

Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill



The Cycles of Life

When King Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes, he recorded many things he had experienced and tested in life. His conclusion is in the opening verses of Ecclesiastes, people come and go, the sun rises and sets and rises again, and nothing is new. As we watch our earth slowly but surely preparing for the winter months, we look back on the spring and summer, which started out hot then cool then hot again; wet then dry, and now cools off as the sun begins its journey into the southern sky. For some, it's a depressing time, for others it's an exciting time. The leaves begin to drop, we shake the dust off our hoodies, and our gardens begin to wither. For some, anticipation builds as days in the woods hunting are not far off, our adult kids return to college, and many are preparing food for freezing or canning. It's all part of the cycle of life.

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Several times in his writing, Solomon comes to the conclusion that there is a time for everything and that all we can do in life is just to take one day at a time and to eat and drink and find satisfaction in our work. But one thing he makes clear, in chapter 2, verse 25, that satisfaction comes from God and without God who can find enjoyment. He tells us in 3:11 that God has made everything

beautiful in its time. So as a result, Solomon puts things in proper perspective in Ecclesiastes

3:12-13. He says, "I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink and find satisfaction in all his toil, this is a gift of God."

Yes, every season is a gift of God for our benefit and satisfaction. As we look back on the spring and summer, one thing remains clear, without God in our lives each day, we will never be satisfied. There is

a time for everything and although God's timing may not match ours, we must remember that he makes everything beautiful in its time, and we will find satisfaction when we stop for a moment and reflect on how God has been with us, and will be with us, in every cycle of life we go through.

Autumn Blessings

Pastor Mike

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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.umcmmission.org. We also invite you to sign up on our website to receive our electronic newsletter, Connect N Mission. 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

Emily Miller
Associate General Secretary
Communications and Development
General Board of Global Ministries

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your cards, support and prayers through my 11 weeks at reception and basic training! You will never know how much that meant to me. My next phase of training, ALT, (chemical operations) is about 12 weeks long. Everyone here tells me I'm crazy because the schooling for my job is very hard physically and academically. Every morning we run 6.5 miles up hill and then spend the rest of the day in classes. In the next two to three weeks I'll get my phone back and be able to keep in touch better!

Basic training ended up being the most difficult/easy thing I've done. The hardest part was being away from home, everything else for the most part wasn't too bad. Seeing my family for the first time in a few months was the best feeling in the world. However the time I had to spend with them was not nearly enough. It was so hard to say goodbye to them from another two and a half months. I know God is with me every step of the way and I know I'll always have the love and support from everyone back home. My faith in the Lord has become stronger than ever the past few weeks and I can't wait to see how much more it will grow while I am here. I love and miss all of you guys! I hope to hear from you soon.

Love Always,
Michelle Waughen

My new address is:
PFC, Waughen, Michelle
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Class #20-15, Unit #34
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473

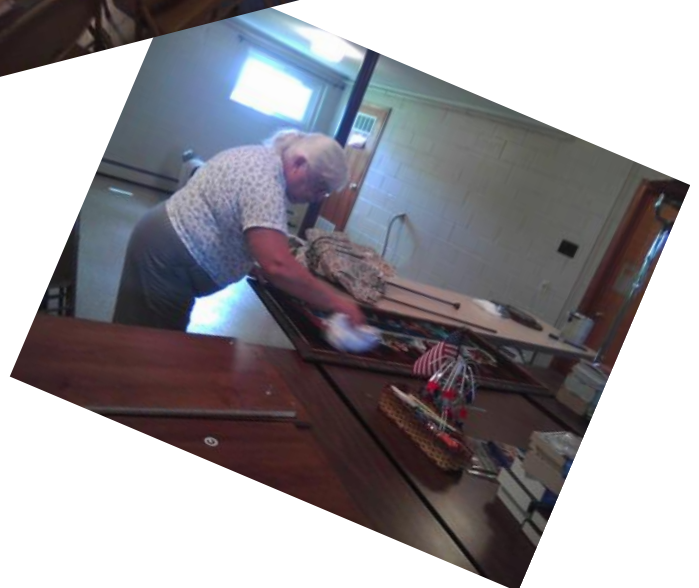
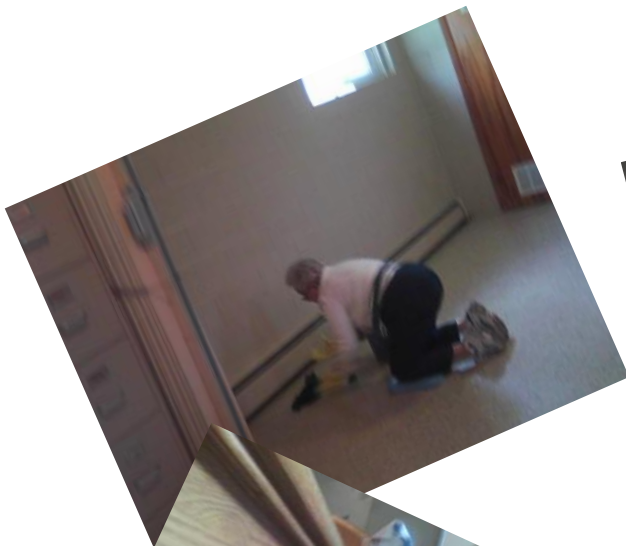
We would like to thank Pastor Mike and the church family for their continued prayers for Carl. We would like to ask for special prayers for Carl on Tuesday, August 25th. He will be having surgery on his leg. He has narrowing of the arteries in his leg. They will try to clean out the blockage and if the blockage is too bad they may have to replace the artery and possibly put in a stent. He will be in the Williamsport Hospital for a couple of days. Again thanks for the continued prayers.

