

# Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill



## "The Way to Heaven"

### Is Through the Narrow Gate

By Samuel Mills

Is there more than one way to Heaven? According to polls, a surprising number of people believe there is. Even more surprising is that some of our modern day Christian churches are not confronting this issue.

The only reliable information concerning how to be saved can be found in God's written Word, not in the opinions of men. We must rely only upon His way. "The Way" was a designation for early Christians. It was "The Way" then, and is "The Way to Heaven" now.

Christianity itself rests upon a "plan of salvation," so easy that even a child can understand. This perfect plan must be maintained; else, those who follow the wrong teachings will spend eternity in Hell.

**God's written Word tells us that the only way to Heaven is  
through what Jesus did on the cross.**

- "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)
- "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12
- Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:5-7)

## **God's Way**

Based on the above Scripture the way to Heaven can only be found in God's Word.

Jesus said, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." (Matt 7:13)

## **Only one Way to Heaven**

According to Scripture, humanity is born spiritually separated from God, but God has provided a way to end this separation; that is by Faith in Jesus Christ, and what He did on the Cross.

The way to Heaven and is through faith in Jesus, the small gate, and narrow road.

Peter said to allow God's Word to be "...a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts". (2 Peter 1:19)

Do not rely upon the opinions of men. Learn to search the Scriptures, and then believe what you find. Rely on God's Word; it will show you the way to Heaven.



April 7, 2022

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***"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you"***  
**Matthew (28:19-20)**

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Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roland Fernandes".

Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

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**Various means to keep updated:**

website: [evpumc.org](http://evpumc.org)

Face book: Elimsport United Methodist Parish

Electronic sign at Elimsport church

email Pastor Mike: [hjebm@comcast.net](mailto:hjebm@comcast.net)

email church: [elimsportumc@gmail.com](mailto:elimsportumc@gmail.com)

Call Pastor Mike: 570-547-1386

Text Pastor Mike: 570-974-8590 (please identify yourself when texting)

Be pro-active in getting the word out to others in the church.

Please be sure to check the church website [evpumc.org](http://evpumc.org) and Elimsport United Methodist Parish face book for up to date church news.

It's that time of year again. VBS 2022 will be held Sunday, July 10th through Thursday, July 14th from 6 to 8:30 pm. Dinner provided. Kids ages preschool thru kids entering 7th grade. Friday, July 15th will be our closing program and carnival at 6pm. This year's theme is Monumental-Celebrating God's Awesomeness!! Kids will explore the vastness of God's power and the depth of his love for each of them. Let's go off road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sun baked trails of the Southwest. Discovering epic adventures that will help kids encounter God's power and love!!! Any questions please contact Taryn Myers, Christa McCormick, or Sharon Heintzelman.



Anyone leaving items on the back pew at St. John's please label where the items are to go. (Footprints of Montgomery, Son Light House, etc)



A huge thank you to everyone who supported the annual Easter Egg Hunt! We were so blessed that the rain held off and the kids were able to enjoy this tradition, with decent weather.

The next VBS meeting will be Thursday, June 16th at 7 pm.



- 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:

- 5/1/22 Samuel & Elizabeth
- 5/8/22 Jackson & Garrett
- 5/15/22 Mallorie & Mitchell
- 5/22/22 Samuel & Jackson
- 5/29/22 Elizabeth & Mallorie



Her children arise up,  
and call her blessed.

Proverbs 31:28



Wednesday morning breakfast at the Elimsport church is Wednesday mornings, from 7:30 am to 9:30 am.



Elimsport Administrative Council will meet Monday, May 9th at 6:30.



St. John's Administrative Council will meet Thursday, May 12th at 7:00.



PPRC Committee Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30pm at the Elimsport Church. PPRC Committee members are Lauren Bryson, Christa

McCormick, Retta Moore, Jeremy Kennedy, Charlie Ulrich, and Gary Taylor.

There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, June 7th from 2-7 at the church fellowship hall.



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.