

Valley Views



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Pastor Dave Shultz

Greetings and welcome to January 2025. I want to share with you a devotion that came in an email on December 21. It is from the Henri Nouwen Society and is based upon the writings of Henri Nouwen (1932-1996), who was a Catholic Priest, professor, psychologist, and prolific writer. He lived an extraordinary life and had brilliant insights into living in relationship with God, as well as our spiritual and personal needs as persons created in the image of God.

His books are short, easy to read, and very powerful. He is by far, one of my favorite authors. If you are interested I can lend out any of the books I have, if you would like to read any. The devotion I want to share with you today is entitled, *Move Toward The Light*, and I liked it so much that I wanted to share it with you. Here is the devotional:

You are constantly facing choices. The question is whether you choose for God or for your own doubting self. You know what the right choice is, but your emotions, passions, and feelings keep suggesting you choose the self-rejecting way.

The root choice is to trust at all times that God is with you and will give you what you most need. ...God says to you, "I love you. I am with you. I want to see you come closer to me and experience the joy and peace of my presence. I want to give you a new heart and a new spirit. I want you to speak with my mouth, see with my eyes, hear with my ears, touch with my hands. All that is mine is yours. Just trust me and let me be your God."

This is the voice to listen to. And that listening requires a real choice, not just once in a while but every moment of every day and night. It is you who decides what you think, say, and do. You can think yourself into a depression, you can talk yourself into low self-esteem, you can act in a self-rejecting way. But you always have a choice to think, speak, and act in the name of God and so move toward the Light, the Truth, and the Life.

I shared this with you I very much want all of you to know that you always have a choice to choose to trust God. We know that God is always with us, nothing can change that. We don't have to ask God to be with us, God just always is. Our challenge then is to learn to believe it, know it, trust him, and to give thanks.

Blessings,

Pastor Dave

PPRC Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27th, at 6:30pm at the Elimsport Church. PPRC Committee members are: Lauren Bryson, Christa McCormick, Retta Moore, Jeremy Kennedy, Fred Kennedy and Donna Satteson.

Elimsport Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Monday January 27, 2025, at 6:30pm at the Elimsport Church. Board of Trustee members are: Lauren Bryson, Bobby Buss, Frank Cleaver, Teresa Flick, Christa McCormick, Chris Ulrich.

St. John's will be having an apple dumpling sale on Wednesday, January 15th. Apple Dumplings are \$4.75 and there will be sign up sheets at both churches. Apple Dumplings can be picked up between 2-4pm. Please let Gloria know if you can help make them Tuesday and/or Wednesday. Thank you for helping with this!

A big thank you to our parish for the gifts and money donated for the families of Montgomery. Everyone did an amazing job and we will be dropping off lots of gifts this week for the kids. Thanks again!

Dear Elimsport Congregation, Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. I truly appreciate your Christmas gift. Happy New Year!

Jackie Klopp



Dear St. John's Congregation,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. It was very thoughtful and very much appreciated. God bless you and I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!

Jackie Klopp

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.

If you would like to have the monthly newsletter emailed to you, please let us know by putting your name and email address on the sheet on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

Church News

- Items for February's newsletter are due January 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.)

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



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



St. John's Ad Council meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30.



Thank you for the bag of goodies. It really helped give me a boost to get through the "Finals" week.

Brianna Winter

Thank you so much for the care package! It will come in use while I study for finals in the coming weeks!



Morgan Tupper



Thank you for once again thinking of me during finals! It is a very stressful time and the snacks and goodies are much appreciated! Thanks again!

Kelly Showers

Thank you guys for the snack bag I was given for the end of the semester. I really appreciate you thinking of me and I just wanted to say how thankful I am. Hope everyone has a nice holiday.



Thank you again, Lucas Pearson



Thank you for the snack bag for finals week. I appreciate you thinking of me during the stressful week. The snacks were great and I'm so thankful!!

Thank you all again! Chloe Kennedy

Thank you very much for the finals bag! It was very generous and kind of all of you and greatly appreciated!



