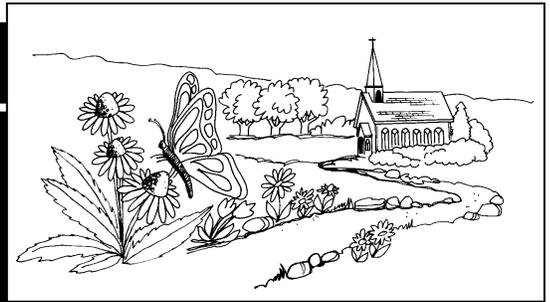


# Valley Views



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## “Taking Christmas Into Our Own Hands”

I have been amazed at the recent “push” to bring Christmas on. It seems as though since the first day of November, we have been seeing commercials about holiday savings on automobiles with bells and music to hint at Christmas. Then there comes the flyers in the newspapers encouraging people to do their shopping early and that shoppers can get black Friday prices weeks before black Friday actually comes. And I realized why this was happening. One cashier said to me they are doing this because the Christmas season is shorter this year and this is because Thanksgiving is late.

So, what seems like the obvious thing to do? Take matters into our own hands. If the shopping season isn’t long enough, we’ll make it longer. If we don’t have enough time with 26 days, we’ll make more time by extending the shopping season. Sadly, we let time, or lack of it, whip us into a frenzy every year when the Christmas season rolls around and it ruins the true meaning of Christmas; that God is with us in Christ Jesus.

It really doesn’t matter what we do, Christmas is coming on December 25<sup>th</sup> and it’s perfect timing. After a long year, filled with ups and downs, Christians celebrate the birth of the Savior of the world, and the hope he

brings to all of us. Although it’s not really clear what day Christ was born on, Christmas day is the day we celebrate God’s perfect timing when he sent Jesus the Messiah into the world to save us from our sins. God didn’t wait, he didn’t try to extend time, he wasn’t scurrying around trying to get ready, he came in the flesh at the perfect time. Paul told the Galatians “But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law” [NASB]

The New Living Translation states it like this: “But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.” [NLT]

My guess is that if it would have been up to us to send God’s Son into the world, with our busy schedules we would have put it off or tried to extend the date and he still wouldn’t have been sent. Good thing it was up to God!

Not only do we celebrate the birth of Christ, we also celebrate God’s love and presence with us every day, even in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. It’s not God’s fault that there are less days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. No matter when Christmas comes, it’s perfect timing and it’s the greatest gift we could ever receive. Yes, there are less days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. Our best solution; turn the TV off, put down those flyers, and “Do not

be afraid. There is good news of great joy for all the people. Remember that on that day, in the city of David, a Savior was born, he is Christ the Lord!” (Luke 2:10-11)

Glory to God in the Highest

And on earth peace to all on whom his favor rests.

Pastor Mike



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# Youth Fellowship

The Youth Fellowship enjoyed the hayrides at Elimsport Church and Hal Drick's cabin, (and the goodies provided afterwards). The weather was cooperative for both events.

We went bowling at Harvest Moon November 3rd, where we impressed ourselves with each of us some how getting a strike, (followed by several gutter balls), but we still had fun. This is a great place for families on a Sunday afternoon as it is only \$1.50/game and \$1.00 for bowling shoes. Open bowling is from noon to 5pm on Sundays throughout the winter months. Of course, we stopped to eat afterwards with McDonald's being the choice for a meal rather than ice cream as we were "starving."



We are starting our winter fundraisers. We have God's Creation 2014 Calendars available for \$7.00. The calendars have large spaces to write in your appointments and activities and biblical verses to provide encouragement. We are currently taking orders for Christmas Wreathes. They are available as plain, with a bow, and fully decorated. The prices will be made available the Sunday after Thanksgiving. See any youth member today to purchase your calendar and to place your wreath order. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.



A big thank you to Pastor Mike and the youth group (Jason, Kyle, Ellen, Amy, & Jenna) for helping rake and clear Aunt Dorothy Tilburg's leaves.

