

# Valley Views



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Pastor Dave Shultz

Greetings,

I hope this letter finds you all well. You are either reading this in the day immediately before Easter or afterwards. Either way, the passion of Christ is in our minds. I want to direct you to a very important passage from Romans 6:4. Paul writes,

*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*



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New life! That is what the good news of Jesus Christ is all about, new life made possible because of what God has done and is doing. God is indeed doing a new thing, and we proclaim the power of it on Easter Day, "He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!"

I love that statement. It has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember, and it continues to shape me, and re-form me into one who can now live new life because of Jesus Christ, who leads me daily to experience life anew in God's great kingdom.

Dallas Willard wrote in his book *Life Without Lack*, "If we limit the gospel to what Jesus did during a few days at the end of his earthly existence, we miss most of the picture." He reminds us that the saving work of Christ is not confined to the cross or even to the empty tomb. It is the ongoing, resurrected life of Jesus including His presence, His power, and His Kingdom, that meets us in the everyday.

That tells us something very fundamental and something we must grasp before we can grow in God's grace, and that is that forgiveness is essential, but it is not the whole story. The gospel is about *life*—abundant, resurrection-shaped life. Life that Jesus came to bring and we are invited to live the eternal kind of life now. As the hymn says, “We serve a risen Savior who is in the world today.”

Close your eyes. Imagine the day after Easter. And the one after that. And the one after that.

What does it look like to wake up and remember that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is present in your difficult relationships, in your kitchen, in your workplace, in your quiet moments, as well as in the moments when your kids are bouncing off the walls on a rainy, house-bound day? What does it look like to celebrate the resurrection not as an event but as a way of being? Paul writes in Romans that we are to be a people who consider ourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

What does that life look like?

May we become the kind of people who can't help but say, “He is risen!” And may those around us, seeing lives that can only be attributed to what Dallas Willard called “Jesus' with-us-ness,” find themselves echoing back on some random, mundane day, weeks or months later, “He is risen indeed!”

May you encounter the miracle of this inbreaking-kingdom life afresh this Easter season.

*Blessings,*  
*Pastor Dave*



Save the date for the Easter Egg Hunt!! April 4th at 10am sharp on the church softball field. Please spread the word to the children in the community.



There will be a **Maundy Thursday** service at 7pm, at Elimsport UMC.



**Easter Sunrise** will be at St. John's at 6:30am Easter Morning.



There will be a blood mobile on Tuesday, April 7th from 1-6 in the fellowship hall.



There will be a **Good Friday** service at 7pm, at Elimsport UMC.



**Good Friday** Service will be held at Elimsport on Friday, April 3rd at 7pm.



St. John's will be having a chicken Bar-b-que on

April 11th from 4-6pm There will also be macaroni and cheese, baked beans and a dessert. Take-out only. Suggested donation: \$13.00. You can get your tickets from any St. John's member. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Women of Hope

A River Runs Through Her:  
A River Of Hope

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

@ Clinton Twp. Volunteer Fire Co.,  
Montgomery PA  
8a-9a Registration 9a-330p Event

<https://www.facebook.com/WomenOfHopeFaithLove/>



Early Bird  
Registration  
Early Bird Code  
2026SpringWoH

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/women-of-hope/women-of-hope-spring-2025-a-river-runs-through-her>



**Various means to keep updated:**

website: [evpumc.org](http://evpumc.org)  
Face book: Elimsport United Methodist Parish  
Electronic sign at Elimsport church  
email Pastor Dave: [dshultz@susumc.org](mailto:dshultz@susumc.org)  
email church: [elimsportumc@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://evpumc.org) and Elimsport United Methodist Parish face book for up to date church news.

If you would like to have the monthly newsletter emailed to you, please let us know by putting your name and email address on the sheet on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

# Church News

- Items for May's newsletter are due April 20th.
- Items for the weekly bulletin's need to be to the church office by **Wednesday morning** each week.