Allyia Kennedy

Kid's Corner



Expectations Women's Center
776 Bull Run Crossing, Suite 300
PO Box 291
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania 17837

Elimsport UM Church
5 Gap Rd
Allenwood, PA 17810-9356

Year-To-Date Giving:
\$400.00

Hi Pastor David,

We wanted to thank you for your \$400.00 donation that you made on 11/20/2024.

As we celebrate this month of thankfulness, we have so much to be grateful for! We are grateful for you and the way you have opened your heart to the ministry of Expectations Women's Center.

We pray that the harvest of the seeds you are planting is abundant! May God bless you in this season of Thanksgiving as you continue to seek His heart. Thank you!

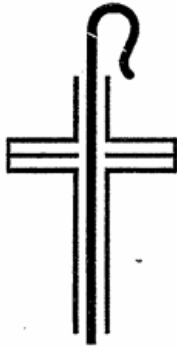
Because we are a registered 501(c)3 organization, your donation is completely tax deductible. Please keep this for your tax records to claim your deduction. Again, we thank you for your support in helping to make the world a better place.

Thank You



Caryn Rehm
Community Relations Director
Expectations Women's Center

*Happy
Thanksgiving!!*



Shepherd of the Streets

A Ministry of the United Churches of Lycoming County

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Thank You!

Your generosity is appreciated, and it is making a difference in people's lives.

Check Number: 1650
Amount Donated: \$400-
Date of Donation: 11-16-24

Dear Elmsport UMC

I give sincere thanks to God for laying upon your heart the ministry of the Shepherd of the Streets. We continue to serve our clients at their point of need through your generous support. Today people in need in our Lycoming County community are receiving their medications and traveling to their medical appointments because of your gifts to the Shepherd ministry. Also, today some of our clients are able to see clearly through the glasses that we have helped them to purchase. Finally we have been able to provide many of our neighbors in need with the gift of various hygiene items, which help to promote their general health and personal care.

I pray that God will abundantly bless you as you continue to serve Him through your generous giving.

In Christian Love,

Pastor Mark

Rev. Mark D. Brumbach
Shepherd of the Streets

*May you know
the peace of Christ
this "Christ"mas season!!*

Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you.

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over,
will be poured into your lap.

For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:38



American Rescue Workers

Repurposing clothing, shoes, and lives.

December 9, 2024

Elimsport United Methodist Church
5 Gap Road
Allenwood, PA 17810

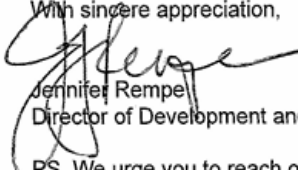
Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift in the amount of \$400.00 to benefit the ministry of American Rescue Workers.

It is because of your generosity that American Rescue Workers is able to stand in the gap for thousands of families in crisis each year. Whether that crisis is homelessness, food insecurity, or an unforeseen emergency, it is thanks to you that we can continue to provide warmth, comfort, and hope to those who we care for.

This year marks 90 years of service to the Lycoming County area. What began as a humble 2-bedroom duplex on Edwin Street, serving meals to men down and out on their luck. Our locations have changed over the years 90 years but the mission has not: helping the poor and disadvantaged with a meal or shelter in their moment of crisis. Together, we can continue to serve this community as a beacon of hope, resilience and nourishment.

With sincere appreciation,


Jennifer Rempel
Director of Development and Community Engagement

Thank you!

PS. We urge you to reach out to us and provide an email address so that we may better communicate with you. We promise to never sell or distribute it. You can also keep in contact with us by 'liking' our Facebook page at American Rescue Workers-Williamsport.

PSS. Mark your calendar for our next fundraiser, the Coldest Night of the Year, on Saturday, February 22, 2025. Participants can walk either a 5k or 2k to help us "Change the Tune" about people who are hurting, homeless or hungry.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.

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American Rescue Workers is a proud program partner of the Lycoming County United Way.

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:

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Pastor Dave's Cell:

(570) 439-0004

Parish Website:

www.evpumc.org

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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.