

Valley Views



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Pastor Dave Shultz

I have found that my focus as a pastor, as a teacher and even as a spiritual leader has increasingly become more centered around living out our relationship with Christ in everyday life. So much so, that I see our relationship with Christ intricately woven into every aspect of our daily walk of faith. One of the amazing things is just how functional this relationship is when it lived out with others. It ceases to be just about the things I believe and how deeply I feel God's presence in my life that day, rather it is in the attitude and conviction to follow Christ that I take into each.

I feel that the main way we do this is by following the commandment that Jesus gave to us, "love one another as I have loved you." Anyone who seeks to follow Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life, must wrestle with how they are living that out and remaining true to this new commandment Christ gave us. Sometimes people will ask, "Is that it? Isn't there more, isn't there a list of do's and don'ts?" We must be careful, because when we focus on something external and something removed from Christ himself, we will have moved away from him and gotten mired in a performance-based religion. We will risk losing our connection with Christ that we so desperately need to live a life of faith and service to one another.

So how do we keep ourselves grounded in keeping our relationship with Christ as the main driving force in our lives and how do we live out a faith that is responsive to it? This past year or so, our former Bishop, Jeremiah Park, in caring for our spiritual well-being, asked us if we were staying in tune with Christ. To check if something is in tune, like a piano, it is checked against something that always vibrates with the proper tune, such as a tuning fork. For us to be in tune with Christ, everything about us would be in tune with Christ's command to us. Our challenge is to desire for this for ourselves and then to participate with the Holy Spirit to work this change in us. Here is a guideline to help you daily to stay in tune with Christ. Ask yourself these questions, daily if possible.

Have I loved others as Jesus loves me?

When did my words or actions reflect Christ's love and when did they not?

Who did I share the grace of Jesus with today?

Have I spent time in prayer?

Have I spent time in scripture?

How have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, generosity, gentleness, and self-control been witnessed by others in my life today?

Have I asked God for forgiveness?

Receiving that forgiveness, I will rest securely in God's presence and rise to face tomorrow with renewed dedication and hope, assured that I am God beloved child. Looking again at the command of Christ we see there is a flow of deep relationship that immerses us in the well-being of one another. The result is a love given to another that has its beginning in Christ and that also has coupled with it, the personal warmth and compassion of each one of us. The tune or tone of our lives then becomes that of Christ himself living his life through us. That's why we miss the real life-giving, redeeming, and transforming nature of our relationship with Christ, when we make it all about "me and Jesus." It's not, it's more, much more. It is us and Jesus together. It's then that we are in tune with being the body of Christ. This can be a real challenge for us, because it calls us to take our inward focus and turn it outward, to care more for others more than we do for self. Use this to analyze and evaluate the ministries in which you are involved. Where is the focus of your faith? Are there opportunities to bless others, to show concern, and empathy that are beyond your own circle of family and friends? Ask Jesus to make his love for you real, so that you can really love others as he has loved you.

St. Johns will be hosting a "Cash Cow" Fundraising event at Hoss's Family Steak & Sea in Williamsport on Sunday, October 23rd. We will earn 20% of the pretax total of all bills that day when a Cash Cow Card is presented (gift cards sales are not included). These will be available in the back of the church, or you may contact Deb Kennedy (570-777-5517).. Please take a few and pass them out to your friends, family, co-workers and sporting event buddies. Treat yourself to a day out of the kitchen and earn money for the church at the same time!

Please note: We are not allowed to hand the cards out to random customers at the restaurant.



Various means to keep updated:

website: evpumc.org
Face book: Elimsport United Methodist Parish
Electronic sign at Elimsport church
email Pastor Dave: dshultz@susumc.org
email church: 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 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 November’s newsletter are due October **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:

10/02/22	Garett & Elizabeth
10/09/22	Jack & Sam
10/16/22	Mitchell & Garett
10/23/22	Sam & Elizabeth



The 6-week study, “The Life You’ve Always Wanted” will be starting on Oct. 4. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the sanctuary. Study guides will be ordered this week, so a precise count is needed. This will be a study that will aid us in living the spiritual life. This study comes out of a book by John Ortberg by the same name.

Elimsport Ad Council meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30.



St. John’s Ad Council meets the second Thursday at 6:30.

To My Church Family,

My surgery (procedure) was a total success and I want to thank you all for your prayers and inspiring get well cards. They were truly appreciated. Thank again for thinking of me.



Sue Lane Fisher



St. John's Board meetings are held the second Thursday of the month. For September through May, the **time is changed to 6:30.**



St John's church is having an apple dumpling sale Wednesday, October 12th. Anyone willing to help with making them that day please talk to Gloria Burrows. Apple dumplings are \$4. There will be a sign-up sheet at both churches if you would like to order any. You can also call Gloria Burrows 570-547-1598 or Sharon Heintzelman 570-547-1714. Apple dumplings can be picked up at St. John's church after 2 PM Oct. 12th. Get your order in early because we have a set number we are making! Thanks for your help!

During the month of October our Parish will once again be collecting for Footprints of Montgomery. You may bring your items to church any Sunday in October or bring to the Elimsport UMC pavilion on October 30th from 2:00-4:00. Some suggestions of need are; shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste, disposable razors, deodorant, hand soap, bath and bar soap, and hygiene products. They also need laundry and dish detergent, soups, baked beans, canned vegetables (beets, carrots, creamed corn), spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise, and ketchup. These are just suggestions and any donation is welcome!! Thank you for always being generous givers!! Any questions ask Christa or Sharon.



Calling all college students: Please let Christa McCormick or Sharon Heintzelman know of any college students in our parish that would like a college care package. We don't want to miss anyone and we want them to know that we are thinking of them.

Kids Corner



visit www.kids-corner.com for more free printables

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 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.