

Valley Views



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I Love Autumn

by Betty Castleberry

I love autumn. The dance of a brisk fall breeze signals colder days ahead, and maple trees punctuate the landscape with bright tartan colors. Flower beds sing with a chorus of vividly colored pansies and mums. Roadside stands beckon travelers to stop and fill rustic wooden baskets with firm red apples. Front porches are adorned with scarecrows and hay bales. Chatter at the local grocery stores often turns to which team will win the Friday night football game, or when the first freeze will occur.

Our nation's countryside is sprinkled with autumn celebrations. They may be called fall festivals, harvest festivals, or something entirely different, but their common thread is to applaud the autumn season. I dare anyone to leave one of these wonderful gatherings without being wooed by a sweet funnel cake, or a spicy homemade candle.

The animals know when it is autumn. My hummingbird feeder, a place in spring and summer for the tiny winged ones to congregate, is now abandoned. At the same time, crows are abundant. They convene on high wires and in tree tops, greeting the day with a cacophony of calls. Other creatures tend to the business of preparing for winter. Sometimes, I think they are wiser than we are. They don't neglect their chores, but go about them with gusto, gathering and storing and hiding.

Autumn is the perfect season for making pumpkin pie. There is nothing like the aroma of cinnamon and ginger to make a kitchen extra cozy. Sharing a piece of warm pumpkin pie with a loved one is one of life's vastly underrated pleasures.

Some people do not like to see autumn arrive. They view it as an end to lazy summer days, instead of heralding in a new season filled with brilliant color. As I enter the autumn of my life, I realize how blessed I am. My life is dotted with the rich hues of children and grandchildren. I no longer receive a pay check, but I am quite wealthy. Watching a toddler, head bowed in prayer, is the most wonderful harvest anyone could reap.

The cooler autumn days do not bother me. I welcome them, knowing soon it will be winter, and the winter of my life will soon arrive as well. I'm not afraid. If it's as wonderful as my autumn, I'm going to have a ball.



We are still looking for 2 people to serve on the PPRC committee at St. John's. This committee meets 4 times a year and deals with the ministry of the pastor and employees of the parish.



Church Committees

Due to the constant changes in the covid mandates, we are making it a personal choice to wear masks or face coverings in the church building, but are suggesting that you wear one if you are unvaccinated or are vulnerable to contacting the virus. We are still suggesting that people practice social distancing each Sunday Morning and use common sense while greeting each other.

There will be a **special offering** on Sunday, November 21st for World hunger.



Acolyte Schedule:

- 11/07/21 Mallorie & Elizabeth
- 11/14/21 Jackson & Garrett
- 11/21/21 Mallorie & Mitchell
- 11/28/21 Samuel & Elizabeth

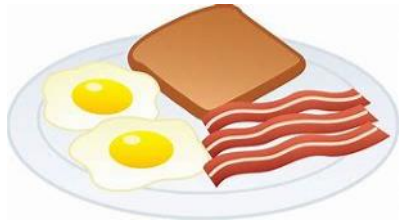


We need people from our parish to help spread the joy of Christmas in Elimspport! A Nativity and Christmas Village organizing meeting will be held Tuesday at 6:30 on October 26, 2021 at the Elimspport Church social hall. Please come and join our team!

The date for the Nativity and Christmas Village will be December 11th from 1:00-5:00, and a weather rescheduling date of December 18th with the same time frame.



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



If anyone is interested in Christian VHS tapes for children and adults, please see the table in the Fellowship Hall. They are free to anyone and please take as many as you would like. They will not be available after November 21st.



Christmas Giving Tree

We will be getting names of students from Montgomery Elementary school to sponsor families/children in need for Christmas gifts again this year. We are looking for individuals or families to provide the clothing needs and a few toys for one child. The list of needs should be available for volunteers by the beginning of November. The Christmas tree with tags for additional gifts will be set up by Sunday, November 7th.

All gifts should be new and unwrapped and need to be returned NO LATER than Sunday, December 5th.

Elimsport Administrative Council will meet Monday, November 8th 6:30.



St. John's Administrative Council will meet Thursday, November 11th at 7:00.

There will be a Finance meeting for Elimsport on Tuesday, November 16th at 6:30.



Various means to keep updated:

website: evpumc.org

Face book: Elimsport United Methodist Parish

Electronic sign at Elimsport church

email Pastor Mike: hjebm@comcast.net

email church: elimsportumc@gmail.com

Call Pastor Mike: 570-547-1386

Text Pastor Mike: 570-974-8590 (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.



- Items for December's newsletter are due November **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 collecting donations for college



care bags. You may give donated snacks or money to Christa or Sharon. Also if you have the name of a college student from our Parish, please notify Sharon or Christa. We have a list, but it always helps to hear from you!



The Parish is planning on attempting a Christmas Village this year. Please get

your thinking caps on and check the bulletin for an upcoming meeting date! This will be a new adventure with an outside nativity, caroling, of course food, and any other ideas!



Kid's Corner



Gobble Gobble

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.