~ The Rhone Family

## Youth Fellowship Happenings

12/01	6:30pm	Meeting at the church. Sign up for Bucknell men's basketball game.
12/08	7:00pm	Hanging of the Greens at Elimsport Church, youth will be decorating the Christmas tree.
12/15	1:30pm	Meet at the church-Toys for Tots at Lewisburg warehouse.
	7:00pm	St John's Christmas Play.
12/22		No meeting.
12/29		No meeting.
01/05	1:00pm	Meet at the church. Men's basketball game at Bucknell.

*Call or email Tweet with any questions.*



Thanks to the Drick family for another great hayride. It was a beautiful night for the hayride and hot dog roast

Thanks to everyone that helped with the Elimsport hayride. A good time was had by all!

Thank you to everyone that helped contribute to the college care packages. Please continue to keep our college kids in your thoughts and prayers. We are blessed to have so many college kids and such wonderful people in our parish to help with this great ministry.

Thank you for your prayers and cards during my recent surgery. It is wonderful to have such a supportive church family.

Michelle Waughen



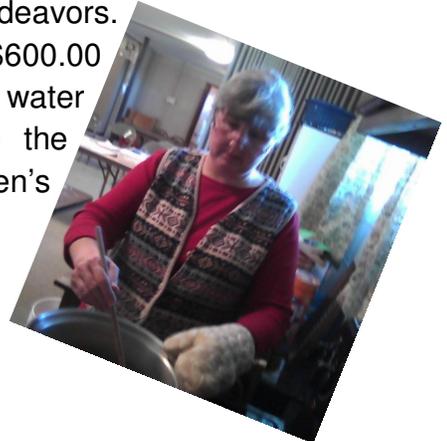
Donnie Waltman and his food service crew.



Thank You:

From the bottom of our hearts the Apple Dumpling Gang says thanks to everyone who has supported us. God tells us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We sure have had a lot of good fellowship and blessings in our endeavors.

We have been able to donate \$600.00 toward St. John's new water pump and \$200.00 to the United Methodist Children's Home.



## Celebrating Christ

Rod McKuen

For Christians, celebrating the Christ Child's birthday should mean more than midnight services and exchanging gifts. It ought to be a kind of spring, a rededication to God and the Son He sent to earth to save us.

Christmas is a time of celebration. Bright packages and ropes of pine, starched red bows and ribbons, eggnog and plum pudding, all promising we'll be touched by something extraordinary.

But Christmas is a time of memory as much as celebration. For some it is memory of loss, intensified because, for all of our lives, we've seen it as the season of promise. So much promised by friends and family, so little given in the rush. Christmas is and can be lonely. A loneliness that crowds us like no other as we turn inward, farther from reality than at any other season.

God may have been the architect, but he sent Christ, His Son, to be our builder. He showed us in a thousand ways that none of us need ever fear again, that worry is worth nothing, loneliness is self-indulgence, and death is only a passport to everlasting life.

This year, as Christmas makes its round again, resolve to smile inside and out. Carry kindness to its farthest edge, compassion still beyond. And you will finally know yourself, Then, reaching just a little farther through the mists and myths, grasp the outstretched hand of God.

(Submitted by Stuart Seitzer)



### We Need Your help!

The Elimsport Church Council and Trustees have a number of small repair jobs that our building needs. These include drywall repair, wiring, painting, and plumbing. Do you know of any good handymen or women we could call? Please contact Pastor Mike, Frank Cleaver, or any member of the Trustees or

Do you have the Internet? Consider signing up to receive the Valley View via email. Save trees (paper), time in preparing the newsletter to be mailed, postage. We all need to be the best stewards possible of the tithes and offerings placed in the offering plate each week. Contact the church office at [elimsportumc@gmail.com](mailto:elimsportumc@gmail.com) with your email address (please include your name) and we will do the rest. Thanks

# Rejoice!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS LYRICS

Happy Birthday to You  
Happy Birthday to You  
Happy Birthday, dear Jesus  
Happy Birthday to You

Happy birthday, Jesus  
I'm so glad it's Christmas  
All the tinsel and lights  
And the presents are nice  
But the real gift is You

Happy birthday, Jesus  
I'm so glad it's Christmas  
All the carols and bells  
Make the holiday swell  
And it's all about You

Happy birthday, Jesus  
Jesus I love You

Happy birthday, Jesus  
I'm so glad it's Christmas  
All the tinsel and lights  
And the presents are nice  
But the real gift is You

