

# Valley Views



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## "Finding God's Plan for Your Life"

God has a special purpose for your life, and you will be the most complete and content when you allow Him to make and mold you into that plan. It is only possible to have rich spiritual blessings when one's life is centered on God's plan.

Speaking of a nation who refused to follow Him, God said: "...Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand...", (Jer 18:3-6).

He could destroy the clay and rebuild His work if necessary to accomplish His purpose, but that is not necessary. We know that is not His plan for us because He tells us in His Word, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jer 29:11).

The Creator, knows what it takes to make His Children happy. Even if it was possible to coerce Him into exchanging His plan for ours, (which I do not think will happen) the sense of total satisfaction and spiritual reward would be missing, because that can only come from being in His perfect will.

Christians often speak of having a personal relationship with God but have a problem in developing and maintaining such a relationship. James 4:8 promises that when you, "Draw nigh to God, he will draw nigh to you." To know Him personally requires quiet time alone, praising, praying, meditating, and listening for His promptings.

Jesus wants us to know His desires, and to use us in His service. Discovering and walking in the path of His choosing is the secret to a long purposeful life on earth.

He wants us to worship Him not only in our devotional times, but the entire day.



Surrender your life to Him, all of it. Read His Word and attempt to understand that He loves you enough to die on the cross to pay for your sins. From the bottom of your heart, say, "yes Lord have your way in my life - you are the potter I am the clay - show me your plan." Expect Him to answer, He will not let you down.

Learn to hear His voice by following the prompting and guidance in the trivial things and He will begin to reveal His plan with even more step by step detail until you are following and walking in His overall plan.

It doesn't matter if you are young or not so young, it's never too late; Set your heart on meeting the requirements and challenges the Holy Spirit unveils for you; and make a commitment to follow Him for the rest of your days.

Whether it leads to the ministry, the mission field, or the CEO of the most prestigious company in the world; you will find a sense of passion, excitement, and fulfillment when you are in His will.

"But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter," (Isaiah 64:8).

"Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so, he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the Lord. "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand..." (Jer 18:3-6).

### Various means to keep updated:

website: [evpumc.org](http://evpumc.org)  
Face book: Elimsport United Methodist Parish  
Electronic sign at Elimsport church  
email Pastor Dave: [dshultz@susumc.org](mailto:dshultz@susumc.org)  
email church: [elimsportumc@gmail.com](mailto:elimsportumc@gmail.com)  
Call Pastor Dave: 570-547-1162  
Text Pastor Dave: 570-439-0004 (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.

Wednesday morning breakfast at the Elimsport church is Wednesday mornings, from 7:30 am to 9:30 am.



- 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.)*

### Acolyte Schedule:

9/04/22	Sam & Jackson
9/11/22	Garett & Mitchell
9/18/22	Elizabeth & Jackson
9/25/22	Mitchell & Sam



Beverly Berger is turning 90 on Sept 9th and we are having an open house at the Elimsport United Methodist Church basement on Friday 9th from 6-9 p.m. We would like anyone who has known her in this time and would like to stop by and wish her a happy birthday please feel free to do so.



The Parish Social Committee is planning to have a sausage sandwich stand at the Elmsport Fall Festival on September 17th. We are in need of donations of sliced peppers and sliced onions for the sandwiches. If you are able to donate a gallon freezer bag full of frozen or fresh sliced peppers and/or a gallon freezer bag full of frozen or fresh sliced onions please let Sharon Heintzelman or Deanna Drick know as soon as possible.



We will need them at the church no later than Thursday, September 15th. We will need 8-10 gallon bags full of each. Thank you! Also, if anyone would like to help prepare the sausages on Friday, please let Carol Riddell or Carlene Moore know. We also welcome help on Saturday at the Festival. If you are able to donate some time please let Sharon or Deanna know what time frame you are available.



For our mission for vbs we did an organization called Caitlin's Smiles. This organization gives craft bags, coping bags, smile bags to kids in the hospital with chronic diseases to brighten their day. They also give bags to any kids that need it while they are in the hospital, ER or having testing done.

We took down several boxes of markers, crayons, colored pencils, notebooks, gel pens which they requested while school supplies were on sale. We also gave them a check for \$310. We decorated cards and bags to give to the children. Thanks for all that helped with this wonderful mission!





# **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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"Whoever welcomes a  
little child like this in  
my name welcomes me."

~Matthew 18:5



Keep me  
as the apple  
of Your eye.

PSALM 17:8



### **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.