

Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

Ever had just one of those days? I'm talking about those days when everything seems to go right. I'm talking about those days when you feel good, you're getting your work done, the sun is shining, the sky is blue, and the birds are singing, your car is clean, the lawn is mown and you have time for a cup of coffee or a soda. You have never had a day like that day and maybe never will again; it just seems so special. Everything seems in harmony on those days and we wish they would never end. Those days seem few and far between sometimes and it's easy to get burdened by life.

I recently had one of those days. I began my day with prayer as I watched the sun come up. As the day progressed, I realized that day was going to be special. And special it was. I can't tell you about it in detail, but I can tell you I came to a point that morning when I fell on my knees and lifted my hands in the air and proclaimed out loud, "My Lord and My God." Nothing or no one could have orchestrated the day like our Creator God and I realized that he had given it to me as a gift.

Because Thomas wasn't present when Jesus showed himself to the disciples after his resurrection, he needed some sort of evidence before he could proclaim "My Lord and My God" and when he received that evidence that Jesus was alive, he acknowledged that that day was unlike any other before. He realized that having a risen savior was a special gift that would make every day unlike the days before.

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It's these "God days" that I remember when I'm having one of those other days when things don't seem to go so well. It's knowing that nothing can separate me from God's great love in Jesus Christ that keeps me going on the rainy days. It's knowing that Jesus lives and that he lives in me and will be with me every day throughout eternity. I'll never forget how God revealed himself to me that day, in fact I took a picture to keep and to remind me that every day is in fact a gift from our Creator. Even though every day is beautiful in its own way, I believe God gives us these special days along the way, because we need a reminder once in a while of his goodness in giving us life and to be thankful to him for his good gifts, even on the rainy days.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

Pastor Mike



Hanging of the Greens will take place at both churches on December 4th during the morning service. This is a beautiful service with a lot of help from our families and youth.

Warming of the Tree: The tree will be up for November 27th for the warming of the tree. There are several things we are going to do. The United Methodist Home wants gift cards instead of clothing or other items. These gift cards help them throughout the year. They have 38 kids at this time. Please see page 8 for details.

We are also going to be collecting items for **Footprints of Montgomery**. This is a food bank that feeds local families. They collect nonperishable food items and they also need foil, bags, cleaning supplies, toilet paper and detergents. Please bring items and gift cards to put under the tree starting November 27th and throughout Advent.

There is also a request from the Montgomery School for **2 or 3 families that would like help for Christmas gifts for their children**. If anyone is interested, please see Sharon Heintzelman.



The Youth will be having a Fundraiser at Wendy's in Muncy on the following day:

December 13th

Time is 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

Come and help support our Youth!



JOB DESCRIPTION:

YOUTH COORDINATOR OF ELIMSPORT VALLEY PARISH,
MARCH 17, 2016

The Director of Youth/Children ministries of the Elimsport Valley Parish is an extension of the pastor in providing leadership within the parish.

Qualifications:

The Director of Youth ministries must possess exceptional communication and interpersonal skills, be able to work with the pastor and other staff or volunteers within the parish. This person should have the gifts and graces to minister to children and youth. They must maintain a high regard for the mission of the church and Christian discipleship.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Coordinate the youth ministry (grades 6 – 12) of the Parish.

Plan, organize and lead a youth program.

Organize field trips and service projects with the youth.

Be available to youth in a nurturing and supportive role.

Plan, organize, and lead an annual Youth Sunday worship service.

Publicize the programs.

Appropriate Act clearances would need to be obtained.

Salary per year: \$3,388.

Active member of either church and present in weekly worship service and fellowship events



There will be a Parish Thanksgiving meal Sunday, November 13th at 6:00 at the Elimsport Church. We will be serving turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, drinks and pies. Table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Hope to see you there!

College Care Package pick-up is Sunday, November 20th at both churches.



Thanks to the Drick family for a great hayride! It was a beautiful night and a great time for a hayride, food and fellowship!



Veteran's recognition will be celebrated Sunday, November 13th at both churches. Thank you for serving and protecting our country!



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Amy Drick is away at college. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. I'm sure Amy would love to hear from you. Her address is:



Amy Drick
Clarion University
840 Wood Street, Suite 353A
Clarion, PA. 16214

Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for November

November 6	Cathy Hill
November 13	Debra Salvatori
November 20	Jeremy & Joann Kennedy & Family
November 27	Bob & Hilda Sampsell

November

- 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.)