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***Christmas Events:***

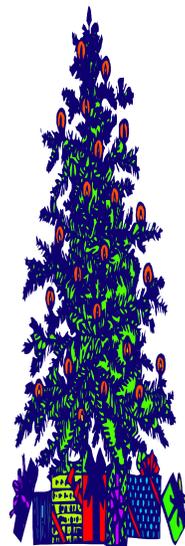
<i>Hanging of the Greens</i>	December 8th St. John's during worship Elimsport at 7:00 pm
<i>St John's Christmas play</i>	December 15th at 6:30 pm. refreshments to follow. Please come and enjoy our kids and teens as they perform Do You Believe in Christmas? Please bring cookies to share for the fellowship time after the play. We will have a Play practice on December 14th time to be announced at a later date.
<i>Elimsport Christmas Pageant</i>	December 22 during worship at 9:00 am. Come and hear the Christmas story through the eyes of a child
<i>Christmas Eve Services</i>	St. John's at 6:30 pm Elimsport at 8:00 pm

**Coat Collection**

Once again St. John's is collecting hats, boots, gloves, coats and scarves that are in new or good condition to donate to those in need. There is a collection box in the vestibule. Please help with this great cause!

**Its Turkey Time!**

When turkeys go on sale please consider purchasing one and donate it to St. John's for their dip suppers (or we will pay you the sale price.) If you need freezer space call Kay Showers 570-538-1855 or Marie Kennedy 570-547-1772.



**Warming of the Tree**

This year we will be donating items to the United Methodist Home for Children . Both churches have a Christmas tree with ornaments listing items that the home needs. We are asking people to take an ornament from the tree and carry it with them as they do their Christmas shopping. Purchased items should be placed under the tree. Hopefully we will have items by December 15th so we can take them to the home. There also will be a list at the back of each church of items the home needs. The items could be something to replenish supplies at the home or a Christmas gift for one of the youth staying there. Please help out with this great mission



## Out of Chaos, Hope

By Kay E. Showers

"*Out of Chaos, Hope*" is the message printed on the back of T-shirts that the Morning Star Presbyterian Church Disaster Assistance, Bayville, N.J. gave volunteers who came to the aid of "The Sandy Storm".

Disaster relief, headed up by Pastor Myrlene, is one of the church's outreach to the community and seems like it is the only relief in the area.

George and Kay Showers recently went on a mission trip to help out with this relief effort and bring some sort of Hope to the community there.

Four volunteers from Annapolis, MD joined our group at Morning Star Presbyterian, our home for the week. The drywall hanging at one house was scrapped, because it was discovered the center of the house needed jacked up. Another house needed to have work done to remove a mold problem.

Nine of our group helped to put

insulation and plywood under one house. This house had never been insulated underneath. Also the deck was pulled in and attached to the house.

A couple of the women helped get some order and cleaning done since the house was still in a state of disarray from the storm. There were shelves built in the garage for storage.

George and Kay tagged along with a group to a house to work because there was no mold in that house. The woman who owned the house had a "for sale" sign on her property because she could not afford to rebuild. A Morning Star church member became aware and shared with the disaster committee. Thus volunteers were sent.

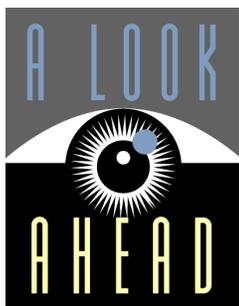
Upon entering and a quick inspection, "The laun [*plywood underlayment*] and tile could not be laid until the old floor was cleaned. We scraped for two days and set nails into the beautiful hardwood flooring that was beyond repair. By the end of the week the two bedrooms and kitchen and most of

the living room had a new floor.

Bill and George took assessment of the doors that had been delivered as to where they were to be hung. George worked in one small bathroom to remodel it and make it more accessible. The drywall in another large bathroom had to be removed and new larger pieces placed in. They also had to work on rebuilding the window sills and molding around the windows.

We were in New Jersey almost a year to the day after Sandy. Many homes and business are still not useable or are condemned. Donna's home is in Seaside Heights. This town was the scene many saw on the news media where the roller coaster was in the ocean and the boardwalk and businesses burned.

