

Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

What does the Bible say about Christian fathers?

Answer: The greatest commandment in Scripture is this: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:5). Going back to verse 2, we read, "So that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life." Following Deuteronomy 6:5, we read, "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (vv. 6-7).

Israelite history reveals that the father was to be diligent in instructing his children in the ways and words of the Lord for their own spiritual development and well-being. The father who was obedient to the commands of Scripture did just that. This brings us to Proverbs 22:6, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." To "train" indicates the first instruction that a father and mother give to a child, i.e., his early education. The training is designed to make clear to children the manner of life they are intended for. To commence a child's early education in this way is of great importance.

Ephesians 6:4 is a summary of instructions to the father, stated in both a negative and positive way. "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." The negative part of this verse indicates that a father is not to foster negativity in his children by severity, injustice, partiality, or unreasonable exercise of authority. Harsh, unreasonable conduct towards a child will only serve to nurture evil in the heart. The word "provoke" means "to irritate, exasperate, rub the wrong way, or incite." This is done by a wrong spirit and wrong methods—severity, unreasonableness, sternness, harshness,

cruel demands, needless restrictions, and selfish insistence upon dictatorial authority. Such provocation will produce adverse reactions, deadening children's affection, reducing their desire for holiness, and making them feel that they cannot possibly please their parents. A wise parent seeks to make obedience desirable and attainable by love and gentleness.

The positive part of Ephesians 6:4 is expressed in a comprehensive direction—educate them, bring them up, develop their conduct in all of life by the instruction and admonition of the Lord. This is the whole process of educating and discipline. The word “admonition” carries the idea of reminding the child of faults (constructively) and duties (responsibilities).

The Christian father is really an instrument in God's hand. The whole process of instruction and discipline must be that which God commands and which He administers, so that His authority should be brought into constant and immediate contact with the mind, heart, and conscience of children. The human father should never present himself as the ultimate authority to determine truth and duty. It is only by making God the teacher and ruler on whose authority everything is done that the goals of education can best be attained.

Martin Luther said, “Keep an apple beside the rod to give the child when he does well.” Discipline must be exercised with watchful care and constant training with much prayer. Chastening, discipline, and counsel by the Word of God, giving both reproof and encouragement, is at the core of “admonition.” The instruction proceeds from the Lord, is learned in the school of Christian experience, and is administered by the parents—primarily the father, but also, under his direction, the mother. Christian discipline is needed to enable children to grow up with reverence for God, respect for parental authority, knowledge of Christian standards, and habits of self-control.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). A father's first responsibility is to acquaint his children with Scripture. The means and methods that fathers may use to teach God's truth will vary. As the father is faithful in role modeling, what children learn about God will put them in good standing throughout their earthly lives, no matter what they do or where they go.



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Happy Father's Day!

Thank you Elimsport United Methodist parish for your help with the United Methodist Home mission. Because of you we were able to take 60 gift cards totaling \$795.00. We also had \$70 in cash and a generous check from the Helping Hands ladies. We also took 18 comforters to them. Thank you for your amazing contributions and the prayers for the United Methodist Home. I would also like to say that St. John's Sunday School kids did an awesome job making the ornaments for our mission tree. Christa and I got a brief tour of the home and it is a beautiful place with a wonderful mission. They were very grateful for our contributions. The United Methodist Home helps youth from ages 12 to 20 yrs old. They have 30+ kids that live there. They get referrals to the home by multiple county children and youth agencies. These young people have been neglected, abandoned, abused and assaulted. Many suffer with post traumatic stress or other disorders and are developmentally disadvantaged. United Methodist Home offers a wide range of programs and services to meet their individual and group needs. The home remains grounded in vital basic principles: youth, family, faith and community. The home inspires the youth to hope, heal, recover and grow. Thanks again for your help!

Sharon



The Helping Hands St. John's UM Church,

It was so nice to have your group come to our home and sing for Dick and me.

Dick was sleeping too soundly to get him awake. I know the spirit from your fellowship was visiting him also.

We enjoyed the lovely cookies and all the nice little notions you left on our dining room table.

It was a joy having you folks stop by.

A special "Thank You" to Kay for driving the bus.

It takes a special caring group to give their time and talent to do nice things like you do.

