

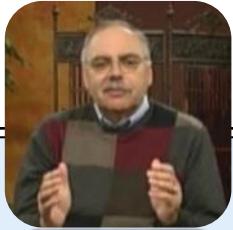
THE JOURNEY



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Rev. Mike Bealla
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“It’s June...”

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I don't know about you, but I can't believe it's June already. The year 2020 is flying by and frankly, many of us look forward to its passing hoping that 2021 might be kinder to us all.

The phrase “We are in this together” is one that is heard often in these days of the pandemic. It is true, of course, that few have been spared from either the worry or the actual disease that is upon us.

All too often though, we forget that this crisis is a world-wide crisis... easy to forget as we focus upon ourselves and those we love close by. Please keep remembering those affected in your prayers and continue to take care of

yourself each day both physically and spiritually.

We need to pray for our country as well as the pain and hurt of those persons of color who feel disenfranchised due to generations of racism. I encourage you to listen to my Pentecost Sermon if you haven't already done so. It is time for us to act in the name of justice and what is right for our brothers and sisters' sake. It's important to remember that how a person feels is sometimes different than how we perceive they should.

Finally, a word on re-opening our worship services. We will follow our Bishop's direction as well as the guidelines of the Governor and CDC. Due to the complexity of re-opening during the yellow phase, (especially as it pertains to

the number of folks able to gather), we will be waiting until we reach the green phase to more safely open our doors. Keep in mind, even when we enter the green phase, there will still be precautions to keep our folks and potential guests safe.

In the meantime, we will continue to offer worship online. Let me thank those of you who have been faithfully participating by sharing online. While I, like you, long for the day when we can worship in the building again, I am so grateful to know that you are still participating online!

Until next time,
Grace & Peace!

Rev. Mike Bealla

Keeping Up Our Tradition 100%

We have just received a commendation for having paid our “Shares of Ministry” in 2019!

“Shares of Ministry”, once known as “apportionments,” are the life blood of our connectional church life. Every United Methodist Church is asked to support our worldwide mission and ministry through our Shares. Based upon a formula which considers each church’s ability to pay (as indicated by expenses) for the greater ministry, these dollars are used to enable ministry in our own communities, the Conference area, and the General Church mission that extends to most countries in today’s world.

The long- standing tradition of paying these shares in “full”, helps asses the vitality of each individual congregation’s ministry, and their heart for mission and those who are hurting.

It is indeed a “big deal” that Elm Park continues to be 100% faithful in supporting not only our own local ministry and outreach, but exciting to realize how much good our giving does everywhere that our connectional church worships and lives. From the inner city to the African brush, we are there!!

Thank-you to our faithful leadership who make this mission an annual commitment to Christ and his Kingdom! And thanks to you as your regular giving does change lives!



Reminder Bread Basket Food Bank Still Open!

Our Bread Basket volunteers continue to reach out to those folks who are in need of food. Operating as a drive thru currently, many are thankful for their willingness to serve others during this crisis. Anyone who is in need of food can come on Wednesday mornings from 10 - 11:45 am to receive food once a month according to family size. The only requirement is that you live in one of the following zip codes:

18503, 18505, 18507, 18510, 18517 and 18518... Thank you for your gifts to this vital local mission!



ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

It is that time of year when the church awards the Jenkins Scholarship and the Elm Park Service Award/Scholarship.

The Jenkins Scholarship was established by Mrs. Joyce McClure in memory of her parents, Winifred and Clarence Jenkins. It is open to members of Elm Park who are accepted by institutions of higher learning below the graduate level. First year applicants should provide a copy of the acceptance letter with the application.

The Elm Park Service Awards/Scholarships are open to all currently participating members of Elm Park United Methodist Church pursuing education beyond high school who have been actively involved with worship and church activities.

Contact the church office for application information. The deadline for application submission for the 2019-2020 Academic Year is **June 30**. All applications must be received by that date for consideration.



Like past years the July issue of The Journey Newsletter is a combined issue for both July and August. If you have an article or announcement for either month make sure to have it in to Wesley Bealla or the Church office no later than June 20th.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Dear God,

It seems like lots of uncertainty around us. So many people who need prayers.

Today, I pray...

For those whose health is compromised by the coronavirus or other health issues. For those who suffer from the economic impact of the virus, in travel, manufacturing, hospitality, energy or so many other industries. For health care workers and first responders, and other public servants who put themselves in harm's way for us. For our leaders of the world, our countries, states, and cities, as they seek to help manage this challenge God, it can be overwhelming. But you tell us over and over again not to be afraid.

Show me how to trust in you. As I examine my heart this Lenten season, help me to turn away from my concern with self, and turn my heart, hands, and prayers toward the concerns of others.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray.

Amen



Communications

Over the last few weeks we have been working on two big projects. One is that we have started live streaming both on YouTube and Facebook instead of just streaming on YouTube. To find it on Facebook just go to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/elmparkscranton.

The second project we have been working on is an official church app.