All in all, with God's help, and many who have come to the area to continue the enormous task of cleaning up after Superstorm Sandy, some sort of hope will begin to emerge from the chaos.



### Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive is coming up on Tuesday December 3 from 2-7 at the Elimsport church. Please make plans to give the gift of blood.



### *Christmas Party*

### Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm. Drink will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and a wrapped gift for each child you bring.

### Christian Crusaders

Christian Crusaders next meeting will be on Dec. 6th at 6:00 pm at the church. The meal will be catered.

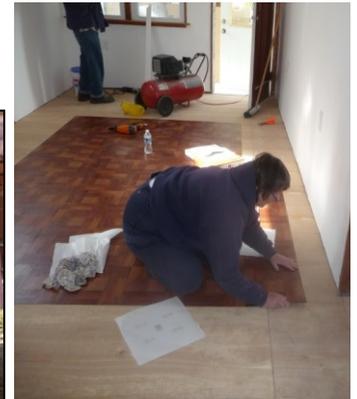


### Soup Picnic

Saturday, January 18, 2014. Stayed tuned for details.

### Prayer Chain

We will be updating our prayer chain beginning January 1 2014. If you wish to be added or removed, please let Pastor Mike know before January 1.



**Bible Study**

Parish Bible Study continues on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 at St. John's. All are welcome.

- Items for January's newsletter are due December 20th.
- Items for the weekly bulletin's need to be to Pastor Mike or Deb by Thursday **morning** each week.

*(Items received after these dates are not guaranteed to be printed.)*

# Elimsport Volunteers

**Greeters for December**

Dec. 1	Jennifer Springman & family
Dec. 8	Sue Lane
Dec. 15	Larry & Ethel Starr
Dec. 22	Janet Eisworth
Dec. 29	Christa McCormick

**Nursery Attendants for December**

Dec. 1	Hilda Sampsell
Dec. 8	Taryn Myers
Dec. 15	Carol Riddell
Dec. 22	Christmas Pageant
Dec. 29	Carlene Moore

