

Valley Views



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To the Members and Friends of Elimsport Valley Parish:

I can't tell you how much my wife Vicky has been looking forward to the Fall season here in our new home. Autumn is that balance between the heat of summer and the cold of winter. It has cool crisp mornings and then warm afternoons. WE often have "tweener" days when you have to turn on the car heater in the morning and then turn on the car air conditioner in the afternoon. Fall is wonderful but as we know it is only temporary....each new sunrise gets us a little closer to the frigid temperatures of the winter season.

There is a word I remember from biology class---homeostasis. Homeostasis is when a physical body maintains a stable internal balance despite the fact that things like temperature may change drastically outside the body. Remember that temperature number that indicates healthy balance.....98.6. That temperature is normal despite the season. Whether your running in the summer or shoveling snow in the winter, you were created to be balanced inside.

What about spiritually? Is there a spiritual balance we can expect? How do we get it? How do we keep it? For the Christian, I believe that there indeed is a healthy spiritual balance.

Philippians 4:6-7 teaches:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Paul is saying that your ability to deal with the situations in your life is directly determined by the relationships you have within your life.....Having a personal relationship with Christ gives us a reason not to worry and a constant realization that we are not alone even in the most chaotic of circumstances. But the most important thing of being spiritually balanced, Paul says is that having Jesus in our life can give us a sense of peace even when we don't know what the future might bring....."a peace that passeth all understanding".



This winter will still be cold. Challenges are still in the pathway of the faithful. But having a balanced spiritual life, supported by prayer and Scripture will help us better face anything that comes ahead.

In Christ, Pastor Charlie

What: Foot-prints of Montgomery Monthly Drive-thru Food Distribution

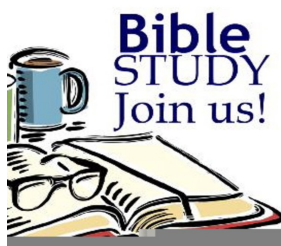


When: 2nd Wednesday of each month from 3:30-5:30pm

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.

There will be a new Bible study on the Gospel of John. It will begin on Tuesday, September 29th at 11:15 am 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.



Elimsport Board of Trustees Meeting Scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2026, at 4:00pm. Board of Trustee members are Lauren Bryson, Bobby Buss, Teresa Flick, Dave Kennedy, Christa McCormick, and Chris Ulrich.



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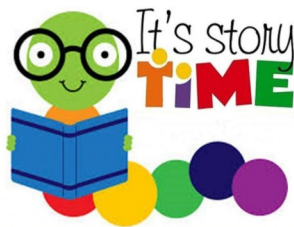
When: 2nd Wednesday of each month, beginning August 12th, 3:30-5:30pm

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The next Story mobile will visit on Monday, October 5th and 19th, from 10:15am to 11:45 am at the Elimsport UMC.



SAVE THE DATE
Community Hot Dog Roast & Hymn Sing
Saturday, October 24, 2026 @ 5 pm
Elimsport United Methodist Church Pavilion
- Come for dinner and fellowship! -



October 4th is World Communion Sunday. There will be Communion at both churches.



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!



The **Elimsport Parish** will be collecting nonperishable food items for **Footprints of Montgomery**. This will run from now until October 18th. Please bring in items and put them in the back of the churches. If you need help carrying anything in please let Christa or Sharon know. Thank you in advance for your help with this great mission!



St. John's will be having a chicken bar-b-que fundraiser on October 10th. Tickets will be available soon.

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 November's newsletter are due October **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



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.

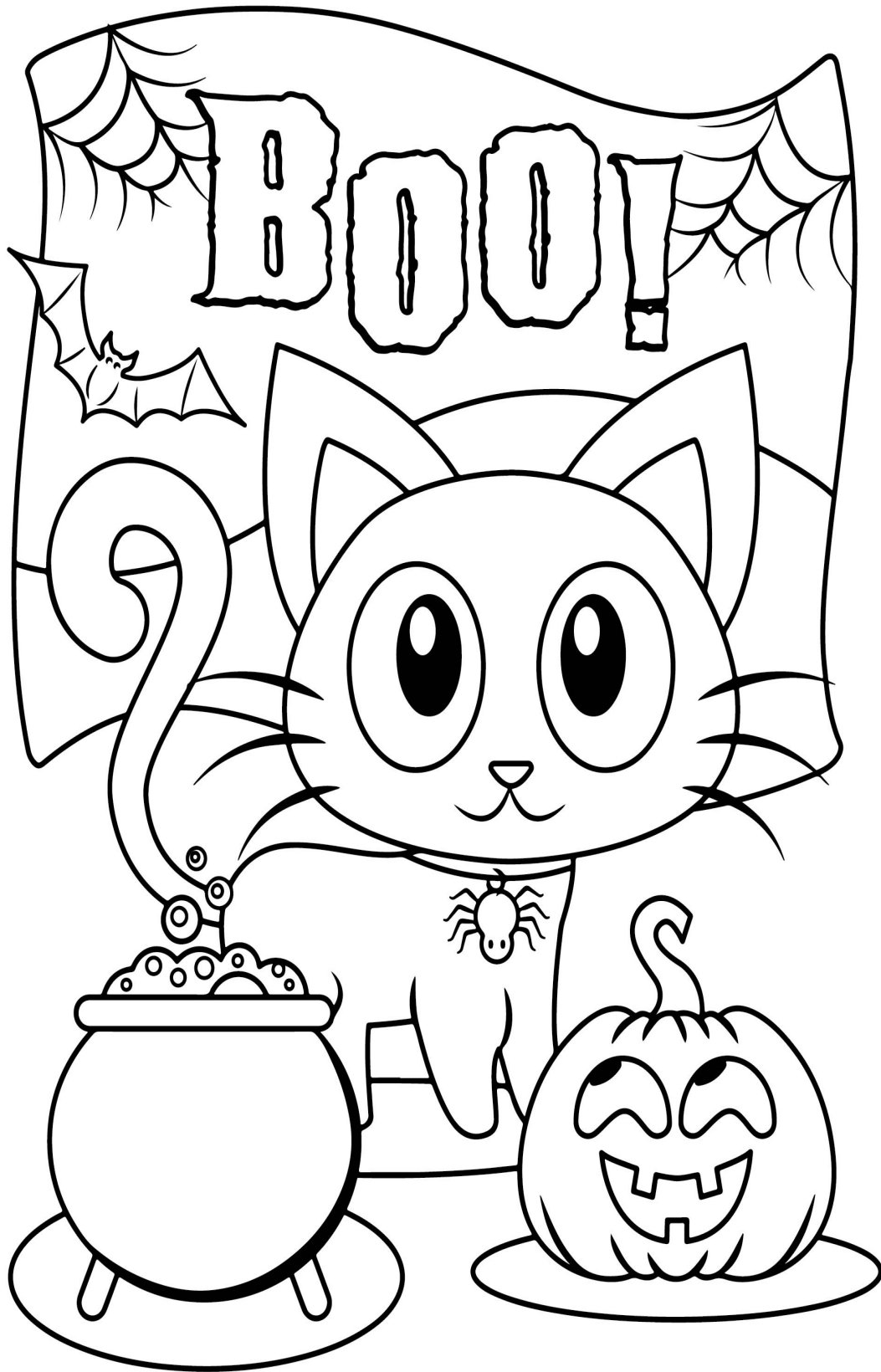


Elimsport Ad Council meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30.



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

Kid's Corner



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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Never let evil get the
best of you;
instead, overpower evil
with the good.
Romans 12:21



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.