Right now we are still testing it but if you want to check it out, download the "Band" app on the IOS or Android app stores. Once the app is downloaded search for Elm Park United Methodist Church and click subscribe. On the app we will have announcements, our calendar, some photos, our Live Stream and The Journey. This gives you another way to find information, announcements, and to be able to watch our services from home.

If you have any questions or problems feel free to email or call me or the church office.

- Wesley Bealla

Director of Communications & I.T./Communications Chair

THE ELM PARK JOURNEY

Latest Episodes

You are always invited to watch our frequent Web-Series entitled "The Elm Park Journey." Each episode features our Lay Leader, Diana Howe, as she interviews guests from our church about events, programs, ministries, groups, and about the leaders from our church.

In our most recent episode Diana talks with Rev. Mike about when and how we are going to reopen over the next few weeks or months.

If you have any ideas for future episodes for "The Elm Park Journey" contact Diana Howe, Rev. Mike Bealla, Wesley Bealla or email media@elmparkumchurch.org.



Communications



Check out our monthly printed and emailed Newsletter "The Journey"!



Elmparkumchurch.org

Our primary source for information, news and events. There's resources, staff information, and photos!



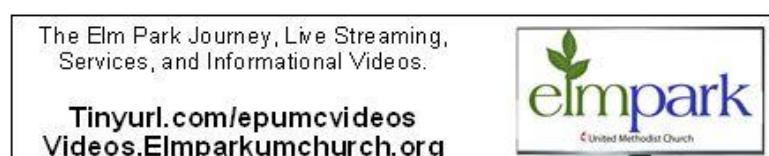
Announcements, reminders, and news sent via email from Rev. Mike.



Connecting you with news and announcements through social media.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020
IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF AUGUST
OR SOON AFTER (DATE TBA SHORTLY!)

OUR THEME WILL BE: "KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE:
QUEST FOR THE KING'S ARMOR"

ALL CHILDREN AGES FOUR THROUGHOUT THOSE WHO
HAVE FINISHED FIFTH GRADE ALONG WITH PARENTS
AND OTHER ADULTS ARE WELCOME!

ALL YOUNG ADULTS AND TEENS GRADES 6TH-12TH ARE
WELCOME TO COME AS WELL (DATE TBA) TO EXPERIENCE
VBS THEMSELVES BEFORE HELPING OUT.

MANY HELPERS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE CONSIDER
SHARING YOUR TALENTS, SKILLS, AND ENERGY.

VBS



Pasta Give-away Meal

A special word of thanks for all the persons who helped make the Pasta Give-away Meal a great experience. From our sponsors, to our cooks, our runners and servers, each of you should feel good about the day. Everyone who received the meal received a blessing from God, but also a blessing from you as you gave of your time and energy to make a difference!



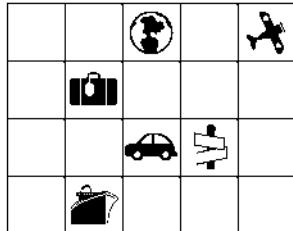




Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_ g and go_ng
both no_ and for_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

ROAD TRIP TREAT!

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.