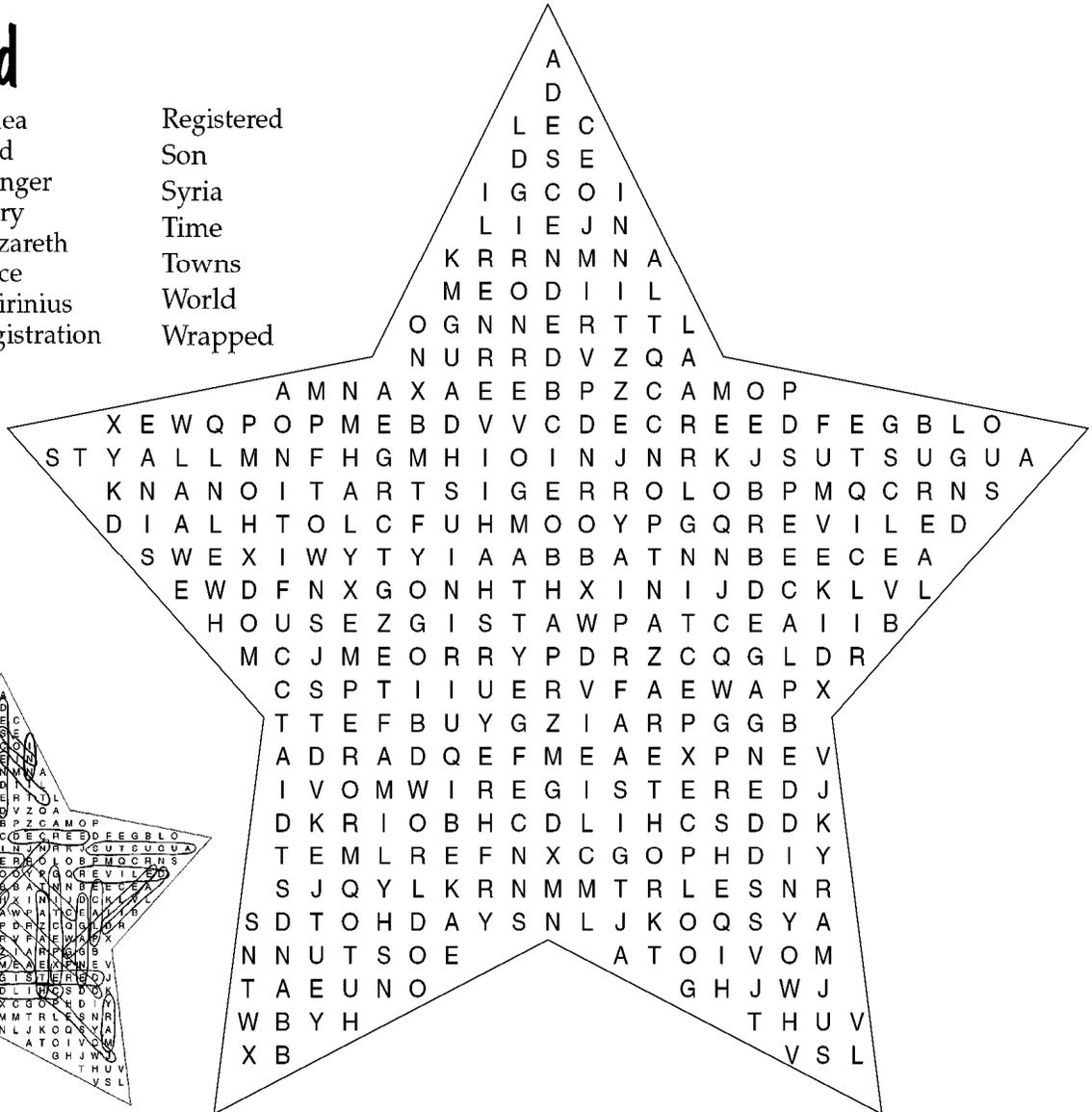
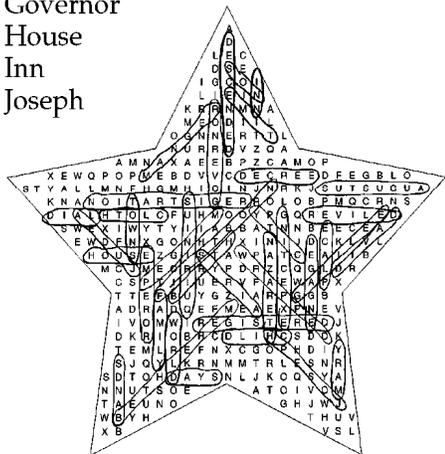
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# Word Find

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- Bands
- Bethlehem
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# SON LIGHT HOUSE REFLECTIONS

Son Light House – 130 Carpenter Street, Muncy, PA 17756 – Phone: 546-3585    November 2013

**Son Light House**, established in 1982, is a non-profit, ecumenical, and community-supported resource that distributes food, clothing, and limited furniture to individuals and families in need and that qualify on family income guidelines set up by state and federal policies. Son Light House serves individuals and families in eastern Lycoming County. Son Light House is an equal opportunity provider.

**The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. (Isaiah 61:1)** What good news can we bring? That there is some food and clothing is good. What more good things should and will we do for those experiencing hunger and poverty?

**Households and Individuals Served**

	Households	Individuals	New Hlds.
June	458	1,098	12
July	477	1,173	8
Aug	485	1,174	9
Sept	501	1,220	14
Oct	817	2,025	20

**Son Light House – for All Ages**

	Children	Adults	Seniors
June	317	516	265
July	354	552	267
Aug	332	563	279
Sept	351	589	280
Oct	606	989	430

**Muncy Skilled Nursing Unit (SNU) Furniture Has an Extended Use** - Muncy SNU recently updated some furniture in resident rooms. Son Light House was able to make some of the used furniture available to SLH recipients. Thanks to those at Muncy SNU who thought of and shared with others in need.

**CROP Walk Benefits Son Light House**

Son Light House recently received \$1,444.21 from CROP Walk sponsored by the United Churches of Lycoming County. Thanks to those who walked and those who made contributions. The combined effort will benefit those in need.

**Food Stamp Cuts Affecting Seniors and Others**

Food stamp (SNAP) cuts have been occurring and are being extended further as of November 1. Senior citizen recipients at Son Light House appear to be among those most affected locally.

