

# Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

## What does the Bible say about Christian mothers?

Being a mother is a very important role that the Lord chooses to give to many women. A Christian mother is told to love her children (Titus 2:4-5), in part so that she does not bring reproach on the Lord and on the Savior whose name she bears.

Children are a gift from the Lord (Psalms 127:3-5). In Titus 2:4, the Greek word *philoteknos* appears in reference to mothers loving their children. This word represents a special kind of “mother love.” The idea that flows out of this word is that of caring for our children, nurturing them, affectionately embracing them, meeting their needs, and tenderly befriending each one as a unique gift from the hand of God.

Several things are commanded of Christian mothers in God’s Word:

Availability – morning, noon, and night (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

Involvement – interacting, discussing, thinking, and processing life together (Ephesians 6:4)

Teaching – the Scriptures and a biblical worldview (Psalms 78:5-6; Deuteronomy 4:10; Ephesians 6:4)

Training – helping a child to develop skills and discover his/her strengths (Proverbs 22:6) and spiritual gifts (Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians 12)

Discipline – teaching the fear of the Lord, drawing the line consistently, lovingly, firmly (Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 12:5-11; Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15-17)

Nurture – providing an environment of constant verbal support, freedom to fail, acceptance, affection, unconditional love (Titus 2:4; 2 Timothy 1:7; Ephesians 4:29-32; 5:1-2; Galatians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:8-9)

Modeling with Integrity – living what you say, being a model from which a child can learn by “catching” the essence of godly living (Deuteronomy 4:9, 15, 23; Proverbs 10:9; 11:3; Psalms 37:18, 37).

The Bible never states that every woman should be a mother. However, it does say that those whom the Lord blesses to be mothers should take the responsibility seriously. Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children. Motherhood is not a chore or unpleasant task. Just as a mother bears a child during pregnancy, and just as a mother feeds and cares for a child during infancy, so mothers also play an ongoing role in the lives of their children, whether they are adolescents, teenagers, young adults, or even adults with children of their own. While the role of motherhood must change and develop, the love, care, nurture, and encouragement a mother gives should never cease.



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*16145 Rt. 44 Hwy.*  
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*April 5, 2019*

*To: Members and Friends, Elimsport United Methodist Church:*

*On behalf of the Recipients, Volunteers and Board of Directors at the Son Light House, I thank You for the "Cereal and Non-Perishable Food" we received April 4, 2019 for the Son Light House.*

*We are truly thankful for your thoughtful support. The Cereal and Food donation will be distributed in April at the Son Light House.*

*The month of March, 2019, 390-Households received Food and Clothing, 865-Individuals 219- Youth, 401-Adults, 245-Seniors and (5) New Households registered in March, 2019 at Son Light House.*

*Son Light House depends on the Community and local support with both Food and Monetary donations and not to forget our Volunteers making it possible to provide this service to the many families in need during the year.*

*Gratefully with God's Blessing,*

*Ken & Delores Frey*  
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## *What Happened at General Conference 2019*

The Traditional Plan passed, however, in an advisory opinion prior to the legislative vote, the Judicial Council ruled that several provisions remained unconstitutional. At least 8 of the provisions passed at this General Conference are expected to be ruled constitutional at the Judicial Council's April 2019 meeting.

Petitions implementing accountability for annual conferences, providing the Traditional Plan's exit path and the Modified Traditional Plan's enhancements were all voted down in committee and were never able to be brought to the floor. Supporters of the Traditional Plan were ready with corrective amendments for consideration by the legislative committee but "filibustering" and delay tactics prevented these amendments from receiving a vote.

### **What Passed?**

- An expanded definition of self-avowed practicing homosexual to include persons living in a same-sex marriage or union or who publicly proclaim themselves to be practicing homosexuals.

