

Valley Views



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Annual Conference 2014

Who likes to sing? Laugh? Visit friends? Make new Christian friends? Have a couple days [off] from the same old grind with lots of food and no dishes to do afterwards?

Annual conference with the theme "Alive in Christ Together Raising up Transformational Leaders" started Thursday June 12th, 2014 with separate Clergy and Laity sessions at 9:30AM. The Laity were told "People who make a difference are not the ones with credentials... they are those with the right heart and mind. God is not concern about ability BUT availability. We know some of the disciples were fisherman, not educated men. But they were available when Jesus called.

An Opening Celebration with a spirited time of worship opened at 2:00PM. The worship time focused on engaging young adults in ministry. We were told only 25 percent of people between the ages of 19-35 are engaged in the church. Think of all the young people in our church of that age. Are they regularly involved? Friday morning six young adults led the conference in a worship-infused session which was focused on "sharing meaningful and faithful

reflection by young people".

Bishop Jeremiah J. Parks gave a message recalling how Queen Esther was called from silence to action by Mordecai. He quoted from the bible, "...and who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" Speaking of the recent court rulings regarding same sex marriages, the Bishop noted the state of confusion in our churches. While the church laws remain the same, people of the church are not of the same mind. Whatever position we take, he calls to be a church that lets the "LOVE of CHRIST ARISE". Bishop Parks also urged the Annual Conference to not lose perspective. The mission of the church remains the same: "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." We hear this statement a lot even on our mission trips.

We came together again at 7:00 PM for a Memorial Service which opened with a dramatic reading from Revelations 21 that tells us there will be a new heaven and a new earth. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Salsgiver gave the message: "encouraging the conference to

go forward into a future without fear, knowing the saints are cheering us on."

We started Friday morning at 8:15 with a bible study with Rev. Yvette Davis asking us to listen to Christ calling us to give His grace to our brothers and sisters.

A new format was tried for the workshop time. Instead of lunch in the dining hall, upon leaving the conference hall everyone was handed a boxed lunch. Then out into the rain to the Hitchcock building for a choice of nine workshops. Did I say rain? Friday, God opened the flood gate on Messiah College with over three inches of rain. But God was also looking out for us. It stopped long enough for most of us, except for our feet, to stay dry between buildings. Then the gate opened again.

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7:00pm was a Celebration of Ministry which was a service of Commissioning and Ordination of four Provisional elders, two ordained Deacons, and seven Elders.

We reconvened to finish business of reports and voting. The Resolution 1: on "Mental Awareness" and Resolution 2: Establishment of a Home, A Place for Everyone" were passed. Resolution 3: to change the guidelines for the chairperson at administration was declared "out of order". Resolution 4: Proposing Changes to the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church Calling General conference to

change wording in the book of Discipline was not adopted.

Saturday morning was Bible study and more business.

Once again throughout the conference, we filled food bags for world hunger filling our quota with 70,100 bags, raising \$20,900. Special offerings for the three days amounted to over \$26,000. Mission Central raised \$17,300.

Bishop Parks has a campaign called "Partners in Mission. "A statement was made for a \$100.00 check; the Bishop would do 100 pushups. Within a couples minutes Bishop Parks was doing

pushups. I hope in December, we have 2 filled churches to hear Bishop Parks bring the message and that everyone stays for fellowship after worship.

Conference closed with the afternoon's Ordination Service.

Once again, I would like to represent our parish at the 2015 Annual Conference. Even though I have 2 roommates and a room picked out, I will step aside to allow someone else the experience. I can still go as a nonvoting member.

Kay E. Showers

Our Daily Bread

The Daily Bread will not longer be mailed unless you are receiving your newsletter by mail. They may be picked up in both churches. Listed below are a number of places you may go to receive The Daily Bread without picking it up at the church. Our Daily Bread is published by RBC Ministries. Their email address is [http://rbc.org/](mailto:info@rbc.org). You can have a printed copy mailed to your home or you can receive it electronically in your email or as a mobile app.

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Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Any body could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Transform Williamsport

By: Kay E. Showers

The week of August 11-15, 2014 I had the privilege of God using my hands and feet.

Being the second year First United Methodist Church, Williamsport did a mission outreach in the community, involving twenty-two churches with two hundred fifty plus of God's servants [including kitchen help and child care] at eighty-five original job sites. With the rain some additional inside sites were sought. Although one siding crew talked of putting up tarps so they could work in the rain Tuesday.

We were told to watch for God moments. What a better God moment than for God to send Malachi, Timothy, Elijah, Isaiah, Zachariah (5 brothers) and friend William (an un-named disciple?) Monday to help me weed, pick up trash and broken toys. I wished I had a picture of the boys with gloves on their hand. For some reason I kept buying gloves to replace the ones I threw in the dumpster on the Maryland trip.

I covet your prayers for Zack. Zack is a six year old twin who can have several seizures a day. The seizures can be violent enough that he puts holes in the wall.

Tuesday, I was determined to work in the house. Those who did not know me were sure I was going to croak before I could turn around and walk back out. (Mold and mildew)

I understand, later in the week, someone spilled a whole can of paint on the new wood floor. - Remember last year, I was the one who spilled the paint.

Returning to the Life Center, I was asked to go with four others to a house to help a lady organize her home and wash some windows. This lady has to be close to my age and she believed until a couple weeks ago that she was thirty-six.

