Valley Views



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Pastor Charlie Salisbury

As we enter the month of November, our hearts naturally turn toward the season of Thanksgiving. The changing colors of autumn, the crispness of the air, and the gathering of family and friends remind us of the many blessings God has graciously poured into our lives. Yet, as followers of Jesus Christ, we know that thanksgiving is more than a holiday or a moment on the calendar. It is a way of life rooted in the goodness, faithfulness, and grace of our Lord.

The apostle Paul encourages us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Notice that Scripture calls us to give thanks *in* all circumstances, not necessarily *for* all circumstances. Some among us may be celebrating answered prayers, while others are quietly carrying burdens that few people see.

When we sit down around our Thanksgiving table with family and friends, not everyone tends to like the same choice of foods. Some of like cranberry sauce, others do not. Yet the beauty of the table is not that we are the same, but rather that we can gather together in our differences.

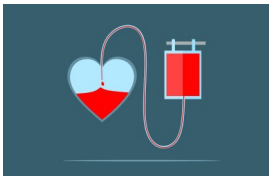
We live in a nation presently where for many our differences prevent us from treating one another with respect much less being willing to gather together at table.

I pray the church never becomes a place where some are excluded because they see the world a little differently. As we truly try to be thankful, help us to truly be thankful for all the people at God's table.

From Vicky and I , please have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

In Christ, Pastor Charlie

The next Blood mobile will be held on Tuesday, November 24th from 1-6 at the Elimsport fellowship hall.



What: Footprints of Montgomery Monthly Drive-thru Food Distribution

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month from 3:30-5:30pm

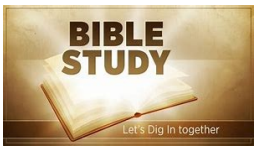
Where: Elimsport United Methodist Church

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





Come to Bible study on the Gospel of John. It will be held **Monday** mornings at 11:15 at St. John's. This straight from Scripture study will last one hour and be led by Pastor Charlie. All you need is your Bible. Any questions, please call or text Pastor Charlie at 717.495.2820.



Please let Christa or Sharon know of any college student from our parish so we can make sure they get a college care package. We don't want to miss anyone. If anyone would like to donate snacks or money, please give to either of us. Thanks for your help!



PPRC Committee Meeting Scheduled for Monday, November 17th, at 6:30pm at the Elimsport Church PPRC Committee members are: Lauren Bryson, Christa McCormick, Retta Moore, Jeremey Kennedy, Fred Kennedy and Donna Satteson.





The next Story mobile will visit on Monday, November 2, 16 & 30 from 10:15am to 11:45 am at the Elimsport UMC.







There will be a Finance meeting on November 2nd at 9am. This includes: Pastor Charlie, Mardi Anderson, Mary Moore, Frank Cleaver and Retta Moore.



Dear Members of St. John's and Elimsport UMC,

Thank you for your generous donations of food (400+pounds) and money to Footprints of Montgomery! This will help keep our shelves stocked and provide meals for neighbors in need.

We are grateful for this gift. Your kindness reflects Christ's love through service to others, and we appreciate your support of our pantry and the families we serve.



With Heartfelt Thanks,
Karen Eck, Director
Footprints of Montgomery

Annual Church Conference will be held Saturday, November 7th at St. Andrews Church in Milton at 11:30 am. Our District Superintendent will preside over this meeting as we approve our annual reports. Any members are invited to attend.



<u>Various means to keep updated</u>:

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 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.)*

Wednesday morning breakfast at the Elimsport church is Wednesday mornings, from 7:30 am to 9:00.



