

Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in West Virginia in 1912. Mothers were to be recognized as an important part of our culture and lives. The heart of a mother is like a rare jewel. They love their children during the worst and best of times.

Yet all mothers are not the same. Author and speaker Patsy Clairmont says, "Normal is just a setting on your clothes dryer." We are all different. She shared that as women we may "struggle, fail, start over, and celebrate." But we are mothers who can love unlike any other person.

A familiar mother's day poem written in the early 1900's is:

M is for the Many things she gave me,
O means only that she's growing Old.
T is for the Tears she shed to save me,
H is for her Heart of purest gold.
E is for her Eyes with love light shining,
R means Right and Right she'll always be. Put them all together, they spell MOTHER.
A word that means the world to me.

God created families and gave mothers a unique place in that unit. We can love, give of ourselves, cook, clean, wash clothes, put Band-Aids on scrapes ... be the first one up in the morning or the last one down at night.

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We juggle a lot of things including raising children, working at jobs, managing a home, and sometimes finding time for ourselves. Each day is a new beginning of what lies before us. We have destiny, purpose, and the power to do and be all that we are called to be. Nothing can stop us except ourselves. As mothers, we need to find the strength to face each day knowing that God loves us.

This scripture seems to be written just for mothers.

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:1-4

Our children need that unselfish love of a mother. We as mothers need to love our mothers too. Long life is promised to all who show honor to them.

"Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3

Mothers make up a crucial part of our lives. So whether it is a Hallmark card, dinner out, hug, or a kiss on the cheek, we should show we care. It is so important to give our love to these dedicated women in our lives and don't take them for granted.

"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." 1 John 3:18





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!



There will be a Red Bird Craft Show at the Elimsport UMC on Saturday, May 6th from 9 am to 2 pm. Also, Sunday, May 7th before, during and after service. If you have any questions call Jenna Lutz at 570-547-2848.

- Items for June's newsletter are due May **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 for your generous donations towards this year's Easter Egg Hunt! The weather was great and we appreciate all of our volunteers, time and effort. The combination made this community event a success.



Thanks again,

The Easter Egg Hunt Committee

Please note that there will be no breakfast on May 17th & May 24th.



I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and meals during my recent surgery and recovery. Also, thank you to Tweet for the rides to church.



Janet Eiswerth

Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for May

May 7	Carlene Moore
May 14	Jennifer Springman & Family
May 21	Mike & Lori Wallis
May 28	David & Jackie Klopp & Family



American Rescue Workers *Williamsport*

Community Outreach Ministries

The Men's Center Program
 Men's Transitional Shelter
 MHID Supportive Housing Program
 ARW Community Church
 YMAC (Youth Making A Change)
 Retail Thrift Stores
 Toys for Tots Distributor
 4th Largest County Recycler
United Way partner programs
 Saving Grace Shelter
 Social Service Center

Pastor Sam Astin, *Executive Director*
 Dawn Astin, *Business Administrator*



March 29, 2017

I wanted to take a moment to share with you about some of the exciting events of 2017 for ARW! Business has been slow, but we have been so grateful for the generosity of our community throughout the winter months. Thank you for your contributions, prayers and patronage of our thrift stores! Our ministry has experienced a steady stream of clients so far who have been in need of coats, clothing, furniture, food and financial assistance in order to prevent homelessness. We've also provided shelter to 166 individuals, so far this year, who are/were in a homelessness crisis.

Coming up, on Monday, April 17th we will be serving our annual Public Easter Holiday Meal from 4pm-7pm in the ARW dining room at 643 Elmira Street. This free community dinner consists of ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, coleslaw, drinks and desserts. We anticipate serving approximately 250 guests in addition to delivering dozens of meals that same evening to those who are handicapped or confined to their homes, throughout the community.

Later this summer we will be hosting a Parkinglot Sale, and will continue working on our long term Building Revitalization project, at Elmira Street. With the fall comes a busier season as we host our annual Box City fundraiser and prepare for our holiday ministries. Please keep up-to-date with us by following us on Facebook and our website.

I am asking that you please share this information with your family, friends, churches and neighbors to let them know about the free meal on April 17th, and also to make a monetary contribution, using the envelope provided, so that you can help cover some of the cost of our Easter public meal. Thank you for your generosity and for making a difference in the lives of men, women, and children who are experiencing hunger or homelessness in our community this Easter season. God Bless.

On behalf of the ARW Staff, Residents, and Clients,

Michael T. Kane
 Director of Shelters



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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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*"Her children arise and call
her blessed; her husband also,
and he praises her. Many
women do noble things, but you
surpass them all."
Proverbs 31:28-29*



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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.