

# Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

What a story of grace! Praise God for his forgiveness. Even though we do not act as he wants, he forgives.

Sentencing hearings do not normally get friendly, but that is what happened Tuesday when a white man got four to 10 years in prison for shooting a Black couple's home over their Black Lives Matter sign, and for vandalizing a white **Joe Biden** supporter's home.

"I'm not angry," **Candace Hall** told defendant **Michael John Frederick Jr.** in a Michigan courtroom, according to *The Macomb Daily*. "I'm not. I'm forgiving. You're a good kid and have a chance. You made a bad choice and we understand that. We have children ourselves. We're not hateful people. We're Christians. With so much of the bad that happened, so much good came out of this because even though it was an evil, hateful act, it actually brought us – the neighborhood – together with love and comfort and compassion, even including his parents."

It should be noted mentioned that one of the defendant's parents, **Michael Frederick Sr.**, was sentenced to time-served (one day in jail) after he was charged for throwing his son's gun into the Clinton River. Nonetheless, the Halls did not voice any ill will. "There is no win-win," said Candace's husband **Eddie Hall**. "There is loss on both sides."

In fact, the couple wanted to hug Frederick Jr. Macomb Circuit Judge **Diane Druzinski** did not let it happen because of security issues, but the Halls and Frederick fist-bumped anyway.

Investigators previously said that Frederick Jr. confessed to shooting at Eddie Hall's truck, committing a separate shooting at the home, vandalizing the man's pickup truck, slashing the tires, and smashing the home window with a rock in attacks across Sept. 7, 9, and 10 in 2020.

Candace Hall had told Click on Detroit she initially believed that the sound of the rock was gunfire. "I hit the floor and crawled," she said. "I hit the floor. I didn't know what it was."

Frederick pleaded no contest last month to charges including ethnic intimidation and discharging a weapon in/at a building. He insisted in court that what he did was not personal. "I targeted these people because I didn't like their political sign that they had in the window," he said. "This wasn't an attack on them personally." He called the Halls great people and said they did not deserve what he did. Frederick also voiced an apology to homeowner **Carol Hogan**, who is white. He said he was "sorry and regretful [for] what happened to you." He pleaded had no contest to vandalizing her home on September 12, writing "pedophile" several times on the person's garage, according to the *Detroit Free Press*. She had political signs for Democratic candidates.

Hogan appeared in court by live stream, but she declined to speak, instead giving Druzinski a written statement. The shootings and vandalism occurred ahead of the heated 2020 presidential election and amid an ongoing debate over how law enforcement treats people of color, especially Black people like the Halls, who displayed a Black Lives Matter sign at the front of their home.

"I'm not the person that the media made me out to be," Frederick Jr. said. "I know what I did was dumb. It was meaningless." He also said he found God while in jail. "I've made my way through the Bible and I'm really a different person," he said. "I have a different heart, a different mind, a different spirit than I had in September. Sorry."

An attorney for father Frederick Sr. insisted that this is not how his client raised his son. "His son was overly politicized and motivated," said attorney **Jeff Cojocar**. "He loves his son, but he is ashamed of his son."

As part of a plea deal, Frederick Sr. was convicted of lying to police, and had to pay \$2,000 of restitution to the Halls and \$1,000 to Hogan to cover them paying insurance deductibles.

Judge Druzinski said she was in awe of the Halls' capacity for forgiveness. "I'm in awe of your strength, wisdom and forgiveness," she said. "I wish I was as good as people as you."

Even so, she highlighted the worst case scenario of Frederick shooting their home. Someone could have died. "They [the Halls] didn't deserve it," the judge said. "Mrs. Hogan didn't deserve it. Their community, the city of Warren, the county of Macomb. Nobody deserved what you did. Although I appreciate there is no explanation for why you did what you did, it was pretty darn scary. It could have gone south really, really quickly and harmed people. You could be standing here in front of me on a manslaughter charge."

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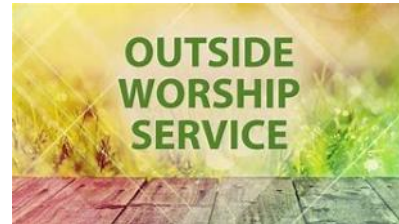


St. John's Administrative Council will meet Thursday, September 9th at 7:00.

Elimsport Administrative Council will meet Monday, September 13th at 6:30.



Elimsport church will be worshipping outdoors in the Pavilion at 9:00, weather pending. Please bring your own chair. If it is too cold or raining, we will simply move indoors for that day. If you come and forget a chair, we can provide one for you.



Wednesday morning breakfast at the Elimsport church is Wednesday mornings,

from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. Please note that there will be **NO** breakfast on September 15th and 22th. It will return on September 29th.



Pastor Mike will be taking a six-week leave from October 4th to November 15th. Pastor John Lee from

the Lewisburg area will be filling in during that time. He will be leading worship, visiting sick in hospital, officiating funerals and giving pastoral care during that time. Any pastoral concerns or emergencies can be directed to him at his home phone which will be listed at a later time. You are also welcome to call PPRC chair Retta Moore with any concerns during that time.

There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, September 28th from 2-7 in the church fellowship hall.



St. John's will continue to worship each Sunday at 10:30 at the church building.



**Various means to keep updated:**

website: [evpumc.org](http://evpumc.org)

Face book: Elimsport United Methodist Parish

Electronic sign at Elimsport church

email Pastor Mike: [hjebm@comcast.net](mailto:hjebm@comcast.net)

email church: [elimsportumc@gmail.com](mailto:elimsportumc@gmail.com)

Call Pastor Mike: 570-547-1386

Text Pastor Mike: 570-974-8590 (please identify yourself when texting)

Be pro-active in getting the word out to others in the church.

Please be sure to check the church website [evpumc.org](http://evpumc.org) and Elimsport United Methodist Parish face book for up to date church news.

Thank you for your prayers, calls and cards. God loves you and so do we.



Tom & Bonnie

- 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.)*

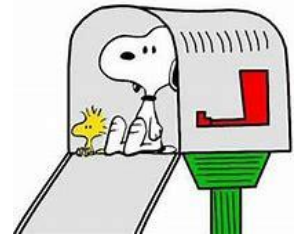


Thank you Elimsport UM Parish so very much for your donation of \$545.00 to the Montgomery Food Bank. Your gift was very much appreciated. Thank you for caring for the needy people of the Montgomery area. Thank you so very much for all the food you gave us.



Footprints of Montgomery

Please write to Hal Jr. He'd love to hear from you.



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**Please color the corners of your envelope blue.**

Thank you Elimsport UMC and Pastor Mike for the graduation card and gift card. It means a lot to me!



Thanks Again!

Addison Wilson

# Kid's Corner

Autumn



# **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:**

16145S. RT 44 HWY  
Allenwood, PA 17810

### **Parsonage Phone:**

(570) 547-1386

### **Pastor Mike's Cell:**

(570) 974-8590

### **Parish Website:**

[www.evpumc.org](http://www.evpumc.org)

### **Parish email:**

[elimsportumc@gmail.com](mailto:elimsportumc@gmail.com)

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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.