Upon entering the kitchen, I started to wash the knick-knacks that were being taken off the glass window shelves. Looking at the kitchen cabinets; I decided I was going to scrub them and the floor while the two men washed windows and Nancy washed the

Tiffany lamp above the table. Carrie took to the upper cabinets and the microwave.

Tuesday's rain put such a damper on Wednesday's outside painting, I was given a kiss on the cheek and sent to our St. John's to sew.

Thursday, I was sent along with a crew that was ready to paint the front porch and garage for an eighty-three old women. She calls herself a roaming Catholic. When it comes prayer time she enters the nearest Catholic Church. She raised eight children, has delivered meals on wheel for 43 years, and on Mondays she takes in ironing.

God sent Thaddeus and Mathew with us. By 2:00 pm I was done with one side of the porch railing and the lattice work underneath.

Friday, I cringed when asked to caulk the garage. After fifteen tubs and having help, I commented, "I don't like the looks of it". The homeowner, "Well don't look at it".

The Blessed week ended with an appreciation dinner that had stories, pictures, food, worship, and communion.

Thank you,
Thank you so much for the book and gift card! It means so much to me. I'm praying that the next few years go as smooth as possible!

Thanks again!
Megan Bryson

Thank you all for the gift card and book. I'd also like to thank everyone for the support you have given me over the last four years at college.

Thank you again!
Jon Rhone

Thank you for all the responses received for going green with the Valley View. As a result 97% of the newsletters will either be emailed or picked up at each church. This results in a savings of \$1100.00 in postage yearly for the Parish. As a church we should be constantly striving to be the best possible stewards of our tithes and offerings. If anyone has any cost savings ideas, please bring them to the attention of the Pastor or a member of the Ad Council.

Thank you

A NOTE OF



Dear St. John's,
Ben thanks you so much for his graduation gifts. He appreciates them very much! We are very blessed to have such a wonderful church family!

Cherie Murray & Ben Simcox

To Thank You:

Your Special ways and generous heart make a beautiful difference. Thanks you so much.

Thanks for the gift card and book.

Thanks,
Savanna Bennett

A Note of Thanks!!!

Elimsport Methodist Church,

Family Service Day was a big success at our Tech-net shop, D&E Karts and Kars on 9 August 2014.

Nine families received free automotive care during our day of service. Our non-profit partners, Elimsport Methodist Churches and the first Baptist Church of Elimsport were a tremendous resource and very helpful in identifying families who needed help with their automobiles.

Special thanks to our generous sponsors: Century 21 Colonial real Estate, Home Depot, Stare Farm Insurance Dean Showers Agency, First Quality Products and Buffalo Wild Wings. We appreciate your support of our mission to serve our extraordinary community.

I am proud of the people who volunteered their time to make Family Service Day a success. Special thanks to them for sharing their talents with deserving families in the Elimsport area.

We look forward to our next Family Service Day Event.

Thanks for "Getting caught doing something Good Together!!!"

Sincerely,
Dick Secules

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your gift received on 07/16/14 of \$250.00 to the General Board of Global Ministries through The Advance, the designated mission giving channel of the United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that 100 percent of your contribution will support the missionary community in honor of James Keech Advance #10841Z. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission.

United Methodist missionaries serve in more than 60 countries around the world. With your gift and prayers, you have initiated a partnership with missionaries planting churches and developing congregations, providing health care in remote areas, and working in sustainable agriculture and community development. Your gift allows Global Ministries missionaries to be The United Methodist Church's embodiment of Christ in the world. Thank you for partnering with us in God's mission. We are grateful for your support of this life-giving work.

Please let us know if you have questions and/or concerns, as we welcome the opportunity to speak with you. You can reach the Gift processing Unit at 212-870-3611. Information on Advance projects and missionaries can be accessed online at www.umcmission.org. We also invite you to sign up on our website to receive our electronic newsletter, *ConnectNMission*. This monthly publication will keep you informed about Global Ministries' work.

May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes

General Treasurer

General Board of Global Ministries

Shawn Bakker

Deputy General Secretary

Communications and Development.



**Education is the most powerful
weapon you can use to change the
world.**

Nelson Mandela

**In youth we learn;
in age we understand.**

Von Ebner-Eschenbach

Upcoming Events



Bishop Jeremiah Parks

Bishop Parks will be here in worship on Sunday, December 14th with a meal to follow. More details to follow.

Council of Ministry

Council of Ministry meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 25th at 6PM. Bring your enthusiasm and ideas to the meeting. We will be discussing parish plans for October through January. See you there!

Apple Dumpling Time!!

Preorders for apple dumplings are due Sept 14th. Choice of picking up at church Friday 19th or Saturday 20th at the Fall Festival.

Yard Sale

St. John's Ladies Aid Yard Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, October 17-18th from 8:00am - 2:00pm. Lunch will be available.

50 Years

Do you remember when the basement was added at St. John's? Do you have any statistics or pictures? If so, please share information with Glenn Shadle or the adult Sunday School class.

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

Elmsport Volunteers

Greeters for September

Sept.	7	Deanna Drick
Sept.	14	Christa McCormick
Sept.	21	Tom & Donna Taylor
Sept.	28	Stu Seitzer

Nursery for September

Sept.	7	Lauren Bryson
Sept.	14	Carlene Moore
Sept.	21	Pam Bennett
Sept.	28	Karen Lynch

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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)

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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 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.