

Valley Views



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EASTER

Do you know the answers to the following questions?

1. Why does Lent last 40 days?
2. What two themes does Ash Wednesday emphasize?
3. What is the difference between “fasting” and “abstinence”?
4. What did the Council of Nicea do in 325 AD?
5. What is the Latin term for darkness? Why is it associated with Lent/Easter?
6. What does the word Maundy mean from Maundy Thursday?
7. Why is the Friday before Easter called “Good Friday”?
8. What practice became part of the United Methodist worship resources in 1992?
9. How long is the Easter season? Why is it this length?

Check out

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/faqs-lent-easter>
for the correct answers.



Dear St. John's United Methodist Church
Sunday School,

Thank you so very much for your gifts
every month. Your gifts are very much
appreciated. Thank you for caring about
the needy people of the Montgomery Area.

Thanks again,
Foot prints of Montgomery



March 10th: Lenten service at St. John's at 7:00
March 17th: Lenten Service at Elimsport at 7:00
March 24th: Lenten service at Elimsport at 7:00

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have donated yarn and fabric. St. John's ladies took 9 afghans, 2 quilts, a doll baby wrapped in its own afghan, a shawl, and several small crochet items Wednesday, February 4th to the Liberty House. Liberty House houses women and their children until they can acquire a job and their own housing. They have up to two years to accomplish it. The women in charge of Liberty House were very excited to receive everything. Last October we took 3 garbage bags of quilts and afghans to the Shepherd of the Streets. We also took 2 pillows stuffed with fabric and yarn scraps to the SPCA. They were grateful for them

Youth Fellowship Happenings

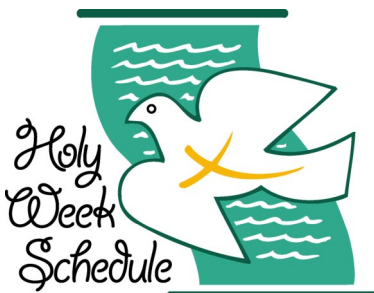
3-01	6:30pm	Meeting at the church
3-08	6:30pm	Meeting at the church
3-15	4:00pm	Game night at Elimsport church
3-22	6:30pm	Meeting at the church
3-29	2:00pm	Easter egg hunt at Tweet's
4-02	5:00pm	Set up and serve Seder meal
4-05	TBA	Sunrise service at Watson's pond, Perkins for breakfast after.

Call or email Tweet with any questions.

SALE! SALE! SALE!

When they are gone they are gone!
That's our streak free cloths.
Price has been reduced to \$2.00, regular
\$2.25.

See Patty Shaffer with your orders.



Thursday, April 2: Seder Meal and communion at the Elimsport church at 6:00
Friday, April 3 : Good Friday Service with communion at the Elimsport church at 7:00
Sunday, April 5th: Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 am



Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Sunday, March 15th

Game Night, @ Elimsport Social Hall, 4:00pm

Thursday, April 2nd

Seder Meal @ Elimsport Social Hall, 6:00pm

Friday, April 3rd

Good Friday Service @ Elimsport, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 4

Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00am Sharp!

Sunday, April 5th

Easter Sunrise Service @ 6:00am

Sunday, April 12th

Alvira Movie Showing, @ Elimsport Social Hall, 6:30pm

Sunday, May 31st

Graduation Recognition Sunday (both churches)

Sunday, May 31st

Strawberry Social @ Elimsport pavilion, 4:00pm

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

Sunday, September 6th

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

Tuesday, October 13th @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 8th @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday February 3rd @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive

Parish Event March 15th at 4pm:

Beat the winter blues and come join us at the Elimsport fellowship hall for a game night. Bring your favorite game and snack to share. Invite your friends and neighbors. Hope to see you there!



The Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt

will be at the Elimsport Church
pavilion

Saturday April 4th
10:00 sharp!

Any donations can be given to
Jennifer Springman.