**“Thank You” to These Recent Supporters**

**In Memory of – Bob Feisher:** Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Jr.; Robert and Julie Doak, Ruth Letteer, Barry and Ellaine Metz, Thomas and Donna Nesbitt; **Bill Guthrie:** Craig and Jodi Everett.

**Individuals and Families** who have recently supported Son Light House include: Pastor Marvin and Jean Breininger, Kermit and Maryann Breon, Wilma Fish, Larry and Sandy Foresman, Ron Gingery, Ken and Tolanda Geromi, Elaine Hacker, Lee Ann Hawk, Ed and Sylvia Herman, Jeff, and Helen Hiserman and family, Darlene James, Janet Kohler, Randall Laird; Gene and Carol McCarty, John and Pat Merrifield, Tammy Murphy, Dr. Naresh and Anita Nagpal, Arlene Opp, David and Donna Painter, Rosemary Rohrbach, Chris Ross, Philip and Betty Soohy, Lois Temple, Max and Diann Walters, Steve and Kathy Whipple.

**Churches and Church Organizations** for their recent support: Bethany United Methodist Church (UMC), Hughesville; Catholic Diocese of Scranton – Social Justice Fund; Christ UMC, Hughesville; Church of the Resurrection, Muncy; Clarkstown UMC; Ecroyd Missionary Circle, Muncy; ElimSPORT UMC; Evangelical Friends Church, Hughesville; Faith

Church, Lairdsville; First Church of Christ, Williamsport; First Church of Christ (Disciples), Williamsport; First UMC, Montgomery; First UMC, Muncy; Grace Presbyterian Church, Montgomery; Lungerville Christian Church, Unityville; Maple Hill UMC, Montgomery; Messiah Lutheran Church, Clarkstown; Mill Creek UMC, Montoursville; Moreland Baptist Church, Muncy; Muncy Baptist Church; Muncy Presbyterian Church; Picture Rocks UMC; Pleasant View Wesleyan Church, Muncy; Salem UMC, Unityville; St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Muncy; St. James Episcopal Church, Exchange; St. James Episcopal Church, Muncy; St. Mark's Church, Lairdsville; Tivoli UMC.

**Community Businesses and Organizations** that recently made generous donations of money, food, or services include: American Legion Post 35, Hughesville; Business and Professional Women's Club, Muncy; Cherry Apple Realty – RE/Max Edge, Muncy; Epsilon Eta, Beta Sigma Phi, Muncy; Live Well Fitness, Muncy; Muncy Area Lions Club; Muncy Bank and Trust Company; Pennsdale and Huntersville Senior Citizens; Piney Ridge Hunting Club, Muncy; Retired Teachers Association, Muncy; Spring Window Fashions, Montgomery; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans – Lycoming-Sullivan County Chapter; VFW Post 3428, Muncy; Weis Markers, Muncy; Xi Zeta Rho Sorority, Hughesville.

**Schools and Youth Groups** for their recent support: Ashkar Elementary School, Hughesville; George A. Farrell Elementary School, Picture Rocks; Montoursville Area High School; Myers Elementary School, Muncy.

**Son Light House Hours of Operation:**

**Donations:**

Every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 7:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Food, clean, usable, seasonable clothing, toys, and furniture may be donated only at this time.

**Distributions:**

Every other week on Wednesday from 9:30 – noon and Thursday 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Distribution Dates:**

November 13+-14+, 20\*-21\* \*Thanksgiving

December 4+-5+, 18\*-19\* \*Christmas

January 8,-9+, 22-23

February 5+-6+, 19-29

+ Senior Boxes – for eligible seniors

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**How Can I/We Help?**

Prayers, volunteers, money, and food donations – especially cereal – are always needed. For more information or to get involved, contact **Son Light House** by calling Ken and Delores Frey at 546-3585.

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**Program Needs**

- Juice
- Canned fruit
- Paper cups
- Paper bowls
- Baby wipes
- Baby bottles
- Baby wash
- Diapers

**BonTon Community Days Sale** is Nov. 15-16.

Neighborhood Center has coupon books available for a \$5 donation. You can take advantage of big savings including a coupon for \$10 off your purchase.