The following dates have been reserved for friends and members of the Elimsport UM parish to work at the Toys for Tots warehouse (Lewisburg area):

12/4 (Sunday) – 2pm-5pm

12/10 (Saturday) – 1pm-5pm

The Toys For Tots warehouse is full of toys waiting to be chosen for needy boys and girls in the Union, Snyder, and Northumberland counties. Slips of paper with names, age, and toy preferences are given to the “toy pickers” and orders are filled from the warehouse shelves. Groups from our area, such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and our own youth group have participated in this service project for years and have always looked forward to returning.

Sign-up sheets will be available in each church in November. Please feel free to contact Deanna Drick (419-1730 – call or text) or Sharon Heintzelman with any questions.

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.



Your gift of \$619.97 was received on September 1, 2016 for Sierra Leone Water & Development Ministry. These funds were raised for water development by your Summer Vacation Bible School. Through The Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church, 100% of your contribution will go to providing clean water, medical care, education, and spiritual inspiration for the community in Sierra Leone. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to support one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for partnering with us to “Be Hope” to those who desperately need it. This gift brings hope to those who need it most.

Grace & Peace,

Global Ministries



Christmas at UMHC begins and ends with Christian love.

The world has changed, and sometimes young people are unable to live with their parents through their growing up years. Many of the kids who come to the United Methodist Home for Children (UMHC) have been abandoned, abused or assaulted. Most were removed from unsafe environments by county youth services and the court system. Some tried foster care and, for many reasons, were unable to thrive. UMHC is there when there is no family to take them in or care for their special needs, such as depression, traumas, or post-traumatic stress and other disorders.

For nearly 100 years, UMHC has been there when kids (ages 12 to 20) need a home. Our overarching mission is to serve youth and their families from Central and Southeastern PA. We offer:

- *youth-centered programs,*
- *family support services,*
- *faith-based perspectives, and*
- *community connections.*

“Growing up, I never had a Christmas like the ones we had at the Home. The staff made sure we knew the holidays were really about love and caring, but they also helped us feel the joy. It was wonderful.”

Former Resident

WHY HELP THESE KIDS?

Many kids arrive at the Home lacking hope. They long to celebrate birthdays, holidays, proms and graduations. Some need medical care, therapeutic treatments, and educational coaching. Many have never known the simple joys of being in healthy relationships.

Your gift affords them a full-range of care and support—far beyond food, clothes and a bed to sleep in.

Staff identifies and addresses each young person's needs and provides steady support and guidance the kids need to journey toward hope, healing, and success in life.



Basketball on the Pollock Court near the Albright Pavilion and Rec. Hall.

*UMHC is often the last place
for kids to turn when they
do not thrive in today's
cut-costs-at-all-costs
program models.*

WHAT DO THE KIDS NEED MOST?

People expect to hear things like shampoo, teddy bears, and basketballs. However, the answer is **your outright gift or a gift card.**

Many kids come to us with unique and specific needs beyond the basics (food and clothing). Abuse, abandonment and neglect create situations that call for personalized care. Kids who want to be adopted need very different things than those, at ages 18-20, who are exiting the system.



Why do we ask for cash or a gift card? Things are changing. Your cash gift allows us to get what the kids need (without sales tax) and it will generate a tax-deductible receipt for you. Gift cards make great rewards for positive behavior and teach life lessons about spending money.

The cards we use most are:

\$25, \$50, \$100 Cards

Visa Gift Cards (for emergencies, special occasions, movies and technology)

\$20 Cards

Sheetz, Target, Kohl's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart

\$10 Cards

Applebee's, Pizza Hut, Papa John's, Subway

\$5 Cards

McDonald's, Burger King, and Wendy's



THEN AND NOW ... UMHC was founded in 1917 by the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Church as an orphanage. Childcare services have evolved, and UMHC has adapted its delivery model to meet those needs with a collaborative, trauma-informed approach to care. Youth living at the Home receive safe housing, emotional and educational support, food, clothing, medical and behavioral healthcare, counseling, and more in a family-like atmosphere that inspires them to hope, heal, recover, and grow.

**Reimbursements cover about 80% of service costs.
We rely on friends and donors, like you, to fill the hope gap.
Can we count you among our Community of Champions?**

United Methodist Home for Children, Inc.

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Phone 717.766.7652

**Please mail your gift to the address above or
make a secure gift at www.umhcservices.org.**

UMHC is non-profit agency licensed by the PA Department of Human Services (DHS) and a member of the PA Council of Children Youth and Family Services.

The United Methodist Home for Children, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1917. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of IRS tax laws. The official registration and financial information of the United Methodist Home for Children, Inc., may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. UMHC provides its services and offers its programs to children, youth, and families without regard to race, religion, sex, color, national origin or income levels.



Kid's Corner



Give thanks to Him,
and praise His name.

Psalm 100:4

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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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.