

# Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill



## "God's Special Care"

Do you believe in Gods Special Care for His children? In the book of Exodus, He miraculously provided food, water, clothing, and shelter on a daily basis for the Children of Israel. He parted the waters of the Red Sea allowing them to cross then closed the waters behind them thereby destroying their enemies.

In Josh 6:20, the nation of Israel received Gods Special Care when God broke down the 'walls of Jericho'; In Josh 10:12-14 when He caused the sun to set still for nearly a whole day as his people won the battle over their enemies.

Christians sometimes mistakenly assume they will receive God's special care only after reaching Heaven, but Jesus said that God would look after the needs and safety of His children here on earth.

Jesus said, "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things." (Matt 6:31-32, NKJV).

In Matt 6:33, Amp, Jesus said. "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His Kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and all these things taken together will be given you besides."

This promise was not for the world as a whole, but for His people, the ones who accept His Plan of Salvation.

When speaking of the world, He said they wish and crave for things such as food, clothing and other things; however, Christians are to place their trust in God. And "your Heavenly Father knows well that you need them all "(Matt 6:32).

There may be many tough and unpredictable times during this earthly life, and we are not to neglect the things He has directed us to do. Nevertheless, when we work, pray and put Him first, we will receive God's Special Care.

There are books on end telling of God's miracles. People have been miraculously fed, clothed, and delivered from all sorts of disasters. God's angels often deliver His born-again children from life and death situations.

Protection, provision, peace, and joy are a result of the grace of God, God's special care, (His love and favor for His children). Just as He cared for the "Children of Israel," He takes care of you, because you are His child.

Samuel Mills



St. John's will be meeting on Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30 pm for a Finance Committee meeting.



There will be a Parish Council of Ministry meeting on Thursday, September 6th at 6:30.



The Elmsport annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 15th starting at 11 am.



Elmsport Nomination's Committee meeting will be Monday, September 17th at 7 pm



St. John's Nomination's Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 18th at 7 pm.



Christian Crusaders will meet on Friday, September 28th at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Mike and Bishy will be the hosts. Please bring a covered dish to share.



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



Dear Pastor Mike,

I want to thank you and everyone who sent prayers and cards while I was in the hospital.

I am deeply grateful for your visits and well wishes during this week.

Sincerely,

Erma (EJ) Gamble



## Elimsport Volunteers

### Greeters for September

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

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| September 2  | Joann Stainbrook   |
| September 9  | Mary Moore         |
| September 16 | Polly Kahle        |
| September 23 | Tweet Flick        |
| September 30 | Dave & Peg Kennedy |





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### **The Future of the United Methodist Church as proposed by the Council of Bishops**

At the 2016 General conference of the United Methodist Church, the task of moving forward in regards to human sexuality and the church's struggle with human sexuality, was given to the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church. As a result, a committee of 32 members, Called the Committee on a Way Forward, was formed. This committee was to represent over 12 million United Methodist members in recommending to the Council of Bishops a plan for the church to move forward on matters of human sexuality. The Council of Bishops, made up of the Bishops from every conference of the United Methodist church all over the world, would then decide on how the plan would be presented to United Methodists all over the world. The plan would then be voted on at a special General Conference to be held in February 2019.

As a result, the committee originally in November 2017 came up with three models to present to the Bishops.

Model 1(traditional plan) would keep things the way they are in regards to our Book of Discipline and our view in regards to homosexuality.

Model 2 (One Church Plan) We would all be under one discipline but this would remove the current language in our Discipline, which rejects homosexual practices and ordination of homosexuals in the church. , and any church or clergy wishing not to accept the change, would not be forced to perform same gender weddings or have homosexual clergy in their church.

Model 3 ( (Connectional Conference plan) would create different branches of the church, each with their own Book of Discipline and values though all the branches would still be connected as one church. It would then be up to Annual Conferences and the local church to decide whether they would reject or accept these issues. Churches and clergy would be allowed to join with a conference which is in alignment with their beliefs and practices. We would still be the United Methodist Church, but the different geographical conferences would be allowed to adopt their own discipline regarding human sexuality.

In each case, there is supposed to be a way provided for members and clergy to graciously exit the denomination, in the event they disagree with the way the church chooses to move forward.

Although one model, which is Model 2, was accepted by the Council of Bishops this spring and is going to be recommended by them in February 2019 as the way forward for the United Methodist Church, all three plans are now going to be presented.

