

Valley Views



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Cranberry Sauce and Pumpkin Pie

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Turkeys and cornucopias and pilgrim hats. Seasoned stuffing hot from the oven. Creamed onions, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Uncles and aunts and cousins to play with. Grandmothers and grandfathers with family gathered round. Children waiting for the Great Pumpkin rise over Charlie Brown's pumpkin patch and dads watching college football. A day to relax and maybe rake leaves in the afternoon.

But Thanksgiving? How much will our celebrations tomorrow have to do with giving thanks?

A glance at the first Thanksgiving brings it all back. On December 21, 1620 the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth rock. Through the dead of winter the colony struggled with poor and meager food, strenuous labor, a biting wind that chilled to the bone, and the ravages of disease. Nearly half the 102 Mayflower passengers did not live to see Spring refresh Cape Cod Bay.

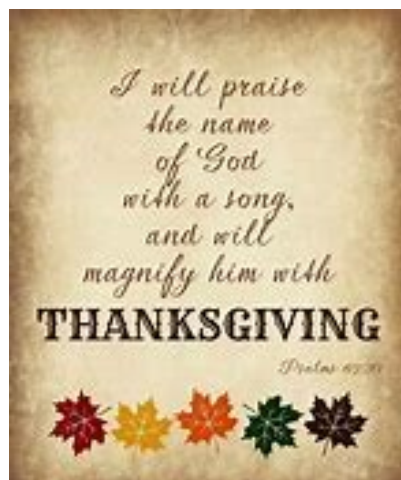
But God sent Indians--Samoset, Squanto, and Massasoit--to help the English settlers plant and hunt and fish. The bountiful harvest that autumn led Governor Bradford to invite the Indians to celebrate God's goodness. Ninety tall braves accepted the invitation to join the Pilgrims in a feast of Thanksgiving to God for His blessings.

The Pilgrims lived close enough to the soil to know how dependent they were on God's Providence. They had learned to thank God in the midst of the bitterness of winter past. And they were quick to thank Him during abundant blessing, too.

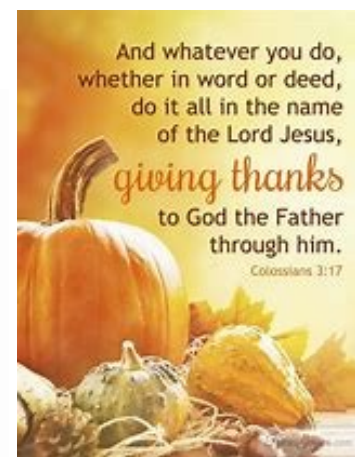
We teach our children to say "please" and "thank you" as the rudiments of courtesy, yet it is so easy to be rude and unthinking toward God. How often we forget to gratefully acknowledge His goodness towards us.

This Thanksgiving let your prayers and expressions of love rise toward your Heavenly Father.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord." (Psalm 116:12-13)



*Being enriched in every thing
to all bountifulness, which
causeth through us
thanksgiving to God.
2 Corinthians 9:11*



Pumpkin Cheesecake

CRUST:

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar

CHEESECAKE:

- 3 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 can (15 oz.) LIBBY'S® 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 2/3 cup (5 fl.-oz can) NESTLÉ® CARNATION® Evaporated Milk

2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

TOPPING:

1 container (16 oz.) sour cream, at room temperature

1/3 cup granulated sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

PREHEAT oven to 350° F.

FOR CRUST:

COMBINE graham cracker crumbs, butter and granulated sugar in medium bowl. Press onto bottom and 1 inch up side of 9-inch spring form pan. Bake for 6 to 8 minutes (do not allow to brown). Cool on wire rack for 10 minutes.

FOR CHEESECAKE:

BEAT cream cheese, granulated sugar and brown sugar in large mixer bowl until fluffy. Beat in eggs, pumpkin and evaporated milk. Add cornstarch, cinnamon and nutmeg; beat well. Pour into crust.

BAKE for 55 to 60 minutes or until edge is set but center still moves slightly.

FOR TOPPING:

COMBINE sour cream, granulated sugar and vanilla extract in small bowl; mix well. Spread over surface of warm cheesecake. Bake for 5 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Remove side of spring form pan.



The annual Thanksgiving meal will be held on Sunday, November 18th at 6 pm in the Elimsport UMC fellowship Hall.



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



We will be collecting monetary donations or food donations for the college care packages at the beginning of November. Thank you for your help!



Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for November

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| November 4 | Monte Temple |
| November 11 | Deb Salvatore |
| November 18 | Stu Seitzer |
| November 25 | Joe & Lauren Bryson & Family |



- 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.)

Calling all college students. Please give Christa McCormick or Sharon Heintzelman the names of our college students in our parish because college care packages will be coming in November.



Acolyte Schedule

November:

4th Mallorie & Samuel

11th Garrett & Elizabeth

18th Mitchell & Jackson

25th Samuel & Garrett



We would like the names and addresses of our servicemen and women in our parish that are on active duty at the present time. Please give names to Sharon Heintzelman.





The "Gift Tree" will be decorated with tags for Christmas gifts for children in the Montgomery Schools again this year. The tags will be available to pull off the tree beginning Sunday, November 18th, just in time for Black Friday shopping. The gifts should be NEW & UNWRAPPED WITH THE TAG ATTACHED when placed under the tree. Any questions can be directed to Sharon Heintzelman or Deanna Drick (570-419-1730)

Friends and members of our parish will be helping at the Susquehanna Valley Toys for Tots warehouse (Lewisburg) on two separate dates this year. Sign-up sheets will be available in each church beginning on October 21st. The sign up dates are Sunday, November 11th and Sunday, December 2nd from 1pm-5pm. Sign up soon because there is a limit of 12 people per date. You can contact Deanna Drick (570-419-1730) with any questions or to sign up.



Attention fitness enthusiasts! All who are interested in free workouts can show up on Tuesdays and Thursdays (except when the FH is already booked) from 6:30-7:30 starting on November 8th. We will have a variety of workout DVD's we'll be showing on the TV in the fellowship hall. You may want to bring a mat and/or towel for floor work. We can develop a schedule of the type of workouts for each date as we become more organized. Any questions can be directed to Sharon Heintzelman or Christa McCormick.

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 or deliver your gifts 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?

**United Methodist
Home for Children, Inc.**
5120 Simpson Ferry Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-3627
Phone 717.766.7652
Ask for Development Office.



www.umhcservices.org

Email questions to:
info@umhcservices.com.

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 UMHC 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.



**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.**



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 gifts afford 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.



"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

WHAT DO THE KIDS NEED MOST?

Please remember the average age of the youth is 14-18.

Personal Care

- Men's/Women's Deodorant (NO aerosols)
- Loofahs
- Men's Body Wash
- Women's Body Wash (Dove brand preferred)
- Men's/Women's Shaving Cream
- Men's/Women's Razors
- Men's/Women's Shampoo (Dove brand preferred)
- Men's/Women's Conditioner (Dove brand preferred)
- Hair gel
- Hand Lotion
- Body Lotion
- Sunscreen
- Hand Soap
- Maxi pads
- Plastic Applicator Tampons
- Makeup Wipes
- Stridex Face Wipes
- Toothpaste
- Combs/Brushes

Clothing

- No Show Socks - White or Black
- Men's/Women's Sizes
- Boxers - Men's Size Small, Medium, Large, XLarge

Household Items

- Sheet sets (Twin, Solid Color)
- Comforters (Twin, Solid Color)
- Bed Pillows
- Bath Towels
- Hand Towels
- Washcloths
- Kitchen Towels
- Dishcloths/Dish Sponges
- Beach Towels
- Drinking Cups (Dishwasher Safe)
- Kitchen Utensils - Spatulas, Slotted Spoons, Serving Spoons
- Sauce Pans with Lids
- Toasters
- Alarm Clocks
- Silverware
- Plates (Dishwasher Safe)
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Large Stock Pots with Lids
- Non-Stick Frying Pans with Lids
- Hot Pads
- Salt & Pepper Shakers
- Napkin Holders
- Pitchers
- Ice Cube Trays
- Sturdy Laundry Baskets
- Gain or Tide Unscented Laundry Detergent (NO PODS)
- Fabric Softener
- Dryer Sheets
- Dish Soap

Gift Cards

- McDonald's
- Walmart
- Visa
- Applebee's
- Chick-fil-A
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Dollar General
- Giant
- Weis
- Rite Aid
- Payless Shoes
- Staples
- Office Max

PLEASE

- **No Aerosols**
- **No Trial or Sample Sizes**



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.

Parish Office:

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Allenwood, PA 17810

Parsonage Phone:

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Pastor Mike's Cell:

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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.