Carl and Janet Eiswerth

Ben Simcox is serving our country in the Navy and is currently stationed in Bahrain. St. John's is putting an ongoing box in the back of the church for items to show Ben that we are thinking of him. Bahrain weather is very hot, so no easily perishable items or chocolate. Continue to write Ben at

Benjamin Simcox
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Thank You to all who helped moved refrigerator and table. A big Thank You to those who housecleaned the basement at St. John's



Transform Lycoming County August 10-14

I once again had the privilege of helping with First United Methodist Church's, Williamsport, Pa Mission Outreach.

This project was started three years ago to help senior citizens, disabled and low income families do minor repairs, painting, and yard work around their homes.

Starting out in 2013 there were about 5 churches and 98 people involved. In 2015 we grew to 3 hubs (First Church, Muncy and Jersey Shore), 46 churches, 95 job sites and over 400 people.

God works in many places and in many different ways. It was a joy to hear the testimonies from both the home owners and the volunteers. It was a God given privilege to work with people from HOPE filling boxes with food at the Food Bank , and to hear a good suggestion [twice], that worked, from a mentally challenged person. Many renewed friendships and new friends were made. I even meet a cousin I never knew.

Last year in my story, I asked for prayers for Zack, a little boy at a home I was involved with. I understand he is having more seizures and not eating. It is being considered giving him a feeding tube. Please think of him and his family in your prayers.

Thank you LORD for all the great things that happened that week and allowing me to participate.

Kay E. Showers



Formula for Mosquitoes

1. Paint a 2 liter soda bottle black.
2. Cut top part off and insert into bottom.

In mean time:

1. Boil 1 cup water and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup brown sugar until sugar dissolves.
2. Cool.
3. Add 1 oz. yeast.
4. Stir and pour into soda bottle .



Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Sunday, September 6th

Joint Service/Labor Day Brunch, Outside 9:00am

Tuesday, October 13th @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, December 8th @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00pm

Wednesday February 3rd @ Elimsport Social Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00pm

Council of Ministry

meeting is September 24th at 6:00pm at Elimsport church. This is open to anyone in our parish. Bring your ideas for the fall and Christmas season.

Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for September

Sept. 6	Joann Stainbrook
Sept. 13	Retta Moore
Sept. 20	Frank Voneida
Sept. 27	Tweet Flick

The Gang will be making apple dumpling for the Fall Festival on Friday Sept. 18th. Look for order blanks on the table in back of sanctuary if you want to preorder



- 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.)

THE TRUE VINE (JOHN 15:1-11)

MEMORY VERSE:

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love." JOHN 15:9

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. "I am the _____ vine, and My Father is the vinedresser." JOHN 15:1
2. "Every branch in Me that does not bear _____ He takes away." JOHN 15:2
Jesus said...

TRUE OR FALSE:

3. "Abide in Me, and I in you..." JOHN 15:4

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANK:

4. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do _____." JOHN 15:5

TRUE OR FALSE:

5. "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered..." JOHN 15:6

TRUE OR FALSE

6. "...and they gather them and throw them in the fire, and they are burned." JOHN 15:6

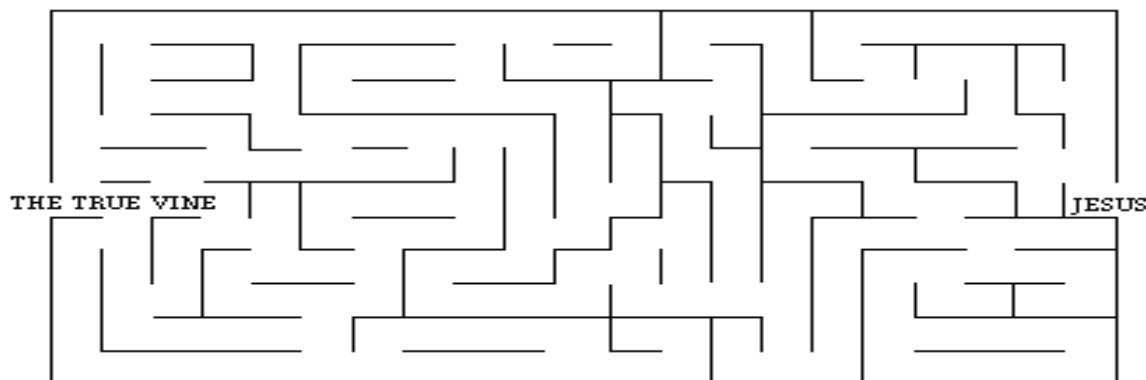
TRUE OR FALSE

7. "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit." JOHN 15:8

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

8. "...so you will be My _____." JOHN 15:8
9. "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that _____." JOHN 15:11



from The Children's Ministry of Calvary Chapel

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.

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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.