- Items for April's newsletter are due March 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.)*



Edible Jelly Bean Bracelets (A great craft to do with kids)

Supplies:

Elastic cording

Bag of jelly beans

Embroidery needle (or needle with a large “eye”)

Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of elastic to around 6” in length.
2. Tie a knot (or two) at one end of the piece of elastic approximately 1” For easier tying off, do not get the knot to close to the end.
3. Thread the elastic through the needle.
4. Thread the center of the jelly bean onto the needle, pulling it down to the end of the piece of elastic.
5. Continue threading jelly beans until desired length is reached.
6. Triple knot the bracelet and trim off excess elastic.



Vickie, our newest person, with the best job, “washing the pans”



Nancy needs a book of instructions to use a paring knife.

Just in:

The apple dumpling gang maybe known better as the “cackling hens”.



Bishy feeding the birds



American Rescue Workers

Williamsport Corps

Colonel & Mrs. Sam Astin
Commanding Officers

Community Outreach Ministries

The Men's Center
Men's Transitional Shelter
Saving Grace Shelter
Social Service Center
The Love Center
Community Church
YMAC (Youth Making A Change)
Rescue Kidz
Retail Thrift Stores
Christmas Food & Toy Baskets
3rd Largest County Recycler of
Used Goods

January 14, 2015

Elimsport United Methodist Church
5 Gap Road
Allenwood, PA 17810

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$300.00 to the American Rescue Workers.

As you know, needy families and individuals in our community go without proper food, clothing, and shelter every day due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, injuries, illness, age, domestic violence, or divorce. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, children and the elderly are at the most risk, and they make up a large number of the clients we serve.

Through your kindness today, we will be able to help many of these families and individuals not only to meet essential daily needs, but to work toward a brighter future with the various programs that we offer.

For more information on how your donation is helping to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community, we invite you to visit our Web site at <http://www.arwilliamsport.org>.

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

Claude A. Astin III

Colonel & Mrs. Sam Astin
Commanding Officers



Susquehanna Conference
a Pennsylvania Conference of
The United Methodist Church
Lewisburg District

February 4, 2015

Elimsport
16145 S State Route 44
Allenwood, PA 178109421

St Johns Elimsport
715 Pikes Peak Rd
Allenwood, PA 178109361

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Ministry,

It is my joy and privilege to write this letter to your congregation. Your congregation has been faithful in so many ways. One of those ways you have shown your faithfulness and your commitment is through your stewardship.

Because of your hard work, dedication, and sacrificial giving, your congregation paid 100% of your Shares of Ministry in 2014. That is no small achievement. I know how difficult it can be to be in ministry, start new ministries and pay Shares of Ministry. But your congregation did and I thank God for you.

You church is one of 95 churches in our district that paid 100%. In addition to the 95 churches, we had 7 churches that, while they did not pay 100%, increased their payment of Shares of Ministry.

When churches pay 100% ministry is able to happen in the district, in the Annual Conference and throughout the world. Because of your faithfulness

- ✓ ~over 120 children met Jesus for the first time at Church Camp! Hundreds of other children discovered they are loved by God at Church Camp!
- ✓ ~Numerous Equipping God's People and other lay servant/lay speaker courses are offered.
- ✓ ~You have helped support churches both in our district and throughout the conference whose pastors are struggling with illness (and had to be out of the pulpit) as well as those joyful pastors who have taken or will take maternity/paternity leave because they are having a baby.
- ✓ ~Ministerial candidates are supported—including licensing school
- ✓ ~Pastors who go to Local Pastor's School are helped with grants to cover their schooling
- ✓ ~Over 600 retired pastors and their spouses were undergirded with health insurances costs, thus allowing you to honor them for their faithful pastoral service
- ✓ ~new churches were planted in Harrisburg, Hanover and other places
- ✓ ~grants were given to churches to start new ministries or missions
- ✓ ~Pastoral Leadership Development, which helps equip our pastors to meet today's challenges, has been and is currently being held.