# The Good Neighbor

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## Milk and Cookies



Do you recall a time when, as a child, you came home from school and sat down to enjoy some milk and cookies? This was a time to relax and let go of the anxieties of the school day and enjoy the safety and comfort of being home. It was a time to share stories with family and plan time with friends. Everything was always better during “milk and cookie time”.

Today, at Neighborhood Center, children get a nutritious meal instead of milk and cookies after school. This not only provides for the children’s nutritional needs, but also allows for a time

of relaxation and renewal. The children spend time with friends and staff members who listen to stories of the school day and work out problems they may have encountered during their day. They are encouraged to make a fresh start and are encouraged to make better choices.

No matter whom, children or adults, there is still the need to take time to relax, recharge and let go of the anxieties of our day. “Milk and cookie time” is not only for children. Neighborhood Center may not serve as much milk and cookies as we once did, but we are still a place that can offer “milk and cookie time”; something that renews the mind, body or spirit, to those who come through our doors.

## Election Day Food Sale

The Friends of Neighborhood Center are again organizing an Election Day food sale to be held at Neighborhood Center on November 5, 2013. They are asking for donations of baked goods, soups, beef barbeque, and beef hot dogs. The Friends also need volunteers who can prepare and sell the food items on November 5th. Two hour shifts are available any time between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A large turn out is anticipated because it is a Mayoral

Election year, so please consider helping with this fundraiser.

Proceeds from the sale benefit the Towanda Acey Scholarship Fund. This scholarship provides funds to support post secondary education for a student between the ages of seven-teen and twenty-two. The scholarship will be awarded at the annual Juneteenth celebration, Saturday, June 14, 2014.

**Election Day food sale, November 5, 2013**

Like us on Facebook at Neighborhood Center UMC – Harrisburg.

## Meals For Our Children

During this year's Summer Adventure program we were blessed to have meals provided by the following groups. Some of these groups provided more than one meal or did activities with the children while they visited the Center. We thank all who generously shared with our children by giving food or monetary gifts for meals and we look forward to seeing you next summer.

**Baughman UMC/New Cumberland**  
**Bethany UMC/Hughesville**  
**Bethany UMC/Marysville**  
**Calvary UMC/Harrisburg**  
**Calvary UMW/Wiconisco**  
**Camp Hill UMC/Camp Hill**  
**Camp Hill UMC Staff/Camp Hill**  
**Centenary UMC/Steelton**  
**Charlton Church/Paxtonia**  
**Chestnut Grove UMC/Dillsburg**  
**Crossroads UMC/Stewartstown**  
**Enola Emmanuel UMC/Enola**  
**Faith UMC/UMW Bellefonte**  
**Faith UMW/SALT group**  
**First UMC/UMW/Muncy**  
**Fishing Creek Salem UMC/Etters**  
**Grace UMC/Lemoyne**  
**Harris Street UMC/Harrisburg**  
**Linglestown Life UMC/Linglestown**  
**Ms. Hafsa Hamid**  
**Ms. Lamyaa Elawad**  
**New Bloomfield UMC/New Bloomfield**  
**Pine Grove Mission Team/Hbg**  
**St. John's UMC/Grantville**  
**St. Mark's UMC/Camp Hill**  
**St. Paul's UMC/State College**  
**Town Hill UMC/Shickshinny**  
**Trinity UMC/Hummelstown**  
**Young's UMC/Mechanicsburg**

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering through providing a meal for children in the Summer Adventure program please contact Carole at 717-233-6541 or reach us through our website, [www.NeighborhoodCenterHbg.org](http://www.NeighborhoodCenterHbg.org)

## Scholarship Money Awarded

The Towanda Acey scholarship was presented during the annual Juneteenth celebration held at Neighborhood Center, June 15, 2013. This year the scholarship committee was able to select three deserving scholarship awardees; Dominique Locket, attending Delaware State University; Victoria Ortega, attending Harrisburg Area Community College; and Stevi Thompson, attending Messiah College.

Proceeds from the November Election Day food sale will provide for the 2014 scholarship award.



Scholarship winner, Stevi Thompson with her mother Vivian Thompson. Stevi is dressed to perform with the Joint Heirs Mime Ministry.

