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Thanksgiving in the Bible

The Bible is the most sacred text, which associated man to God through love, faith, forgiveness and Thanksgiving. There is a special relevance of Thanksgiving in the Bible. Thanksgiving Day also is the day to express gratitude towards each person who is connected with our lives. The Bible says that each day we should be thankful to feel the love of God. There are several Bible verses for Thanksgiving that open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. They let us know about the Thanksgiving thoughts in the Bible.



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Bible Verses for Thanksgiving

Psalms 106:1- “Praise ye the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.”

This means that we should thank God everyday and for everything because he is merciful. By giving thanks to Him you will never feel away from God.

Phil. 4:6 – “We tell God our problems, making our requests known to Him with thanksgiving.”

This means though Thanksgiving we can offer our prayers to God who will know what are our problems.

Thessalonians 5:18 – “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God.”

This verse talks about the power of faith and thanksgiving. It says that you must believe in God's will and should trust Him because only He knows what is good for you. Once you will start trusting his will you will give thanks for everything which happens.

Psalms 50:14 – “Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most high”

According to this Thanksgiving thought in the Bible it is believed that God commands us to be thankful so that we are humble enough to offer our gratitude towards the Almighty who protects us.

Psalms 92:1- “It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High”

In this Thanksgiving Bible verse, thanksgiving is believed to be a good thing and this habit of thanking and praising lord should be inculcated.

Colossians 3:17 – “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

This verse shows the strength and power that Jesus provides to all the people who believe Him and thus, it is said that whatever we do, we do it through Jesus. So, we should thank him for loving us.

Psalms 140:1 – “Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.”

This beautiful verse from the Psalm tells us about the power of Thanksgiving. It says that if you are thankful to God then he will always be with you. You can feel His presence by giving Thanks.

Thanksgiving does not only bring us closer to the people but also to God. Share these Thanksgiving thoughts in the Bible with your friends and make your life more beautiful.



WHO ARE WE?

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 the needs of kids ages 12-20 using 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 as they develop the skills and tools they need to succeed in today's world.

**HOW DO I GIVE?**

Please mail your gift or gift cards to our address with your name, address and email or make a secure gift at www.umhcservices.org.

Thank you!

Reimbursements cover about 70% of operating costs. We rely on friends and donors, like you, to fill the hope gap. Can we count you among our Community of Champions?

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Ask for Development Office.



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**Christmas at UMHC
begins and ends
with Christian love.**

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) were abandoned or abused. Most were removed from homes by county youth agencies or the court system. Some tried foster care and were unable to thrive.

**When they can't go home,
they come to our Home.**

"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 Comment



Please let Christa McCormick or Sharon Heintzelman know of any college kids. They will be making up

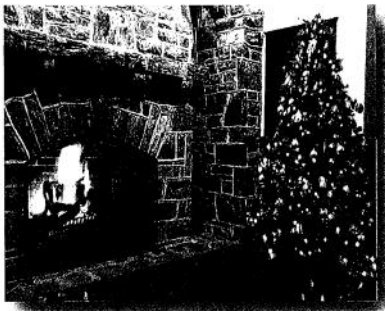
college care packages November 18th and will be available in the back of the church for our college kids. Any donations of money or food would be greatly appreciated. This is a great way to let them know that we are thinking and praying for them.



WHY HELP THESE KIDS?

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

Your gift card affords them a full-range of care and support—far beyond food, clothes and a bed to sleep in. Gift cards give staff the flexibility to show the true meaning of Christmas to the Home's residents.



Thanks to you, an old-fashioned Christmas at the Children's Home includes traditional foods, music and holiday gifts..
(Photo—Recreation Hall)

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.

Kids come to us with unique and specific needs (beyond the basics of 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 who are exiting the system at age 18 and up. Why do we ask for cash or gift cards? 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 and \$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, Wendy's, and Subway



Zumba is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the Elimsport church. There is no fee. Don't forget to invite a friend!



College Care Packages will be ready to be picked up Sunday, November 19th.

