

Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

Dad's Hands

By Mary Fairchild

Most fathers don't realize the extent of their influence and how their godly behavior can make a lasting impression on their children. In this poem, a child focuses on her father's strong hands to illustrate his character and express how much he has meant in her life.

Dad's hands were king-size and strong.
With his hands, he built our home and fixed all the broken things.
Dad's hands gave generously, served humbly, and loved mom tenderly, unselfishly, completely, unendingly.

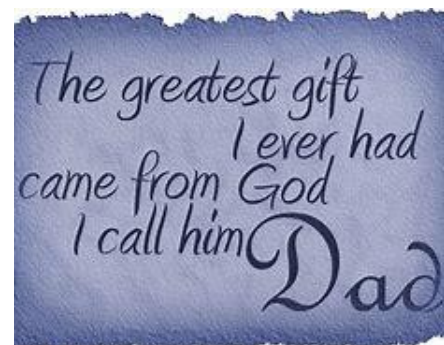
With his hand, Dad held me when I was small, steadied me when I stumbled, and guided me in the right direction.
When I needed help, I could always count on Dad's hands.
Sometimes Dad's hands corrected me, disciplined me, shielded me, rescued me.
Dad's hands protected me.

Dad's hand held mine when he walked me down the aisle. His hand gave me to my forever love, who, not surprisingly, is very much like Dad.

Dad's hands were the instruments of his great big, rugged-tender heart.

Dad's hands were strength.
Dad's hands were love.
With his hands he praised God.
And he prayed to the Father with those big hands.

Dad's hands. They were like Jesus' hands to me.



Mark your calendars for July 29th for the parish outside church service at Elimsport pavilion at 9am. We are honored to have Re-Creation coming to share their gift of song with our parish! More details to come closer to the date.



Community Breakfast is held Wednesday mornings from 7:00 - 9:00 am at the Elimsport Church. **There will be no breakfast on June 6th & June 27th.**



There will be a blood drive on Thursday, June 7th from 2-7 at the Elimsport Fellowship Hall.



Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for June

- June 3 Robin & Taryn Meyers & Family
- June 10 Retta Moore
- June 17 Les & Eleanora Lutz
- June 24 Bobby Buss



- 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.)



I would like to thank everyone for prayer and calls while in the hospital and now home doing well. I am so glad to be a part of this congregation.

God Bless You,

Marie

Thank you to Gary and Kay for leading worship while Pastor Mike was on vacation.



Pastor Mike will be at Annual Conference in Hershey this week from Thursday, May 31st till Saturday, June 2nd.



The Elmsport Church is in need of an Outdoor Custodian. They will be responsible for mowing, weeding, etc. If interested, please contact Tom Taylor at (570) 547-1849.



The Christian Crusaders Class will meet at the pavilion Friday, June 22nd at 5 pm for a potluck dinner. Keith McCormick will be your host.



Please let Pastor Mike know of anyone from our churches graduating



this spring or who has graduated in the past year from any institution of learning. We will be recognizing them on Sunday June 10th in each church.

Vacation Bible School

Calling all Superheroes interested in exploring epic adventures to discover their strength in God!!! VBS 2018 will be Sunday, July 29th thru Thursday, August 2nd from 6 to 8:30pm. Dinner will also be provided again this year. Closing Program and Carnival Friday, August 3rd at 6pm. Our Little Heroes will explore God's mission for their lives, encounter adventures alongside biblical heroes, as well

discovering their own unique power and strength from God! Any questions please contact, Captain Church (AKA) Pastor Mike or Wonder Women Taryn Myers and Andrea Hetner. Let us all Discover our Strength in God! **There will be a VBS meeting on Sunday, June 3rd at 4pm.**

My Church Family,

Thanks to everyone who sent well wishes, gifts, thoughts and prayers to me during my 6 month battle with cancer. Without the Good Lord by my side, I would have never made it through the treatments and the recovery periods. A special thank you to my sister for pulling me through when I thought I couldn't take another step.



Blessings,

Roxy Berger



The Future of the United Methodist Church as proposed by the Council of Bishops

At the 2016 General conference of the United Methodist Church, the task of moving forward in regards to human sexuality and the church's struggle with human sexuality, was given to the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church. As a result, a committee of 32 members, Called the Committee on a Way Forward, was formed. This committee was to represent over 12 million United Methodist members in recommending to the Council of Bishops a plan for the church to move forward on matters of human sexuality. The Council of Bishops, made up of the Bishops from every conference of the United Methodist church all over the world, would then decide on how the plan would be presented to United Methodists all over the world. The plan would then be voted on at a special General Conference to be held in February 2019.

As a result, the committee originally in November 2017 came up with three models to present to the Bishops.

Model 1 would keep things the way they are in regards to our Book of Discipline and our view in regards to homosexuality.

Model 2 would remove the current language in our Discipline, which rejects homosexual practices and ordination of homosexuals in the church. It would then be up to the local church to decide whether they would reject or accept these issues, and any church wishing not to accept the change, would not be forced to perform same gender weddings or have homosexual clergy in their church.

Model 3 would create different branches of the church, each with their own Book of Discipline and values though all the branches would still be connected as one church.

In each case, there was supposed to be a way provided for members and clergy to graciously exit the denomination, in the event they disagreed with the way the church chose to move forward.

As a result, only one model was accepted by the Council of Bishops this spring and is going to be presented in February 2019 as the way forward for the United Methodist Church. That model, which is Model 2, will propose removing the restrictive language in our current Book of Discipline and allow each local church to choose to accept or reject homosexuality as an acceptable practice, to allow or reject homosexual or lesbian clergy as their pastor, and to allow or reject same sex weddings.

United Methodists recognize all people as God's creation having sacred worth, so this creates a spiritual struggle within the church as to how to include and accept certain groups of all ages, nations, races, and genders.

As of yet, no plan has yet been presented for those who wish to leave the denomination, to do so graciously. This will be a long process that could take a few years to resolve.

There are groups that have formed and are working on developing a place that is more in line with our current doctrines, to provide a place to go for those leaving the denomination.

Please be in fervent prayer about our United Methodist Church and that God will strengthen us through these difficult times.

In Christ

Pastor Mike

Kid's Corner

Happy Father's Day!



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 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.