

Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

Continuing to Cling

Many of us can remember a time in our lives when we really felt close to God or on fire for the Lord. In those times, it seems we couldn't get enough of God and did all we could for the church or for those in need. We were never absent from church, problems didn't seem to bother us as much, and life seemed like such a blessing. It's odd how after a period of time, things seem to change and our relationship with the Almighty seems to drop off. It's kind of like the season of autumn when the leaves that once clung to their source of nourishment, after a period of time, let go and drop off. What once seemed so full of life, now seems cold and lifeless.

The Apostle Paul told the Philippians that he was confident that, because of their connection to the gospel, the God who began a good work in them would carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. In other words what God had started, he would finish because the believers stayed connected to God through Jesus.

So what can we do to breathe life back into our relationship with God? The answer is to stay connected. Although the leaves can't stay connected to the trees in winter, we can stay connected to God because of the bond called Love. Because God loves us, when we are committed to loving God it is like holding hands with a grip that can't be broken. Although the grip might seem to slip after a while, God will never let go of us if we continue to reach out and stay connected to him. That involves commitment to reading his Word, going to church, prayer and singing, and obeying him as Lord and Master. These things help to strengthen us and the bond we have with our Lord. Could it be that our relationship has dropped off because our grip has weakened? Although we are not saved by our works, we are strengthened by the things we do in our lives when they are committed to God. God not only holds our hand, he gives us strength to hold on tightly to him when those cold dark seasons of life threaten our relationship with the source of our nourishment. Sometimes we cling for dear life, but that's better than dropping off. Hold on tightly, the finish is awesome! God will carry you on to the end.

Blessings always,

Pastor Mike



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Calling all College Students: Your care packages can be picked up at Elimsport or St. John's churches on November 28th or 29th. Enjoy them and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.



Again this year our warming of the tree will be for the United Methodist Home. We will put up the trees at both churches on November 15th. These trees will have ornaments on them with an item that they need at the home. Find an item that you want to buy and then put it under the tree when you purchase it. There also will be a wish list in the bulletin of all the items they need. The last day for the warming of the tree will be December 13th, this gives us time to get the gifts to the United Methodist home. Thank you for supporting this important mission!!!

Help Provide Meals for the Family of Hal & Michele Drick

Hello!

As most are aware, Michele Drick was diagnosed with breast cancer recently. In November, she will be having surgery. We as a church body are planning to provide meals for them to help lessen the burden on the family while Michele recovers from surgery.

We have created a "Meal Train", which is an easy online way to organize meals. Below is the specific website for The Drick Family's Meal Train. Go to the website, create a log in and then you will be able to view the meal train calendar. Select an open date on the calendar, input what meal you will bring, and then submit...and just like that, you are on the meal train!

We are asking that if at all possible, that the meals be brought in disposable containers so that they do not have to worry about trying to keep track of whose casserole dish is whose and try to return them back to the right owners. When selecting a meal, try to come up with something that they can easily heat up or that is already cooked/warm.

Some ideas include (and certainly are not limited to):

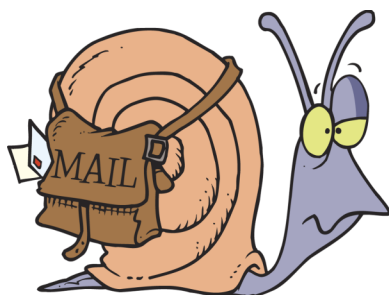
Lasagna, garlic bread, and salad
Homemade soups and bread
A classic Meat and Potatoes type dinner
Casseroles
Hamburgers and Mac n cheese

If you have any questions or need help signing up, please call either Marcia or Rebecca Rhone @ 570-547-2147 and they will be able to assist you.

Access the meal train at the link below:

<https://mealtrain.com/q75lv/>

Thanks so much for helping us support Hal, Michele, Megan, Amy and Hal Jr. during this stressful time.



Please take note: Stu & Pam Seitzer have moved! Their new address is 2210 Back Road, Allenwood, PA. 17810
Phone: (570) 547-6100



Please write to Ellen Hill who is away at Messiah College. I'm sure she would appreciate your letters.

Ellen Hill
Messiah College
One College Avenue
Unit 5615
Mechanicsburg, PA. 17055

Ben Simcox is serving our country in the Navy and is currently stationed in Bahrain. St. John's is putting an ongoing box in the back of the church for items to show Ben that we are thinking of him. Bahrain weather is very hot, so no easily perishable items or chocolate. Continue to write Ben at:

*Benjamin Simcox
PSC 851 Box 70088
FPO AE 09834*

thank
you!

To all the members of the United Methodist Church: Our Family deeply appreciates all the wonderful support during Bob's long illness and the care you provided for his Life Celebration. It was wonderful! Thank you so much!

God Bless You,

Jane Russell and Family

Thanks to everyone for the phone calls, cards, prayers and food provided by Hilda and Bob, Joyce, Eric and Jenna and Pastor Mike and Bishy, after being hospitalized. Thank you, Pastor Mike, for your visits at the hospital and home. We sure are blessed to have such a wonderful church family and friends.