There will be a Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 19th at 6:00 pm at the Elimsport Fellowship Hall.



Veteran's Recognition Sunday will be held on November 12th at both churches.

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

Don't Forget! There will be a Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 5th from 2 – 7 pm at the Fellowship Hall at the Elimsport Church.



From November 1st-19th we will be collecting food (nonperishable, frozen) and cleaning supplies for Footprints of Montgomery (food pantry).

We would like people in our parish to each day put aside an item for the food pantry and on the 19th bring your box of items with you to the Parish Thanksgiving meal. You can also leave the items in either church during this time. You can do the 19 days or a couple days, anything will be appreciated. This is a wonderful mission to help those in need! If you have frozen items or have any questions please call Christa McCormick 570-547-1134 or Sharon Heintzelman 570-547-1714. Thanks for your help!

Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for November

November 5	Polly Kahle
November 12	Deb Salvatori
November 19	Donna Taylor
November 26	Audrey Reed





Zion Lutheran Church in Turbotville is excited to invite the members of your congregation to another evening of **Country Gospel Music** presented by **The Joe Murray Band**. The performance will be: Sunday, November 5th at 6:30 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church, 39 Paradise St, Turbotville. Prior to the Gospel Show, at 5:00 pm in the church social hall, members of Zion's sponsored Boy Scout Troops will be serving a soup and sandwich meal. Various soups, sandwiches, desserts, plus hot & cold beverages will be served. A donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meal. No reservations re-

Toys for Tots: The

dates we are scheduled to help at the Toys for Tots warehouse in Lewisburg are Sunday, November 12th and Sunday, November 26th. The time for both days is 2pm-6pm. There is a limit of 12 people per date so sign up as soon as possible! Sign-up sheets will be in the back of each church. Please contact Deanna Drick 570-419-1730 or Sharon Heintzelman 570-971-3564 with any questions.



We are going to be doing 2 Christmas missions for warming of the tree. The first one we are doing is helping out 4 or 5 families from Montgomery School district that could use a little help for Christmas. We get the first names of children from the school and they will give us ideas on their interests and clothes sizes. Last year our parish helped with 3 families and we were able to get each child a new coat, hats and gloves, a pair of jeans a few other clothes and several toys. We would like to try to do something like that again this year. We need your help with this important mission. You can either donate money or we could give you ideas of what you can buy. We also wrap all the gifts so we can always use help with that. We will be getting the children's names and information soon on this mission. Any questions please call Deanna Drick 570-547-2279 or 570-419-1730 or Sharon Heintzelman 570-547-1714 or 570-971-3564. Thank you so much for your help!

The other mission we will be doing is helping the Montgomery Christmas Committee. Last year they helped over 200 families in the Montgomery School District. They supply the families with Christmas dinner and they also buy toys for the kids. Starting at the end of November people from the parish can buy toys and put them under the tree. They will match up the toys with the appropriate child. They also will take monetary donations and food donations. More information from the Christmas committee will be in the bulletin in the near future about food donations for the Christmas dinner and explain further about this important mission. They also help out any adults that just need help with the Christmas dinner. If you know of anyone that may need help over Christmas please let Nancy Gruver know 570-547-6777. Any questions about this mission please call Deanna Drick or Sharon Heintzelman. Thank you for always helping out with the warming of the tree and for your amazing generosity!



Pumpkin Pie

- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 large eggs
- 1 can (15 oz.) Pumpkin
- 1 can (12 fl. oz.) Evaporated Milk
- 1 *unbaked* 9-inch (4-cup volume) deep-dish pie shell
- Whipped cream (optional)

MIX sugar, cinnamon, salt, ginger and cloves in small bowl. Beat eggs in large bowl. Stir in pumpkin and sugar-spice mixture. Gradually stir in evaporated milk.

POUR into pie shell.

BAKE in preheated 425° F oven for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350° F; bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 2 hours. Serve immediately or refrigerate. Top with whipped cream before serving.



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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Parish email:

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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.