

Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

Finally, the rain has come. Evidently everyone washed their cars that day as the preacher told them to. We all know the irony that if we wash our cars, it seems rain will come. On Sunday, September 18th the valley received several inches of much needed rain. It had been so dry, but we patiently waited the rain's return to make things normal again. There was no flooding as the rain soaked into the dry earth, nourishing and refreshing as God intended.

As Christians, we are patiently waiting for the return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ to take us with him to heaven. Since the beginning of the church, believers have been waiting for Christ's return. Some of Paul's writings talk about the waiting, including his letters to the Thessalonians. He even explains how it will take place. It's been two thousand years now, and the earth is parched. The faith of many has dried up and some have lost hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In many settings, the Gospel is not even taught because it is not believed. How foolish!

In the book of Isaiah, God reminds his people that despite their condition, they should remember the former things and put their hope in God. What he meant is, that when we look back we see that God is faithful to his Word; he cannot lie. He wants us to remember that when he promises something, he always comes through. After all, when we look back we can see how he has provided rain in the past, can't we? Is there any reason to doubt that he will send it again?

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As for Jesus returning, remember the former things. God foretold us through his prophets that he would send a Messiah, born of a virgin, born in Bethlehem, and he would save his people from their sins. We know that Messiah has come and He is Jesus. Therefore, if God says Jesus will return, we cannot lose hope. Like John says in 1 John 3:2 "Now we are children of God, and what we will be has not been made known to us. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure."

Like the rain, Jesus is coming again; a storm is brewing, it's only a matter of time. And the whole earth shall see as the heavens burst forth and the dead in Christ shall rise and after them those believers who are still living will rise. Come, Lord Jesus, our earth is dry. We're waiting!

Eagerly Waiting

Pastor Mike



To the Members and Friends of the Elmsport United Methodist Church:

On behalf of the Recipients, Volunteers and Board of Directors at the Son Light House, "Thank You" for the generous donation of cereal, food & clothing that we received on September 15, 2016. Your support is appreciated.

This donation will be distributed during the month of September at the Son Light House. The month of August, 652 households received food and clothing, or 1,470 individuals, 385 youth, 683 adults, 402 seniors 60+ and 11 new households registered in August at Son Light House.

Son Light House depends on the community and local support with both food and monetary donations and not to forget our volunteers making it possible to provide this service to the many families in need during the year.



Gratefully with God's Blessing,

Ken & Delores Frey

Directors , Son Light House



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

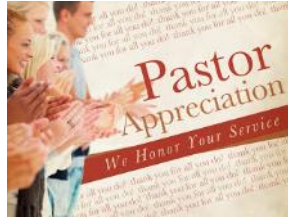


Council of Ministry will meet Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 pm at the Elimsport Church. Bring your ideas for the fall and winter season!



Blood Drives: All 2-7 pm

- Tues., October 11th, 2016 @ Elimsport UMC



There will be a Pastor Appreciation luncheon on Sunday, October 16th at 11:45 am. It will be held at St. John's Church.

Barbeque, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a tureen or a dessert.



Come and join us on Friday, October 14th at 6:30pm for the annual hayride at the Drick cabin. This is open to the parish and community.

Stay afterwards for a hot dog and marshmallows over the fire. Bring a finger food to share. Any questions ask Pastor Mike, Hal Drick or Sharon Heintzelman. Invite a friend or neighbor to come along to join the fun!

Hope to you see you there!

Calling all College Kids! It's time to start planning for the college care packages in November. Give names of any college kids to Pastor Mike, Christa McCormick or Sharon Heintzelman. Please don't assume that we know all of them, because we don't want to miss anyone!



Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for October

October 2 Joe & Lauren Bryson
 October 9 Janet Eiswerth
 October 16 Robin & Taryn Myers & Family
 October 23 Marti Anderson & Family
 October 30 Stu Seitzer



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

Elimsport & St. John's Parish,

Mom wanted everyone who sent Get Well cards, to know she appreciated & enjoyed them very much. My family & I would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy. Mom & I were so thankful for our Church Family. Everyone's concern was so appreciated. Again, thank you for everything.

God Bless,

Cathy, Chad & Leanda Hill



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



Thanks

First of all, this is a note to thank you for having me at your churches on the 4th. I do appreciate it very, very much, and once again, I think we had a wonderful tour. Thanks also for putting me up at the Best Western in Lewisburg on the 3rd. My accommodations were very pleasant, and the staff very friendly.

Suffice it to say, the tour went very well, but it's so good to be back home. God bless you all, and let's do keep in touch!

Warmly in Him,

Duncan Holmes

Eugene Pauling is having a birthday! He will turn 95 on October 19th. Please send cards to help him celebrate. His address is:



Wolf Run Village
3750 Route 220 Hwy Apt. D3
Hughesville, PA. 17737

The Christian Crusaders Class will be having a dinner Friday, October 28th at 5:00 pm at the Fellowship Hall. On the Menu: Stone Soup



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September 8, 2016

This is what St. John's has done with your donated yarn and fabric. Dresses are sent to "Hope 4 Women International", in areas where human trafficking is a problem. Labels have been sewn on the front of the dresses. The afghans and quilts were taken to the "Gate House" at Divine Providence Hospital, Williamsport, PA. The items will be given to a patient. When they pass, the item will be given to the family. The lap size afghans, will be passed on to Home Hospices'.



What's happening at **Sojourner Truth Ministries**? Here at STM we help people every day. Here are just a few positive events we have to share with you...



- Every Tuesday we distribute fruits and vegetables
- Every Wednesday we distribute bread and pastries
- Bible study is held every Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- Prayer Study is held every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- Anyone who is in need of odd jobs to be done, we have patrons here who are reliable and willing to help. Please contact Pastor Velinda or Derecia Kelly at (570) 323-1797.

Do you know how STM serves your community on a daily basis?

Workers from the Wake Up House dedicate countless hours every day. Serving meals, cleaning up STM and sorting through your gracious donations are just a few tasks. We have many workers from Experience Works, STEP Inc, Career Link and many other community service workers who aid in running STM. We have our Clothes Closet which receives the clothing donations, our pantry in which we receive food donations that helps us to feed people in our community. We have two wonderful Social Service Assistants who help service the needs of our patrons, which includes but not limited to, assisting in job applications, searching for housing opportunities, just to name a few.



United Methodist Home for Children

UMHC was founded in 1917 by the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Church as an orphanage. Childcare services have evolved, and UMHCH 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.

Kids come to us with unique and specific needs. 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. Gift cards help us make great rewards for positive behavior and teach life lessons about spending money. The cards we use most are \$25, \$50 & \$100 Visa gift cards. \$20 Cards for Sheetz, Target, Kohl's, Dick's Sporting Goods & Wal-Mart. \$10 cards for Applebee's, Pizza Hut, Papa John's & Subway. \$5 cards for McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's & Dollar General Stores. Please consider donation gift cards to the United Methodist Home for Children.

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:

(570) 547-1386

Pastor Mike's Cell:

(570) 974-8590

Parish Website:

www.evpumc.org

Parish email:

elimsportumc@gmail.com

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.