- Bishops are prohibited from consecrating a person as a bishop or ordaining clergy who are practicing homosexuals.
- Bishops cannot arbitrarily dismiss complaints against clergy.
- Persons serving on the annual board of ordained ministry must certify they will uphold and enforce the Book of Discipline's standards for ordained clergy.
- District committee and conference board of ministry are prohibited from recommending a candidate for ministry who does not meet the standards. Bishops must declare such candidates as out of order.
- Minimum penalty for performing same-sex weddings is 1 year unpaid leave (first offense) and loss of credentials (second offense).
- Involvement of complainant in all stages of the complaint process and every effort made to have complainant agree with any resolution
- Allowing the church to appeal a verdict of a trial court in cases of errors of church law or administration.
- A local church can disaffiliate from the denomination with their property in exchange for one (extra) year's appor-

tionments and payment of pension liabilities. (Petition 90066)

*On March 6, 2019 the Council of Bishops asked the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision as to the constitutionality and the meaning, application, and effect of Petition 90066, which was approved by the Special Session of the General Conference on February 26, 2019. They contend that the petition violates paragraph 33 by omitting the annual conference as the body ratifying a local church vote to change affiliation.*

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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!!!

There will be a VBS Meeting on Sunday, May 5th at 3pm at the Elmsport Church.



Dear United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers at the time of our father's passing. Our family immensely appreciates your church group taking the time to prepare and serve the meal for our dad's funeral. Your kindness was definitely second to none at this stressful time. Thanks to all those who donated food to make this possible.

*thank you*

Our Sincere Heart Felt Thanks,  
The Bob Drick Family



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



Parish Bible Study is on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 at the Elimsport church. All are welcome.



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



## Elimsport Volunteers

### Greeters for May

May 5	Jane Riebsome
May 12	Dave & Peg Kennedy
May 19	Mike & Lori Wallis
May 26	Tweet Flick



- 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.)*



## Acolyte Schedule

5/5	Jackson & Mallorie
5/12	Samuel & Garrett
5/19	Elizabeth & Mitchell
5/26	Mallorie & Samuel



B2 Williamsport Sun-Gazette, Saturday, March 30, 2019

## Faith & Families

# Do you think you are ready?

### Are You Ready?

When you read First Samuel in the Hebrew Scripture, you will learn about Hanna. She so wanted a son that she dedicated him to God. At age five, Samuel was given to Levi, the priest, and there he was brought up to be a strong religious leader of the Jewish nation.

In time, Samuel became a judge and was the one who God chose to make David the King of Israel.

Did Samuel's mother, Hanna, ever think that her son would be famous? No.

Was Samuel ever expected to be ready to be the anointer of a king? No.

They just were following God's word the best that they could.

The Hebrew Scripture is full of people who never planned to do meaningful, wonderful deeds. They were merely trying to be ready to be God's People. None of them thought that they were ready to become "famous" for their acts. But they were!

In the New Testament, in the book of Luke, Mary recognized God's

## Footsteps to follow

call to her to be Jesus' mother. She followed the instructions from above, and all went as planned – not her plan but God's plan.

Mary certainly was not ready to be an unmarried mother or travel miles on a donkey while pregnant or have the child in a barn or lay him in a feeding trough of straw. But she followed God's plan and became the mother of our Savior Jesus.

At age 12, Jesus showed that he was starting to be ready when he asked questions of the priests in the Temple. Those were questions that the priests had trouble answering!

Years later, even after John had baptized him, Jesus told Mary that his time was not now. He did not think he was ready, but he was able to turn the water into wine! Jesus, ready or not, started to follow God's

plan for his life on earth.

How about you?

Are you ready to witness to some of the people who you come in contact with? They could be relatives or friends or co-workers or club members or church members.

When you visit homes, stores or vacation spots, will your witness for Jesus Christ be apparent?

Will someone remark, "You really are very heartwarming to chat with!"

That is a sign you are reflecting God's love in your speech, acts and presence. Will there be at least one person with whom you have contact who will turn to Jesus because he/she recognizes His presence in your ways?

The Peace of Christ, found in a believer's heart, must be shared with others! That is what each of us must be ready and prepared to demonstrate each day.

– William Hague, Certified Lay Pastor, Member of Bethel Linden Presbyterian Church, Williamsport.

# Kid's Corner

Happy  
Mother'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.

### **Parish Office:**

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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.