

Valley Views



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Pastor Dave Shultz

Easter is fascinating to me. 1 Peter 1:3 captures its significance for us. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...” He is telling us that through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has given us something, “a new birth into a living hope.” Which means that in Christ, you have been born into a new life, that begins now and never ends. It is a hope filled life, that God is with you now and wants to empower you for living today.

I like what the Message Bible adds to this verse, “What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we’ve been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you’ll have it all—life healed and whole” (1 Peter 1:3–5.)

Is there any part of this that captures your imagination? What about verse 5? “The Day is coming when you’ll have it all.” Do you believe that? What are we to do with that information now? This means you are rich, right? The grace and love of God now defines you and gives you a new identity. The Holy Spirit lives in you imparting life and the character of Christ is growing in you, changing you, remaking you. The invitation is to now live this new life and spread the wealth.

We waste so much time and energy trying to have it all by stiving after things other than those from God, thinking they really are important. As a result, we experience struggle and difficulty all because priorities get placed on other things that do not and cannot satisfy.

What this tells us is that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is also our resurrection. We have died with him, so too have we been resurrected with him. The tomb is open. We can step out and begin to live in newness of life in Christ, or we can do as many do, stay inside, afraid to step out and really know what it is to have hope. We step out of the tomb when we have confidence that what this scripture tells us really is true and we explore our new identity in Christ and trust that a hope filled future that has already begun. We must though, not look back into the tomb and try to take with us what we had previously placed our hope in. This is why it is so important to spend time with Jesus, let him introduce this new life to you and learn from him.

We all need healing and wholeness. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can begin to realize it now. Take some time and contemplate the resurrection. What does it mean for you and for a world that is broken and hurting? What do you need to leave behind? What is hard to believe about this new life? Ask God to reveal some small piece for you. Start there and let God open up to you a whole new life. Perhaps the following poem will be of some use to you in this.

Pastor Dave

Love Overcame

Emerging from a cold tomb
All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God
Transforming a broken heart
Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden
The grave stone rolled away, to release redemptive love
Jesus resurrected and restored
Comforts a weeping woman
Speaks with travelers on a journey
Meets with his faithful friends
And they bow down before Christ alive
And acknowledged that the Savior has arrived
That the word of God has come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth
Is complete

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.

A huge thank you to all who donated and prayed over our mission collection for Riverwoods!!! We filled an SUV with boxes of donations and six lifelike dogs and cats. They were very appreciative, and I'm sure many residents lives will be touched. You are such a generous parish, thank you again!!



- Items for June's newsletter are due May 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.



Thanks to all who donated items, money, and/or time for the fund-raising dinner on April 22nd! The Parsonage Fund received

a nice infusion of funds so we will call this event a success. Stay tuned for future plans.

St. John's is in need of an outside custodian. Please contact Steve Burrows at 570-337-8520 for details.



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.



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



There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, June 6 from 2-7 in the Fellowship Hall.



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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"For Nothing is
impossible
with God."
LUKE 1:37

MAY THE
Lord BLESS YOU
AND KEEP YOU!
NUMBERS 6:24

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.