United Methodists recognize all people as God's creation having sacred worth, so this creates a spiritual struggle within the church as to how to include and accept certain groups of all ages, nations, races, and genders.

As of yet, no plan has yet been presented for those who wish to leave the denomination, to do so graciously.

There are groups that have formed and are working on developing a place that is more in line with our current doctrines, to provide a place to go for those leaving the denomination.

Please be in fervent prayer about our United Methodist Church and that God will strengthen us through these difficult times.

In Christ

Pastor Mike

# RE-CREATION®

July 31, 2018

Ms. Sharon Heintzelman  
878 West Blind Road  
Montgomery, PA 17752

Dear Sharon:

Thank you for hosting the group in Allenwood this past weekend and allowing us to share our program "Classic: the worship suite" with your congregation and community.

This year Re-Creation marks more than 40 years of service to the men and women receiving long-term care in the VA Health Care system. Your generous contributions through the church offering will help to further that personal mission to America's heroes!

We enjoyed visiting with you and thank everyone involved for their efforts in the arrangements for the program and meal. Everyone was so welcoming and gracious.

We know this program would not be possible without YOU! And we look forward to seeing you again soon!

If there's anything I can ever do for you or your fellow members, please let me know.

In Him,



Jay Muller, Director  
Re-Creation USA, Inc.

JM: mr

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We had an exciting week of VBS learning about superheroes from the Bible and also how we can be superheroes for God! We loved seeing the kids each night and their excitement was contagious! We loved having the kingdom Kidz puppets join us one evening and the kids were singing and dancing with them. We are so thankful for the volunteers that we had helping with VBS. Without each of you it would not have been possible to have such a great week! Our mission for



VBS was Think Big which helps families battle pediatric cancer. The kids helped raise \$855.12 by bringing in pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. An offering was also taken at closing program to help and a big thank you to Pastor Mike who got duct taped to a chair to help with our mission! We are so thankful to our parish that helped in so many ways with items/foods that we needed, money donations and most of all your prayers!



Our next parish mission will be for the month of October. We will be collecting nonperishable food items and also foil, cleaning supplies, toilet paper and detergents for Footprints of Montgomery food pantry. Even though a lot of us aren't in the fields harvesting this is the way we can harvest too! There will be boxes in each of the churches for the month of October. Footprints of Montgomery helps 80+ families from the Montgomery area each month. They also accept frozen foods so if anyone would like to donate frozen foods please see Chris-

ta McCormick or Sharon Heintzelman. Start saving your items now!

We were blessed to have Re-Creation join us for our outside parish service. They were so thankful for the hospitality shown to them. Thanks to each of you that helped with the brunch for our parish and the meal for Re-Creation.



### Ten Things My Dog Taught Me

- 10) There is beauty in the quiet stillness. Let it envelop you.
- 9) Sniff it. Touch it. Feel it. Taste it. Hear it. Engage all your senses in the world around you.
- 8) Plunge in. You can always get out and shake it off.
- 7) Don't be afraid. Just stand your ground. And bark loudly when truly necessary - especially if a big ol' bear is in your backyard.
- 6) Trust that most people have an innate goodness.
- 5) Forgive fully - and let it go.
- 4) Love is truly unconditional. If it has conditions, it isn't truly love.
- 3) Accept the inevitable with peace and grace - even while the vet is taking your temperature.
- 2) It's OK to feel sadness, but remember that joy is just a squirrel away.

And the NO. 1 thing my dog taught me: Live in the moment. Embrace it. Feel it. Become it. Share it. Then repeat for the next moment and all the moments that follow. Life is not about quantity of moments; it's about appreciating the quality of moments.



- Dana Riley



# Kid's Corner

## Back to School!



# **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:**

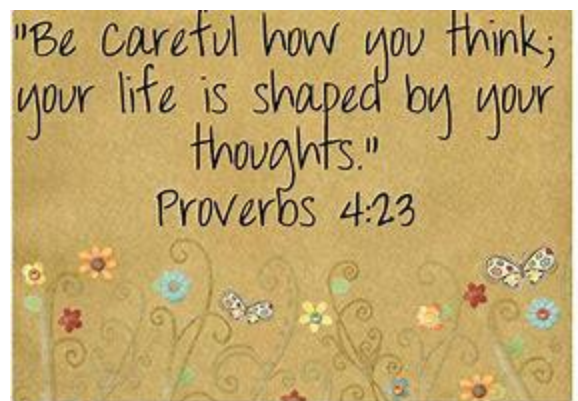
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Hello September



### **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.