## Still Saving Labels

The Center continues to save Campbell's product UPC's. With your help and the efforts of long-time Campbell's Labels for Education Coordinator, John Landis, we were able to get a van to transport children, supplies and donations.



Mr. Landis has now retired and we thank him for his years of endless dedication to the Center and especially the Labels for Education program. Long-time board member and friend of Neighborhood Center, Fern Boyer is our new Campbell's Coordinator. Please continue to send product UPC's to the Center. We continue to save for the next van (1.6 million labels).

Our current collection total is 410,000 so keep saving those labels. It took 9 years to collect enough for the van we currently have.

A list of participating products can be found at [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).



Messiah College students, volunteering through the Into the Streets program, hold an end of summer carnival for children.

**We are very thankful for all those who give of their time and talents.**



Youth from Barrington, RI camped out at the Center for a week this summer. They spent time with our children, shoveled and raked new playground cover and worked with Grace UMC downtown in their ministry to the homeless.



Members of the CD Ram Band volunteered for a day of service during Band Camp.

In April members of Linglestown Life gave a day of service to Neighborhood Center. They worked inside and outside the building organizing, cleaning, and making improvements to the landscaping.

Employees of TE Connectivity participated in United Way Day of Caring at Neighborhood Center. These volunteers worked hard all day to make the Center a brighter, cleaner, and safer place. We thank them for all the cleaning, sanding, varnishing, painting, raking, trimming, and weeding they were able to accomplish. Special thanks to the group that stayed late to complete the new shelving in the closet. It is now a wonderfully organized and usable space.



Camp Hill United Methodist, Camp Hill came for a day of service at Neighborhood Center. They packed back to school supplies, raked, weeded, cleaned, swept, and organized books. We appreciate the time and talent given to benefit the children and families of Neighborhood Center.

This was the first year Deloitte, LLP came to Neighborhood Center for IMPACT Day. On this day employees go out into the community and serve at non-profits. We are happy to have them partner with us.

Thanks to Amwins, Grace UMC, Harrisburg and Chambers Hill UMC, Harrisburg, the children and teens of the Center started the school year with beautiful backpacks filled with school supplies.

**Hershey Park Volunteer Report**

Throughout the spring, summer, and fall, volunteers worked at the Hershey Park to benefit Neighborhood Center. Each volunteer received a voucher good for a return visit to the park and Neighborhood Center received the earnings as a donation. So far the total being donated to the Center is \$5,797. Special thanks to Barb Janecko for her years of service coordinating Hershey volunteers and a warm welcome to Bonnie Rhoads our new Hershey Park Volunteer Coordinator.



The Giant A+ Rewards Program runs October 6, 2013 thru March 22, 2014. Register your BONUSCARD now to benefit the Neighborhood Center.

**All you have to do is:**

Log on to [www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus](http://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus) to designate Neighborhood Center

OR

Register at your local store

**Neighborhood Center's School I.D. code # 02571**

After you register your card, each shopping trip to Giant using your BONUSCARD earns CASH for Neighborhood Center!

Please register yourself, then tell your friends, family and church members to do the same. It could mean more funds to benefit the work being done at Neighborhood Center.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Pick up college care packages Youth 6:30 pm	2	3 Blood Drive 2-7:00 pm @ Elimsport St. John's Christmas Party 6:30 pm	4 Elimsport Choir practice: Kids 6:00pm Adults 6:30pm	5	6 Christian Crusaders 6:00 pm	7
8 Hanging of Greens St. John's (worship) Elimsport 7:00 pm	9 Elimsport Ad Council 6:30 pm	10 Bible Study 6:30 pm	11 Elimsport Choir practice: Kids 6:00pm Adults 6:30pm	12 St. John's Ad Council 7:00 pm	13	14
15 Youth 1:30 pm @ Toys for Tots St. John's Christmas play 6:60pm	16	17 Bible Study 6:30 pm	18 Elimsport Choir practice: Kids 6:00pm Adults 6:30pm	19	20	21
22 Elimsport Christmas Pageant during worship	23	24 Christmas Eve Services St. John's 6:30 pm Elimsport 8:00 pm	25 Merry Christmas 	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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# VALLEY VIEWS



**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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