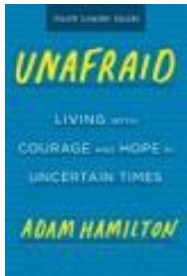


ELAM E-NEWS

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Lenten Study

“Unafraid”

*Living with Courage and Hope
in Uncertain Times
by Adam Hamilton*

Evening: March 12 through April 9 at 6:30 – Pastor John
Morning: March 4 through April 1 at 9:30 – Randy Schaffer

This study offers a roadmap for facing our fears with faith.

DVD and book.

Please respond by February 20th.

Books will be ordered – Cost: \$15.00

Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

I would prefer: Morning _____ **Evening** _____

Elam Cemetery Update

In the interests of informing the importance of accurate cemetery records of those deceased, we are seeking the help of family and friends to take a look at our records to determine if there are any corrections to needing to be made.

Our website contains information only for those who have died. For those who currently have graves available all information we have on the family is 'private' and can be made available for review.

To encourage those still living that we have an unlimited amount of space available for those who wish to create a historical record of themselves and their partner. This kind of information will be available when writing an obituary when the time comes.

We encourage photos of your grandparents as well as current family members of all ages. We will digitize the photos and return the originals.

Over the years we have had several friends volunteer their time to do genealogical research of those already buried. In the beginning we had almost no Birth Dates and today we have about 90%. Obituaries are quite hard to locate, but again from our volunteers we have about 400. Perhaps you would be willing to look through your records for old obits for us. To learn if an obit is missing, go to www.elamcemetery.com and type in last name or type in A B C and etc. all names in that area will come up.

A few years ago, we thought we had about 25 or 30 veterans buried in our cemetery, but after a thorough research project of every buried person we now have 131 veterans.

To all of those volunteers we are so grateful for their time and talent.

Brad Stanton

NEW

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT HOPE CAFÉ?

Elam is scheduled to serve the meal at Hope Café on **Saturday, February 23rd, from 3:30-6:30 p.m.** Hope Café is a project at City Team where each Saturday night at dinner time the homeless and hungry members in the community are fed café-style rather than how their routine nightly meal is normally served. Each team member will have a specific, dedicated role for the evening: preparing food, cleanup, or serving. **We need 25 to 30 people.** If you wish to be part of this outreach you must register on City Team's new Kiosk prior to that day by using the link below, as it expedites the volunteer check-in process for everyone. If unable to register in advance, please get there 20 minutes earlier to complete the process before the rest of the group arrives. If planning to attend, please meet at Elam at 2:30 p.m. to carpool. Work begins at 3:30 till 6:30 p.m. You will have the opportunity to attend the service there at 6:30 p.m. (optional). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or mary@elamumc.org.

<http://elamumc.cityteam.volunteerhub.com/>



Blood pressure screening will be **Sunday, February 24th, immediately following the 9:15 service.** If you would like yours checked, please go to Randy's office just across from the music room and there will be a nurse there to do the screening.

AID FOR FRIENDS

We will be preparing meals **in the Pierce Family Life Center and kitchen immediately following the 9:15 a.m. service on Sunday, March 3rd**. We need meatloaves for that meal and would be grateful to anyone willing to drop one (or more) off. We have enough other items to round out the meals with mashed potatoes, gravy and veggie side dishes. On Thursday, January 31st, the Midday Circle ladies made 97 meals and 6 pasta/soup containers. 105 meals were delivered to Chester on February 4th by Rich and Sue Gatchell. Thank you to the Midday Circle ladies for making these meals and Rich and Sue for delivering them.

KIDS' CAMP REGISTRATION is Thursday, March 7th, at 9:00 a.m. for Elam and Elam Hearts & Hands families. Tuesday, March 12th, at 9:00 a.m. is open registration. First session is the week of June 3rd.



Please join us on Wednesday, March 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday service.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



The Sacrament of Baptism for infants, children and adults will be offered at each of our services on **Sunday, March 10th**. If interested, please contact Pastor John at 610-459-2911 or pastorjohn@elamumc.org.

LOAVES OF LOVE

We are in need of the following for the Loaves of Love food pantry:

canned chicken or ham,

facial tissues

juice

Thank you.

complete canned meals similar to Chef Boyardee

pancake mix and syrup

cake mixes

baked beans



Thank you to everyone who contributed cash and canned goods to last Sunday's Souper Bowl of Caring. 188 cans were delivered to Sunday Breakfast Mission along with cash donations of \$765.00. Thank you also to those who donated baked goods to the Reach Team's bake sale and to everyone who purchased the goodies. The proceeds from the sale totaled \$238.00 and will also go to Sunday Breakfast Mission. We are grateful to Meredith Lawler and our youth and helpers for delivering these.

REMINDERS



LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND our next meeting on **Saturday, February 16th, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** The meeting includes a breakfast buffet praise music, prayer and table talk. **Our speaker will be our own Ellen Filer. Hear about the 90 square quilt the families of Elam blessed her with many years ago when she retired to Cape May.** We look forward to seeing you then.

NEW MEMBERS BEING RECEIVED FEBRUARY 17TH

New members are being received into the Elam Family on **Sunday, February 17th**. If interested, please contact Pastor John at 610-459-2911 or pastorjohn@elamumc.org to let him know which of our three services you would prefer.

CREATION 2019

If interested in attending this year's Creation Weekend, being held at Agape Farm in Mount Union, PA, June 26th-30th, please contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or churchoffice@elamumc.org.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR GIVING UP-TO-DATE

If you are unable to attend church services due to inclement weather or for any other reason, please be sure to keep your giving up-to-date, as our expenses (electricity, mortgage, salting, snow removal, etc.) still need to be paid. **Why not consider giving electronically?** Electronic giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to Elam. To do so, visit our website at www.elamumc.org and click on "Online Giving". To register, click on "Create Profile" under "Create Your Online Profile."

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE CHILDREN'S CLOTHING TURNABOUT!

To consign you must register and login through Elam's website (www.elamumc.org). Go to "Info Center," then click on "Children's Clothing Turnabout" and follow the link provided. You are permitted to bookmark this site, but it is only good for this Spring 2019 session. THE LAST DAY TO PRINT TAGS IS 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND. Instructions are available on the site where you register. The dates are as follows:

<u>What to do:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Place:</u>
Consign	Wed., April 3	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Pierce Family Life Center
Shop	Thurs., April 4	9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.	Pierce Family Life Center
Shop	Fri., April 5	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Pierce Family Life Center
Shop	Sat., April 6	8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pierce Family Life Center
Saturday only: ½ price if item marked discount; YES through registration website.			
Pick up unsold items and bring ID		12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Pierce Family Life Center

Pancake Breakfast

Includes

*All You Can
Eat Pancakes,
Sausage, Coffee,
Milk & Juice*

Saturday, March 2nd

7 am to 12 noon



For a special treat, enjoy
whip cream, chocolate
chips, and other free
toppings on your pancakes.

Tickets are available
through Jim Davis or the
Stahl or Bohner Families.

\$7.00 Adults - \$5.00 Senior Citizens - \$5.00 Children

Pierce Family Life Center

All proceeds benefit
Boy Scout Troop 260 of Concordville
Pierce Family Life Center

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED to send a note or a card to our homebound, hospitalized, etc.:

Homebound:

Jane Sutton

Home from the Hospital:

Mildred Winfree