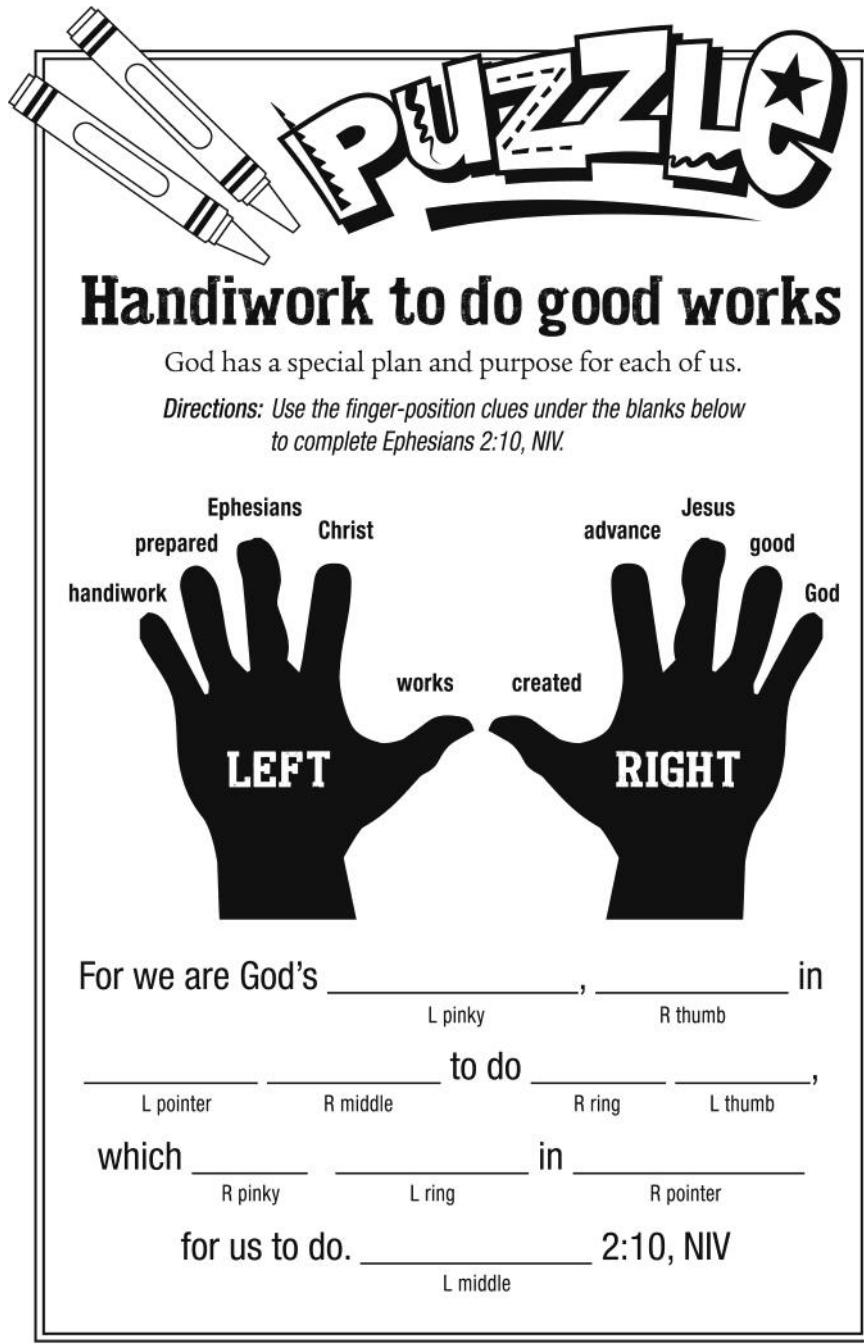


What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

What you do:

1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.



Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- Garden gloves that fit you
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
2. If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
3. Write your name(s) and the date.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
5. Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!



Signs we will never use!

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JUNE Birthdays

01 Dorothy Bauman
 01 Mandy Magnot
 01 Chris Seidita
 02 Marian Roberto
 04 Samuel Ceccacci
 04 Katey Kohanski
 04 Margaret Smith
 05 Emily Gordon
 05 Noah Perrotti
 05 Ann Smith
 06 Anthony Cole
 06 Lauren Cole
 06 Tamara Statsman
 07 Michael Kleha III
 07 Roy Petrini Jr
 08 Joseph Arcadipane
 08 Dona Carpenter
 09 Jennifer Wallace
 10 Cassandra Tereschak
 11 Ashley Godfrey
 12 Andrew Bosley
 14 Lucille Miller
 15 Jill Luczak
 16 Michael Burke
 16 Christine Moss
 16 Debbie Nallo
 16 Marie Nguyen
 16 Joan Rudick
 18 Elizabeth Hoover
 18 Lisa Nasiatka
 18 Brenda Staerker-Lewis
 18 David Wenzel

19 Abigail Fisch
 19 Jeffrey Kleha
 19 *Tyler Muir
 19 Kaylee Zarick
 20 Celestine Conrad
 20 Marina Cruser
 20 Cindy Fisch
 20 James Mendicino
 20 Sarah Pilosi
 21 Jason Bugno
 22 Emmerich Anderson
 22 Caitlyn Cole
 22 Rebecca Fisk
 22 Kevin Reihner
 23 Susan Bouselli
 23 Michael Ferrario
 23 Sherian Lupole
 23 Brenda Olek
 24 Kaitlyn DeNunzio
 24 Dustin Dippre
 24 Zachary Kolander
 24 S Dawn Redmon
 24 Maria Warring
 26 Michelle Dempsey
 26 Robin Long
 28 Thomas Allen
 28 Sarah Conrad
 28 Gail Cunningham
 28 Aftin Felkowski
 28 Karl Howells
 28 Alexandra Mansour
 29 Conrad Bosley
 29 Thomas H Brogan
 29 Luke Stanton
 30 Brian Anderson

A Spiritual Moment

Lord Christ, help us to see what it is that joins us together, not what separates us.

For when we see only what it is that makes us different, we too often become aware of what is wrong with others.

We see only their faults and weaknesses, interpreting their actions as flowing from malice or hatred rather than fear.

Even when confronted with evil, Lord, you forgave and sacrificed yourself rather than sought revenge. Teach us to do the same by the power of your Spirit.

-William Breault SJ



This is a snapshot of Events & Activities scheduled for the month of June. A full schedule is available on our website. Should you like to schedule an activity or have questions, please contact Marie Priblo at 570-342-8263.

Normal Weekly Events for June

Monday	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (L)
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Disciple Bible (Online)
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Bread Basket (Outside)
Thursday	5:15 PM	Covenant Discipleship (Online)
Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School (Online)
	10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary (Online)



Thursday, 6/4	7:00 PM Church Council (Online)
Saturday, 6/13	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Peace Meal



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8:30 AM Chapel Service

9:00 AM—10:00 AM Fellowship time

10:00 AM Sanctuary Service

11:30 AM Prayer and Praise Service