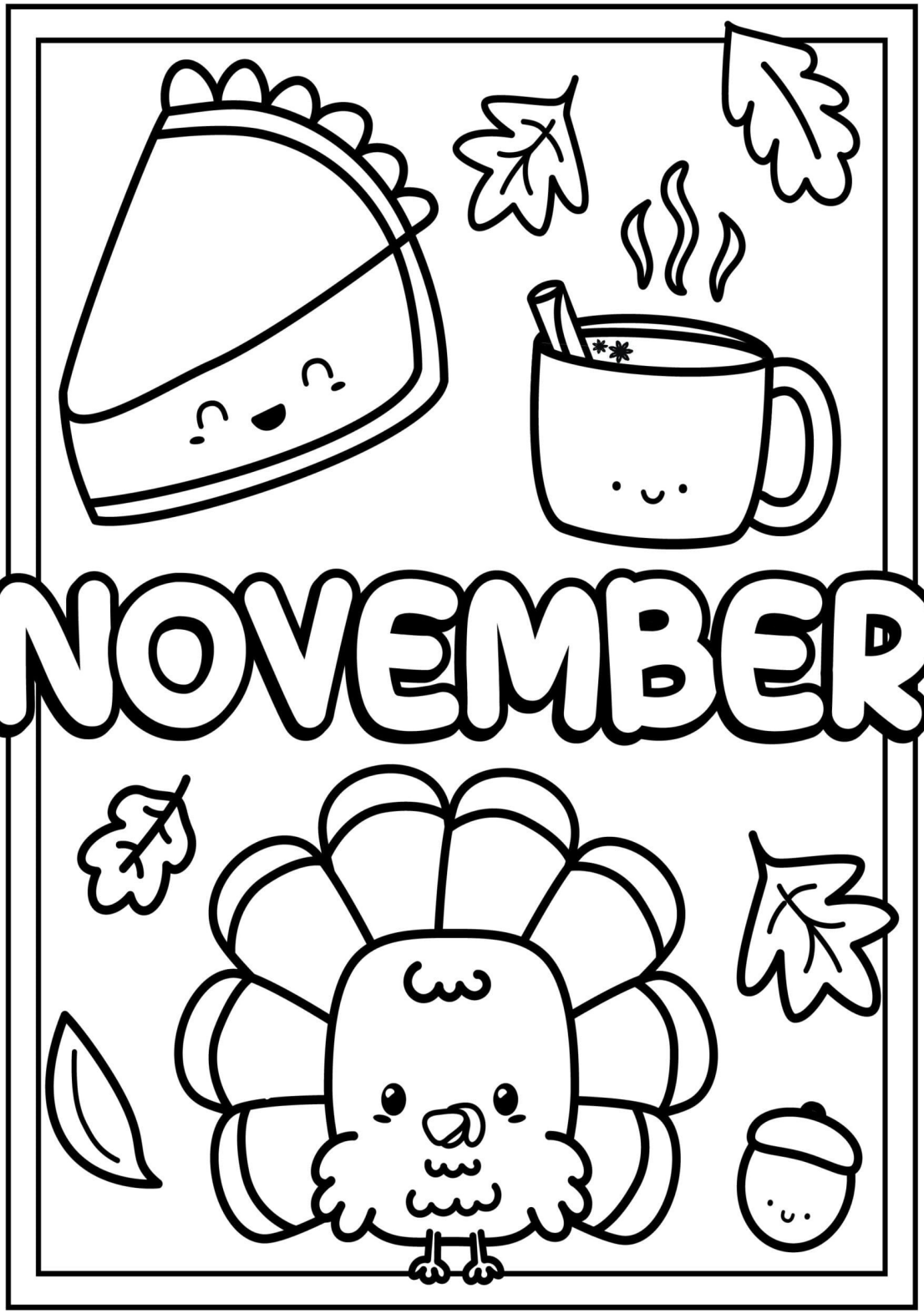
A Facebook page for our churches has been set up. It is called Elimsport Valley Parish. Use it for announcements and news of upcoming events and other information to edify our life together.



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

St. John's Ad Council now meets the **first Tuesday** 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)

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Allenwood, PA 17810

Pastor Charlie's Cell:
(717) 495-2820

Pastor Charlie's email:
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Parish Website:
www.evpumc.org

Parish email:
elimsportumc@gmail.com

Parish Bible Study

Varies according to the season.

www.evpumc.org





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.