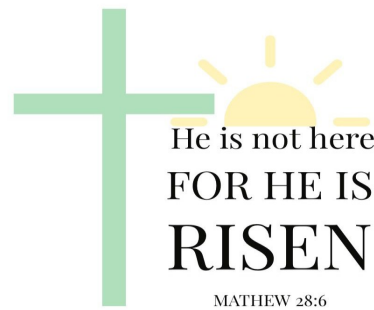
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Wednesday morning breakfast at the Elimsport church is Wednesday mornings, from

**7:30 am to 9:00 am. Please note time change.**

A Facebook page for our churches has been set up. It is called Elimsport Valley Parish. Use it for announcements and news of upcoming events and other information to edify our life together.

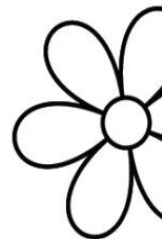
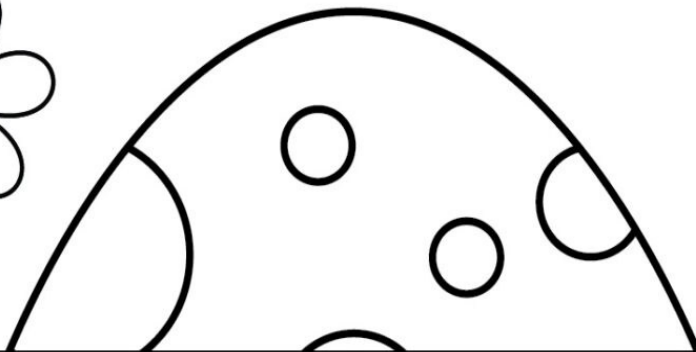
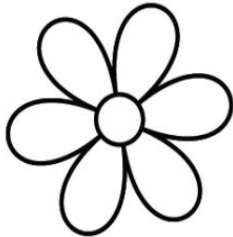
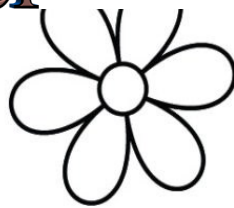
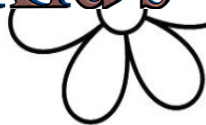


Elimsport Ad Council meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30.

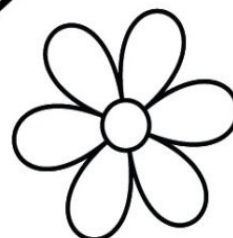
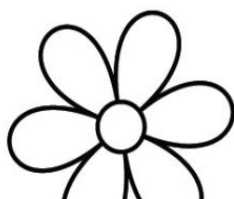
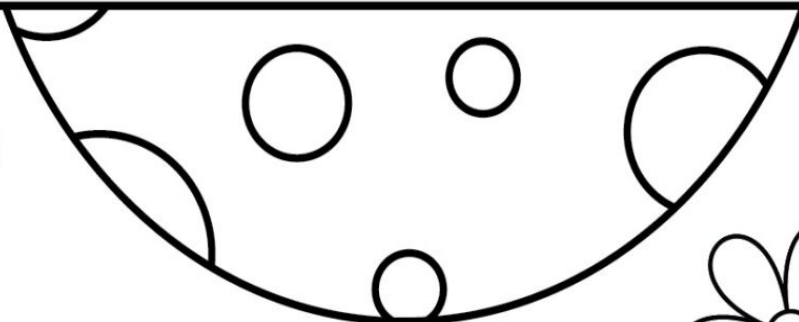
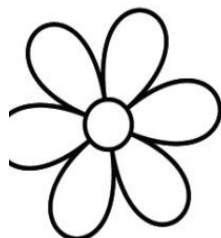


St. John's Ad Council meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30.

# Kid's Corner



HAPPY  
EASTER!



# **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.

### **Parish Office:**

16145S. RT 44 HWY  
Allenwood, PA 17810

### **Parsonage Phone:**

(570) 547-1162

### **Pastor Dave's Cell:**

(570) 439-0004

### **Parish Website:**

[www.evpumc.org](http://www.evpumc.org)

### **Parish email:**

[elimsportumc@gmail.com](mailto:elimsportumc@gmail.com)

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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.**