

Valley Views



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Pastor Dave Shultz

Don't forget the instructions!

by Jared Dyson

Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. —
Proverbs 19:20

I remember one night that my son was pretty upset. He had been working on something that he was putting together at home. He had put many pieces together, but he could not get some of the pieces to go into the project as he wanted. I remember he came over to me with the pieces and said, "Daddy fix it. I can't do it."

As we talked, I encouraged him not to give up. I knew that he was able to handle the situation and that he would figure it out. He kept trying, but each time he kept running short on ideas to fix it. He eventually walked away. Throughout the evening, he kept telling me how he couldn't fix it. It really had him upset.

Soon, he was at his final straw. He had tried everything he could think of. I sat down with him, and we looked back at the instructions. He had tried to put the item together without the instructions, but he had left out an important step. When he went back to the instructions, he realized his mistake and quickly put the pieces into place.

There are many times in life we are presented with situations where the pieces just don't fall into place. We try as hard as we can, but we can't seem to fix things. As we become worried and frustrated, we often overlook the instructions and guidance that God has given us.

God has given us His word, the ultimate source of truth, guidance, instruction, and help for life. But so many times, we try to do everything on our own and ignore the instructions. As you go through your day today, don't forget the instructions! Take a few moments to spend time in God's word, learn from it, and trust the guidance found inside to help you through your day.

Our churches, St. John's and Elimsport, will be to collecting donations for Riverwoods Nursing Home residents as our mission this March. We hope this will be bring comfort, joy, and needed necessities to residents, especially those that have no visitors. Some ideas for donations are; shampoo, soaps, lotions (It's suggested they be mild or a lighter fragrance), fleece blankets (twin size), coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, large print word search books, playing and matching cards, and candy(individually wrapped smaller pieces) but not hard candy. We will also use any monetary donations to buy life like stuffed dogs and cats, as the residents miss their pets and find great comfort holding a stuffed animal similar to the one they left behind. So bring your donations to church during the month of March and thank you for always thinking of others!



Its that time of year again! With the season of Lent, comes the preparation of the annual East Egg Hunt. We will begin stuffing the eggs on Sundays after church, beginning on 3/5/23. Should anyone wish to donate money, candy or time, please feel free to let Jenn Springman know. If there are questions, feel free to call/text Jenn at (570)412-6141. Thank you for your generosity in advance.

(Easter Egg Hunt, 4/8/23 at 10am for kids up to and including sixth grade.)

PPRC Committee Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Elimsport Church. PPRC Committee members are Lauren Bryson, Christa McCormick, Retta Moore, Jeremy Kennedy, Gary Taylor, Fred Kennedy and Donna Satteson.



READY, SET, LAUNCH.... Vacation Bible school will be Sunday, July 9th through Thursday, July 13th. 6:00-8:30pm. Dinner provided. Closing Program and Carnival is Friday, July 15th at 6.

Calling all astronauts and space stars who are ready to blast off into space. Our theme this year is Stellar. At Stellar VBS kids will explore how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness, and joy into the world- and how we can do the same with his power! We will explore epic adventures that help kids grow in friendship with Jesus!! Please spread the word. Kids aged preschool through entering 7th grade. READY, SET, LAUNCH!!!

Any VBS questions contact Taryn Myers, Christa McCormick or Sharon Heintzelman

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.

There will be **no** Blood drive for March.



- Items for April's newsletter are due March **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.)

We will be having another apple dumpling sale on March 8th. Orders can be picked up between 12pm-3pm. If you would like to donate supplies or help with making them call Gloria Burrows at 547-1598.

There will be sign up sheets at both churches. Thank you for your support!



Wednesday morning breakfast at the Elimsport church is Wednesday mornings, from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. **There will be NO breakfast on March 1st, 8th and 15th.**



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.

Kid's Corner



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.