Yours in Christian Love,

Dick and Eleanor Taylor



Acolyte Schedule:

6/2	Garett & Jackson
6/9	Mitchell & Elizabeth
6/16	Samuel & Mallorie
6/23	Jackson & Mitchell
6/30	Garett & Elizabeth



*He will turn the
hearts of the fathers
to their children, and
the hearts of the children
to their fathers.♥*

MALACHI 4:6

There will be a blood drive on Thursday, June 6th from 2-7 in the Fellowship Hall.





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May 13, 2019

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the youth who reside at the Children's Home, we want to say thank you for your recent generous contribution in the amount of \$70.00. Also, we are grateful for your past support of the United Methodist Home for Children (UMHC).

We are thrilled to share with you a recent significant milestone. UMHC has merged with Board of Child Care of the United Methodist Church (BCC), effective January 1, 2019. BCC is a 501(c)3 registered nonprofit headquartered in Baltimore and shares a deep history of faith as a United Methodist orphanage. Most importantly, BCC shares UMHC's mission and purpose of helping children and their families through residential, educational, and mental health services.

The future of our Mechanicsburg campus is bright. BCC's accredited and evidence-based treatment models are already enhancing our programs. For example, at the end of last year UMHC opened its first campus classroom to serve children who are unable to go to public school. Besides, BCC partnered with UMHC to pursue and acquire a federal residential grant that, independently, neither organization could have obtained.

We are excited about our new programs and grateful for your support during this time of growth and change. Together we will transform more lives and make an even greater impact for the community!

We want you to be fully informed about our new direction and welcome any opportunity to either meet with you in person or by phone. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact our Development team at (717) 766-7652.

May God bless you for your heartfelt concern for our youth.

Jeffrey A. Glass, MSW, LSW
Director of Programs in PA

Laurie Anne Spagnola, MSW
President and CEO
Board of Child Care of the United Methodist Church, Inc.

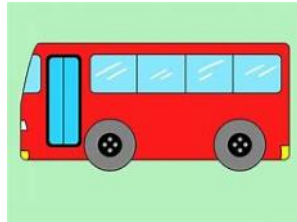
Please consider this letter as a receipt for your contribution. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation. BCC is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization under IRS section 170(b)(1)(iv) for both federal and state tax purposes



It's that VBS time of year again! Get ready to get down on the farm! Prepare yourself for a little barnyard adventure as we take a look at Farm Fresh FAITH through the eyes of our barnyard friends. With these new friends from the farm, we will embark on a journey through the life of Joseph and find out that God is ALWAYS faithful and WORTHY of our

Trust!!!! It will be held Sunday, July 7th through Thursday, July 11th from 6:00 - 8:30pm. Dinner will also be provided. Carnival and Closing program will be Friday, July 12th at 6pm. If you are interested in helping or donating please contact one of our barnyard friends, Andrea Hetner, Taryn Myers or our very own Farmer Mike!! (AKA- Pastor Mike) Hope to see you there!!!

The "Red Bull" (bus) will buck it's way to Church Family, VBS. Call Kay if you want to ride. (570) 538-1855.



Thank you for all the cards, prayers, visits and quilt. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



Marie

Please give Pastor Mike the names of those graduating from High School or College so we can recognize them on Sunday June 9th during worship. Please Don't assume that he knows who is graduating. If you could write down their names, where they are graduating from, and their future plans and give them to Pastor Mike it would be greatly appreciated.

Class of 2019



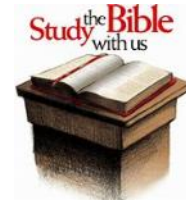
Thank you to everyone for allowing me the time off to relax and refocus. We are beginning a journey through the book of Colossians during worship each week concerning living lives that are pleasing to the Lord. I pray that God will enrich all of us through the working of his Spirit in Paul's letter to the believers in Colossae.

Pastor Mike

Community Breakfast is held Wednesday mornings from 7:00 - 9:00 am at the ElimSPORT Church.



Bible Study has resumed and is on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 at the ElimSPORT church. We are currently working through the books of Psalms. All are welcome.



Just a reminder: Everyone is to check the mailbox in the back of the church.



ElimSPORT Volunteers

Greeters for June

June 2	Carlene Moore
June 9	Monte Temple
June 16	Polly Kahle
June 23	Dave & Peg Kennedy
June 30	Kathy Moser

- 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.)





