

Valley Views



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Dear Members and Friends of Elimsport Charge:



One of the blessings Vicky and I are looking forward to in Elimsport is the changing of the leaves this Fall. We have been planning to go see the Autumn display for years but never got around to it.

I have also come to realize in conversations that for some local folk, this Fall event has lost its fervor over the years. It reminds me of when you talk to some folk who live near the beach. The fascination that brings many visitors to the ocean is lost on those who can see it every day.

The Bible speaks to this kind of difference in perspective. We covet what we do not have. In fact, the final commandment of the Ten Commandments identifies this desire many of us have to want that which is not ours. But there is also a converse of this commandment. We take for granted what is ours. We take for granted the blessings we experience on an every day basis. Sometimes we realize this too late. Remember the Prodigal Son? He did not appreciate the blessings given to him by his father until after he had gone away from home and was stuck cleaning the pig pen.

I guess the teaching of this is to realize we are blessed every day. Perhaps we need to take a look around us: the people, the circumstances and the present are things that we should step back and realize are gifts from God, gifts to be appreciated and for which to give thanks.

Many of us are familiar with the beginning words of Ecclesiastes 3..."For everything there is a purpose under heaven." It was this Scripture that became the theme of the song by the Byrds "Turn, Turn, Turn." But if you continue to read Ecclesiastes 3 you encounter another verse in Ecclesiastes 3:13: "That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God." This Scripture is one of the foundations of the table grace many of us share before our meals. It is a reminder especially in a world where many do not have enough eat, that every meal and every blessing is a gift to be treasured in faith and never taken for granted.

In Christ, Pastor Charlie

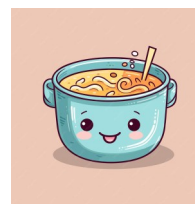
The Brookie Foundation wants to extend our greatest thanks for Elimsport UMC Parish. They raised and donated \$500 a long with generous naming ideas for the bears from all the vacation Bible schoolers. That is roughly 30 bears we can order. Thank you so much!



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 a chicken bar-b-que fundraiser on October 10th. Tickets will be available soon.



St. John's will be selling soups at the Elimsport

fall festival on September 19th from 11-2pm. So far there will be chicken pot pie, broccoli cheese and chicken corn soup. If anyone else would like to make soup let Sharon know.



Bonnie Cromley is collecting Christmas cards and envelopes to be sent to nursing home residents. If you would like

to donate some, you can call Bonnie or drop off at both churches. Thank you!

There will be a Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 22nd from 1-6 in the fellowship hall.



The Elmsport Fall Festival is Saturday, September 19th, from 11:00-2:00. EUM will be selling hot and mild sausage sandwiches as well as iced tea and bottled water. The sign-up sheet on the back table is asking for full gallon bags of sliced onions (frozen if done ahead of time) and full gallon bags of sliced peppers (frozen if done ahead of time) and volunteers to help set-up, serve, and clean-up the day of the Festival. Monetary donations are also welcome to offset cost of supplies.



Last day to sign-up/donate is Sunday, September 6th.



What: Footprints of Montgomery Monthly Drive-thru Food Distribution

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

Where: Elmsport United Methodist Church

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



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 October's newsletter are due September **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.



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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Allenwood, PA 17810

Parsonage Phone:

(570) 547-1162

Pastor Dave's Cell:

(570) 439-0004

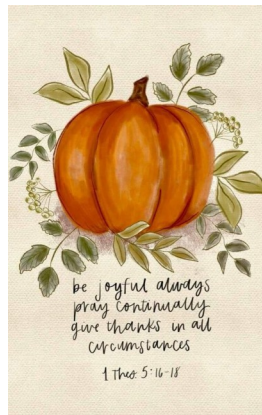
Parish Website:

www.evpumc.org

Parish email:

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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.