REV. DR. THOMAS L. SALSGIVER - DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT - 31 BAYLOR BLVD, LEWISBURG, PA 17837-9203

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REV. RICHARD D. LEONARD: DISTRICT ASSISTING ELDER - 2221 STATE HOME RD, MONTGOMERY, PA 17752 - (570) 546-3261
email: tsalsgiver@susumc.org (Superintendent) · rleonard@susumc.org (Assisting Elder) · dlewellen@susumc.org (Admin. Assistant)

- ✓ ~new pastors moved into parsonages and the local church did not have to pay any of the moving costs.
- ✓ ~Benevolent care to our UM Homes, including the Children's Home continues
- ✓ ~Missionary support across the world can continue because of your generosity
- ✓ ~Because of your faithfulness, every dollar given to UMCOR went directly to the missional need you specified because your SOM cover all administrative costs!

I could go on and on about the mission and ministry that happens because of your generous support of Shares of Ministry. But please know that because of your commitment to our covenant as United Methodists you have helped spread the love of God throughout the world. And, you have helped the Kingdom of God grow and bring people to know the saving power of Jesus Christ.

Please accept my thankfulness for what you have done and what you are doing. Please share this letter with your congregation in worship and your newsletter. I want them to know how grateful I am for your generosity.

God's Peace,



Thomas L. Salsgiver
District Superintendent

Cc: Finance Chair
Treasurer

Saturday
March 7th



February 4, 2015

St. John's United Methodist Church
Apple Dumpling Gang
712 Pikes Peak Road
Allenwood, PA 17810

Dear Friends of Liberty House:

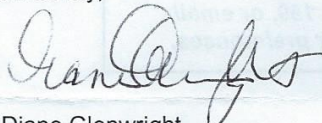
Greetings from the YWCA Northcentral PA! We wish to thank you for your generosity in selecting the **Liberty House Program** to receive a donation of afghans and quilts. We greatly appreciate your kindness!

Liberty House services offer affordable housing for single women and women with children, but it also offers so much more! Through a series of well-defined goals and objectives, the program gives women an opportunity to develop and achieve personal goals.

As a charitable agency providing 90% of our services for free, we rely heavily on donations such as yours. Some of our additional services include crime prevention efforts, programs that teach children life skills, and so much more. Because of your gift and the gifts of others like you, we are able to provide these vital services.

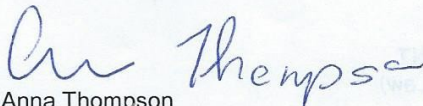
Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,



Diane Glenwright
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you so much



Anna Thompson
Communications and Development Director

for every woman

This organization is a 501(c)(3) Not For Profit Corporation



The YWCA is a partner agency of the Lycoming County United Way.

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Williamsport, PA 17701

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Fax: 570.322.3029

Wise Options Crisis Hotline:
570.323.8167 or 1.800.326.8483

www.ywcawilliamsport.org

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February 4, 2015



Lycoming County SPCA
Beginning Our Second Century

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St. John's United Methodist Church
Attn: Apple Dumpling Gang
712 Pikes Peak
Allenwood, PA 17810

Dear Apple Dimpling Gang:

Thank you for your generous donation of 2 home-made pet pillows. It is because of donors like you that we are able to provide services to homeless, abandoned, sick, injured, or mistreated animals.

As we progress through 2015, I am looking forward to even more positive improvements in our shelter. As I reflect back on last year's statistics I am happy to report that we:

- ☺ Increased adoptions by 10 %
- ☺ Decreased euthanasia by 36 %. (53% for cats)
- ☺ Improved the quality of life for animals through 505 new investigations and 379 check backs
- ☺ Successfully prosecuted 26 cases of cruelty
- ☺ Cared for 3,173 animals, of which, 346 were seized through investigations
- ☺ Rehomed 1,237 animals
- ☺ Spayed or neutered every healthy animal prior to adoption

As we strive to continuously improve our services, we know that we could not do this without your generous donations. Please accept our gratitude for having you as a supporter of our mission.