May 20, 2019

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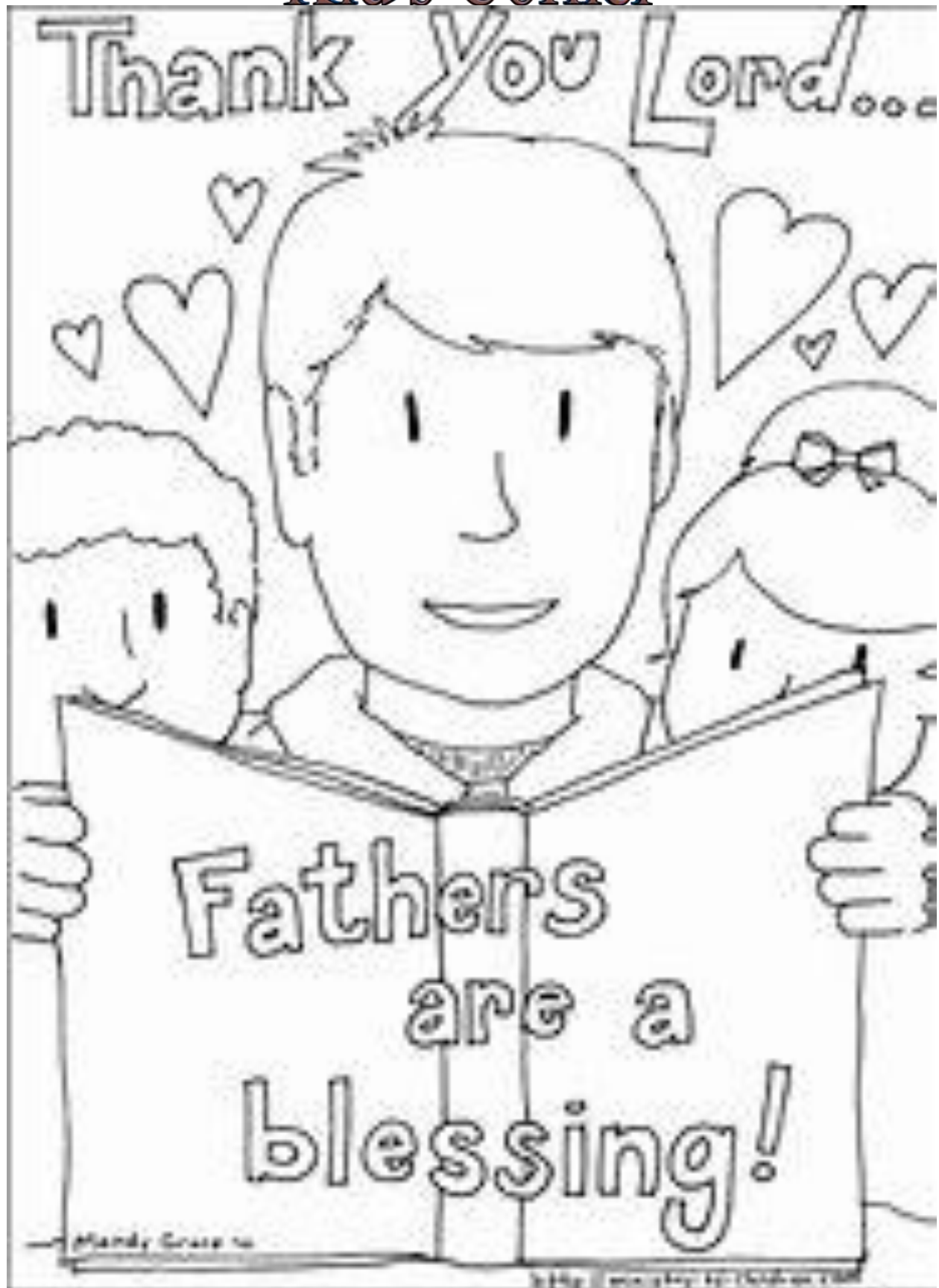
Dear Partner in Ministry,

We would like to extend a special thank you for your generous support in giving to Sojourner Truth Ministries. You are truly a blessing! It is only through your financial support and prayers that we can continue to be a blessing to others in need. We pray that God continues to bless you and your loved ones throughout the year.

In His Loving Service,

Summer Love Bair
Treasurer, Board of Directors

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.

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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.