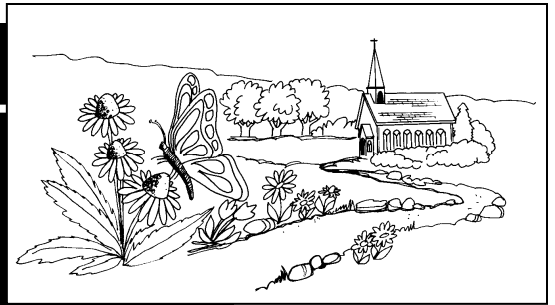


Valley Views



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Families - where we experience great love and great pain

For most people, over the journey of a lifetime, being in family relationships brings experiences of great love and great pain. And in this love and pain, God is present.

Joy and pain often go together in human relationships. When a weary mother or father gets out of bed in the middle of the night to soothe a crying baby, there is tenderness amidst the tiredness.

When a teenager comes home four hours later than expected, she or he experiences a mixture of relief about having a warm bed to fall into, and a struggle against the anger that awaits them. When a husband or wife lashes out at their partner because they have not received the emotional support they felt entitled to, the bitter disappointment is mixed with the longing for

what the relationship could be like.

Nowhere is our spiritual life more powerfully formed than in the crucible of human relationships. Nowhere else may we learn so powerfully about the faithful love of God, or the pain of the cross. But we often separate our lives into compartments labeled "life" and "prayer" and do not see that life's experiences are grist for the mill of our spiritual formation.

The Gospels are full of stories of family life: a rebellious son leaves home but then returns; a widow brings a small offering; parents bring children to be blessed; two sisters weep over the death of their brother; a synagogue official seeks healing for his daughter; a mother stands helpless before her son's pain, and so on.

Living deeply through all the experiences of our family relationships touches

on the deepest issues of life, faith and God. When we process these experiences in our prayers, thread our stories through with the threads of the Gospel stories, discover God with us in the midst of them, and talk them through in small groups, we grow into maturity and beauty of spirit.

Mothers have a special
way
Of saying, 'I love you',
A love that God has given
them,
A love that will hold true
For Mothers sacrifice so
much,
Providing for the home,
Creating there an atmos-
phere
That reflects God's love
alone.

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Rev. Hill,

The dinner was much appreciated,. The food was delicious. Once again thank you for the use of the church.

Sincerely,

Charles and Mary Yarison

St. John's UMC,

"Thank you" is a simple phrase but the words come from the heart—expressing deep gratitude for your thoughtful caring ways.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and phone calls while I was recovering from my knee surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Mike for the visits and prayers. I truly believe all the prayers have helped me in my recovery. I am truly blessed to be a member of a wonderful church family.

Hope to be back soon!

Love to all,

Dolly

Mountains of Thanks,

Dearest Pastor Mike, Hilda and All Who Helped,

How does one thank you for all you have done?

My brother "Butch" Charles Yarison was too young to pass away. I know he is in a much better place now with no pain. Our family wishes to thank you for the meal and taking the stress away from having to plan it.

God Bless you All

Cyndi & Mike Bayley and family

The words "thank you" hardly seem enough; But they're coming from my heart; A heart uplifted by your kindness.

St. John's church, Elimsport church,

Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, cards and visits during the passing of our father Kenny. We would also like to thank Pastor Mike for your prayers, visit and service.

God bless you all!

Your thoughtfulness is gratefully appreciated!

Love,

Mike and Robin Hauck and entire Hauck family



Monday-Friday, June 23rd-27th at 9:00 am

Bible School at Elimsport

Friday, June 27th

Bible School Closing at Elimsport

Sunday, June 29th

Combined Services at Elimsport Pavilion

Sunday, December 14th

Bishop Jeremiah Parks/Meal

Country Gospel Music

When: Sunday, May 18th, at 6:30 pm.

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, Turbotville

What: An evening of Country Gospel Music presented by The Joe Murray Band

Prior to the show at 5:00 in the church social hall members of Zion's Disaster Relief Team will be serving a Soup and Sandwich meal. A donation will be taken to cover the costs of the meal. No reservations required.

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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.

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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