God Bless,

Sandy and Larry Foresman

Youth Fellowship Happenings

November 1st 1:00 pm Meet at the church for Toys For Tots

November 8th 1:00 pm Meet at the church for litter pick-up

November 15th 6:30 pm Meet at the church to make tie-dye t-shirts

November 22nd 4:00 pm Meet at the church to set up and decorate for the Thanksgiving meal.

November 29th no Meeting

Call or email Tweet with any questions.





Council of Ministries:

November 8th - Veteran's Day will be celebrated during service at St. John's Church, and in the social hall for Elimsport after service with light refreshments.



November 22nd - There will be a Thanksgiving meal at Elimsport at 6:00 pm. Please bring a covered dish. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, pie and all table service will be provided.



Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for November

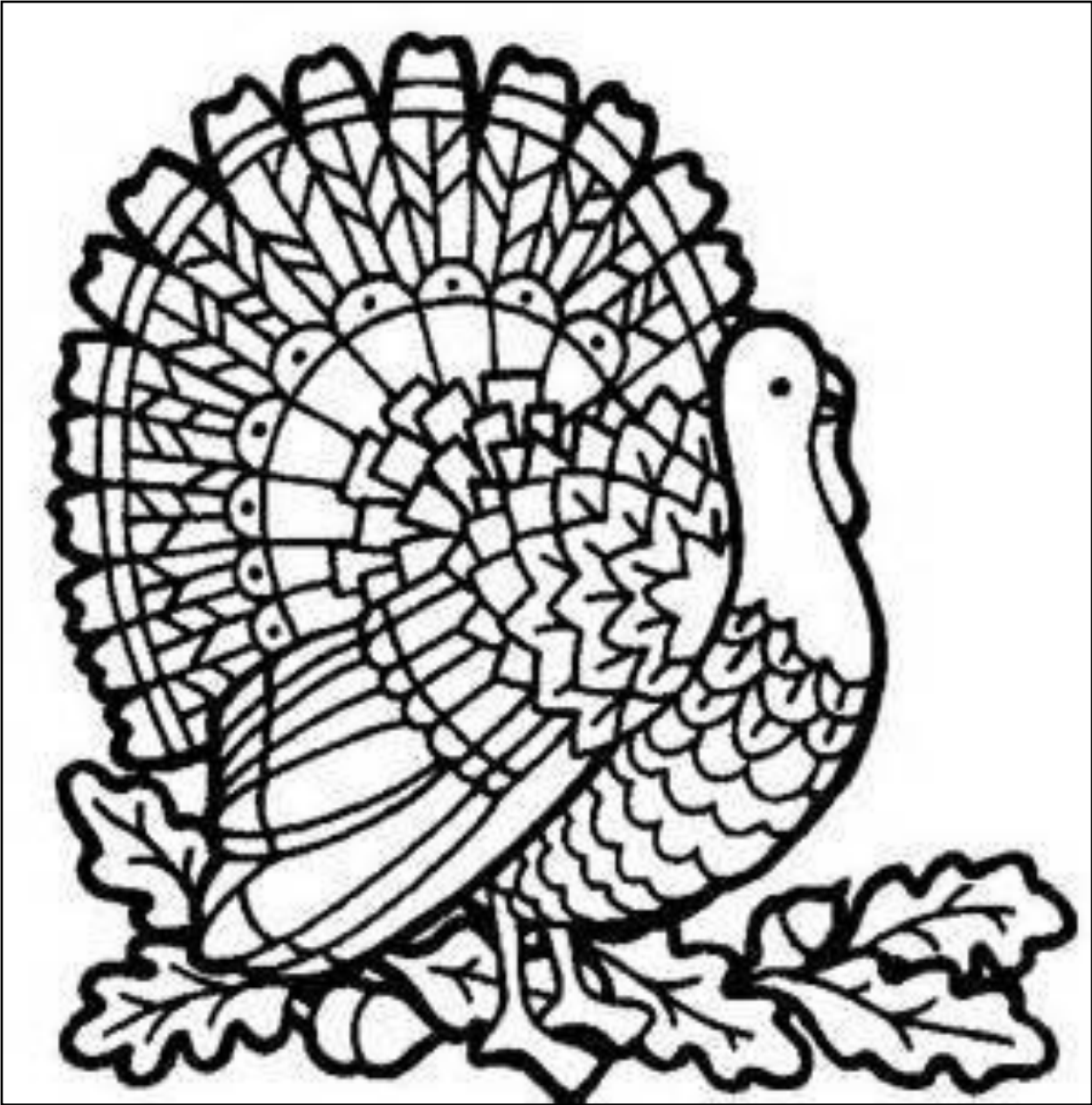
November 1	Sue Lane
November 8	Ethel Starr
November 15	Audrey Reed/Gene Pauling
November 22	Jennifer Springman & Family
November 29	Carlene Moore

- Items for December's newsletter are due November 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.)



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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:

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 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.