

Valley Views



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Dear Members and Friends of Elimsport Parish:

Did you ever think August is the new September?

How many of you remember always starting school after Labor Day? That's no more...When do you start back? August? Down South, many school districts are starting Monday August 10. Now take a deep breath! There are some school districts in Georgia, Florida and Arizona that are starting school at the end of July!!! What's with that?

One of reasons many folk connect with a church is that change typically has been slow to happen in churches. The church of our grandparents and parents in many ways is the same church we experience today. We find comfort in something that is consistent when other things change faster than we want. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever."

While change sometimes is stressful and maybe a tad overwhelming, the Bible tells us not to be afraid of change or challenge. Moses brought the Israelites to the Promised Land, but it was Joshua who took them into the Promised Land. It was not an easy journey. It was a time of battles, questions and many pleas to God. But Joshua reminded them that God was always near.....He shared that encouragement in Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

We will all experience change whether we like it or not. But think about this, change might be just the opportunity where we will find a new blessing from God!

In Christ, Pastor Charlie

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The next Paster Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10th, at 6:30pm at the Elimsport Church. If members have any questions or items, they would like to be discussed by the committee, please connect with one of the PPRC Committee members prior to the meeting. PPRC members are Lauren Bryson, Christa McCormick, Retta Moore, Jeremy Kennedy, Fred Kennedy and Donna Satteson.

There will be a Council of Ministries meeting on August 16, 2026 at 3:00 pm at Elimsport. This is a parish group planning mission and outreach projects. All are welcome!



What: Footprints of Montgomery Monthly Drive-thru Food Distribution

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month, beginning August 12th, 3:30-5:30pm

Where: Elimsport United Methodist Church

For individuals and families in need of food assistance who live in the Elimsport area within the Montgomery Area School District.

Looking for volunteer to organize and be call person for a new parish prayer chain. If interested, contact Kay Showers.



St. John's will be having their annual church service and picnic at Charlie and Suzette's on August 23 at 10:30AM. Hot dogs and place setting will be provided, please bring a dish to pass. If you don't have a dish to make just come and enjoy the fellowship. Bring a lawn chair for the service.



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.

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 September's newsletter are due August 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 9:00 am.



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.



The Story Mobile will be visiting the Elimsport Church on Wednesday August 5th and 19th from 1:30-3:30.

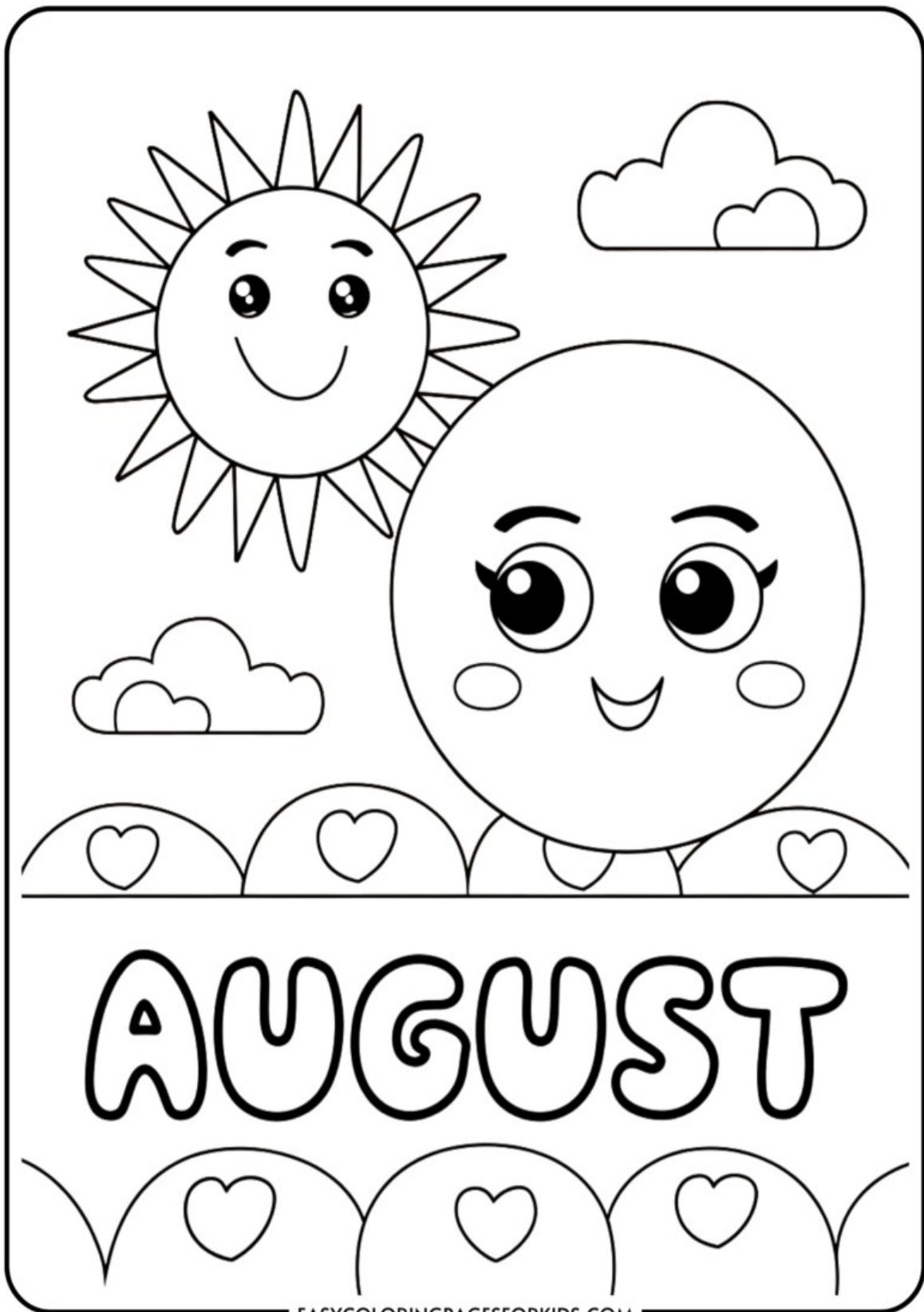


Elimsport Ad Council meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30.



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

Kid's Corner



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:

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Pastor Dave's Cell:

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august

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Psalm 73:26



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.