Sincerely,

Victoria Stryker
Executive Director

The official registration and financial information for the Lycoming County SPCA may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. For IRS purposes, no gifts or services were provided for this donation.

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SON LIGHT HOUSE REFLECTIONS

Son Light House – 130 Carpenter Street, Muncy, PA 17756 – Phone: 546-3585 February 2015

Son Light House, established in 1982, is a non-profit, ecumenical, and community-supported resource that distributes food, clothing, and limited furniture to individuals and families in need and that qualify on family income guidelines set up by state and federal policies. Son Light House serves individuals and families in eastern Lycoming County. Son Light House is an equal opportunity provider.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son (John 3:16) We too are called upon to extend God's love to others especially those in need.

Households and Individuals Served

	Households	Individuals	New Hlds.
Nov	691	1,746	13
Dec	690	1,803	9
Jan	533	1,353	9

Son Light House – for All Ages

	Children	Adults	Seniors
Nov	555	892	299
Dec	588	916	299
Jan	429	690	234

What did it take to make Thanksgiving possible? – Son Light House used 8,794 cans and boxes of food for the Thanksgiving distribution. This figure does not include cereal, bread, and turkeys that were also distributed. Thanks for your continuing support!

Monthly Average of Recipients Increased in 2014

The average number of households coming each month to Son Light House in 2014 was 600 representing 1,443 average monthly recipients. These figures represented a 1.3 percent increase over the previous year. This was the second largest monthly average since 2008 when the economic conditions took a dramatic downturn nationally.

New Households in 2014

A total of 127 new households came to Son Light House last year for assistance.

Easter Distribution on April 1 and 2

The distribution for Easter will occur on the Wednesday and Thursday prior to Easter. Hams will be distributed at that time. The Senior Box distribution that normally occurs at the beginning of the month will be rescheduled to April 15 -16.

Christmas – Many Helping Hands

Many contributed in various ways to the Christmas distributions of food and gifts to families and individuals. Among those helping were Meagan Murray and those supporting Meagan's Box; the volunteers and supporters of Touch a Heart; and Clara and Kent Bennett. The support received from many individuals, families, churches, as well as business and civic organizations was heartwarming. "Thank you; God bless; and this means a lot." were the constant refrain from the recipients.

"Thank You" to These Recent Supporters

In Memory of – Rev. James Bramer by the Welliver- Bramer family and Trinity Lutheran Church, Hughesville.

Individuals and Families who have recently supported Son Light House include: Nevin and Valerie Arthur, Roger and Debbie Baker, Richard and Lizann Barlett, Dean and Joy Barto, Dan and Becky Berninger, Ira and Loretta Bieber, Kermot and Maryann Breon, Reuben Doebler, Wilma Fish, Bob and Lana Forse, Ronald and Nancy Forsht, Alan and Bonnie Foust, Rev. Mike and Sally Gardy, Susan German, Kenneth and Tolanda Geromi, Richard and Rose Marie Hafer, Phil and Donna Hartranft, Lea Ann Hawk, Ed and Sylvia Herman, Jeff and Helen Hiserman and family, Oliver and Pat Holmes, Janet Kohler, Darlene James, Howard and Rachel Langdon, John and Luanne Libbey, Dan and Melinda Ludwig, Joseph and Arlene Markley, Gene and Carol McCarty, John and Pat Merrifield, Robert Mertz, Gina Michael, Richard and Shari Michael, Jim and Betsy Mothersbaugh, Meagan Murray, Dr. Naresh and Anita Nagpal, Arlene Opp, David and Donna Painter, Paul Rovinski, Paul and Donna Shaner, Doreen Shope, Philip and Betty Soohy, Rodney and Karen Spring, Georgia Stauffer, David and Kathryn Taggart, Jeff and Candy Winters, Tom and Sharon Vandergrift, Rev. Max and Diann

Walters, Teri Welry, Jarrod Wellicka, Rich and Kathy Wielgosz.

