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles.

## Zacharias

In Luke chapter 1 we are told about the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist. John was an important person in God's plan to introduce the Savior to the world. An angel appeared to John's father Zacharias to announce the birth of John. Zacharias was made mute, and possibly deaf, after the announcement until John was born. As a priest, Zacharias undoubtedly taught his son much about the coming Messiah. John was well prepared to be the forerunner for Jesus Christ.

## Fathers Today

Take the challenge presented in the book of Proverbs to train your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Teach them about God while they are young. Help them learn godly wisdom while they are at home. Then when they are old they will look to God's Word as a guiding light in their life. If your children are already grown and out of the house you can still be a good grandfather or mentor to young people around you.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye, calling all Knights, Kings, and Queens! Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 9 thru Thursday, July 13th. From 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Carnival and Closing Program Friday, July 14th

at 6:00pm! Please note the new time! Yes, this years VBS is in the evening. Come and join us in this fun Medieval Adventure. While we no longer wear suits of armor, live in high towers, or walk across drawbridges - they still represent what we still need - safety. God is our King, refuge, high tower and shield! Our plan is to study the life of David. David knew that God was his refuge, strength, shield, and fortress. Let's discover the drawbridge to Our King!! Transportation will be provided by our very own Queen, Miss Kay. Anyone interested may contact Miss Kay Showers, Pastor Mike or our Leaders. Anyone interested in helping please contact our very own Knight - Pastor Mike or our Queens Taryn Myers and Andrea Hetner!

*My Hero Is  
My Dad*



There will be a Blood Drive on Thursday, June 8th from 2 - 7 pm at the Elimspport Fellowship Hall. Donations are very much needed and appreciated.



The Christian Crusader Class will meet Friday, June 23rd at 5 pm at the Elimspport pavilion. Please bring a covered dish and lawn chairs.



A very special Thank You to the Bald Eagle 4-H Club for providing and planting the flowers underneath the church sign.



Graduate Recognition will be Sunday, June 11th at each church. If anyone from our churches is graduating from High School, College, or any other program of higher learning, please let Pastor Mike know.



## Elimspport Volunteers

### Greeters for June

- June 4            Joe & Lauren Bryson & Family
- June 11         Joann Stainbrook
- June 18         Robin & Taryn Myers & Family
- June 25         Sandy Chamberlain



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

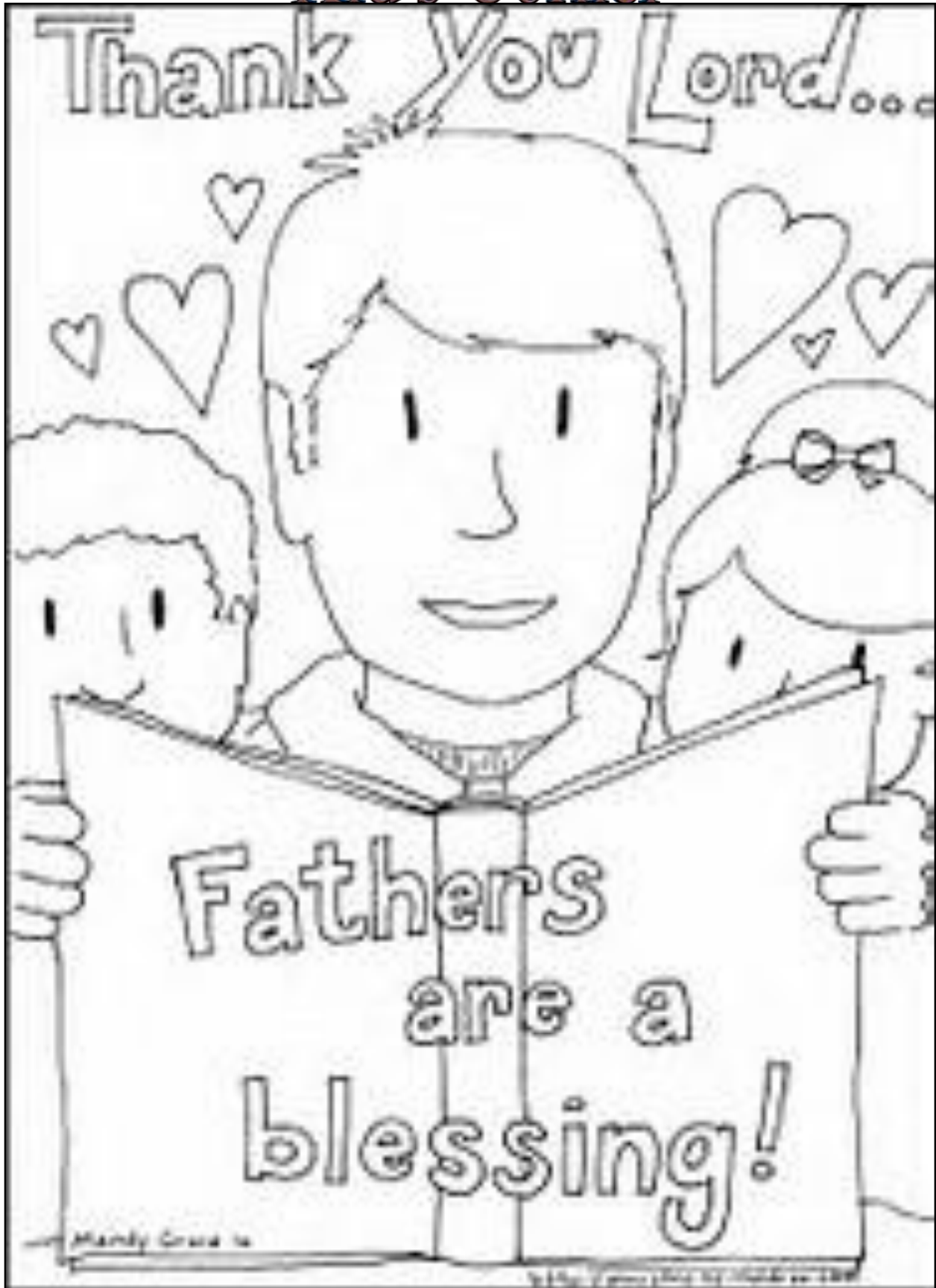


*Thank You, Thank You, Thank You  
Because of you, the Elimsport United Methodist Val-  
ley Parish, I once again made memories by attending  
the 2017 Susquehanna United Methodist Annual  
Conference. Along with being spiritual feed, I renewed  
old friendships; and God gave me new relationships.  
One thing made the whole conference worth attending.  
Our voices had to sound like God's Heavenly Choir of  
Angels when we sang the Lords Prayer during prayer  
time at of Commissioning and Ordination*

*In appreciation,*

*Kay E. Showers*

# 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

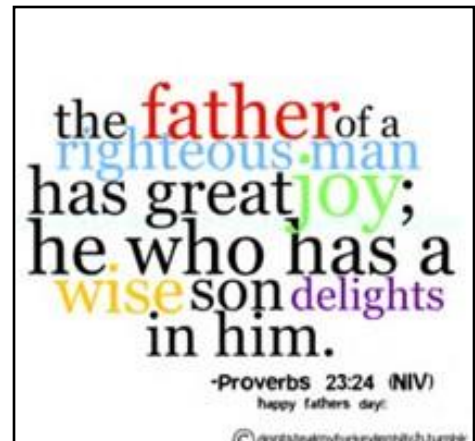
### **Parish Website:**

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

### **Parish email:**

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

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



### **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.