Churches and Church Organizations for their recent support: Bethany United Methodist Church (UMC), Hughesville; Christ UMC, Hughesville; Church of the Resurrection, Muncy; Clarkstown UMC; Ecroyd Missionary Circle, Muncy; Elimsport UMC; Faith Church, Lairdsville; First UMC, Muncy; Franklin Fairview UMC, Unityville; Lungerville Christian Church, Unityville; Messiah Lutheran Church, Clarkstown; Mill Creek UMC, Montoursville; Moreland Baptist Church, Muncy; Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Hughesville; Muncy Baptist Church; Muncy Ministerial Association; Muncy Presbyterian Church; Muncy Valley Methodist Men; New Life Church, Pennsdale; Pennsdale Trinity UMC; Picture Rocks Baptist Church; Pleasant View Wesleyan, Muncy; Picture Rocks UMC; St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Muncy; St. Boniface & St. Lawrence Churches, Williamsport; St. James Episcopal Church, Exchange and Muncy; St. James Lutheran Church, Pennsdale; St. John's "Brick" Lutheran Church, Montgomery; St. John's UMC, Elimsport; St. Marks Church, Lairdsville; Strawbridge Kedron Church, Unityville; Trinity Lutheran Church, Hughesville.

Community Businesses and Organizations that recently made generous donations of money, food, or services include: American Legion - Glenn Sharrow Post #35 and Auxiliary, Hughesville; Bon Ton, Muncy; Bon Ton Stores, York; Construction Specialties, Muncy; Grenoble Funeral Home, Muncy; Hughesville Rotary Club; Knights of Columbus - Council 12962, Muncy; Koppers Inc., Montgomery; Lambda Mu Sorority; Lime Bluff Wind Wizards; Mapleleaf Hardwoods, Hughesville; Mapleton Community Center, Hughesville; Monday Night Card Club, Muncy; Muncy Area Kiwanis Club; Muncy Bank and Trust; Muncy Garden Club; Muncy Pinochle Club; Myers-Pepper Insurance Agency, Muncy; O'Connor Plumbing and Heating, Montgomery; Pennsdale and Huntersville Senior

Citizens; Preceptor Delta Lambda Sorority; Spring Window Fashions, Montgomery; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Cogan Station; VFW Post 3428, Muncy; Weis Markets, Muncy; Weis Markets Inc., Sunbury; Woodlands Bank, Williamsport; Woodridge Farm, Cogan Station.

Schools and Youth Groups for their recent support: Ashkar Elementary School, Hughesville; Junior and Senior High School - East Lycoming School District, Hughesville; Little Spartans Football Teams, Hughesville; FBLA - Muncy Junior Senior High School; Myers Elementary School, Muncy; Renn Elementary School, Lairdsville; Venture Crew 119, Turbotville.

Son Light House Hours of Operation:

Donations:

Every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Food, clean, usable, seasonable clothing, toys, and furniture may be donated only at this time.

Distributions:

Every other week on Wednesday from 9:30 - noon
and Thursday 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Distribution Dates:

February 4+-5+, 18-19

March 4+-5+, 18-19

April 1*-2*, 15+-16+, 29-30 * Easter

May 13+-14+, 27-28

June 10+-11+, 24-25

+ Senior Boxes - for eligible seniors

How Can I/We Help?

Prayers, volunteers, money, and food donations - **especially cereal** -- are always needed. For more information or to get involved, contact **Son Light House** by calling Ken and Delores Frey at 546-3585.



CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

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

Parish email:

elimsportumc@gmail.com

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 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.