

# ELAM E-NEWS

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Unusual Memorial Day Services to be held at *Elam Cemetery*  
Elam United Methodist Church, 1073 Smithbridge Road, Glen Mills  
on Memorial Day at 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Joe Forwood will be the speaker.

Unusual because the Boy Scout Troop 260 will honor 119 war veterans by placing flags on the newly installed grave medallions, the Firing Squad will provide the gun salute and hundreds of Girl Scouts and local children will be placing flowers on all of the veterans' graves.

Garnet Valley Marching Band will play the National Anthem.



## *Electronic Giving*

Summer Vacations will soon be here, which is a perfect time to consider Electronic Giving. **With this program you can easily set up a recurring giving schedule or make one-time contributions.** It's convenient and provides much-needed consistency for our church. **When circumstances prevent you from attending services, Elam will continue to receive your contributions.**

**It's easy to register. Just go to Elam's website at [www.elamumc.org](http://www.elamumc.org) and on the first page of the website, on the right side, click on **DONATE NOW**. You will be taken to a link where you can create your online giving profile.**

*Elam's First Annual Camp Under the Stars  
has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 2nd*



Help us kick off the summer at "CAMP ELAM" on **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Join us for the evening or stay all night. We welcome campers, motorhomes, or tents, or just bring your lawnchair and stay for the evening. Join us for a night of fellowship and fun (and s'mores). We will be roasting hotdogs, playing lawn games and watching an outdoor movie. Come set up between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. The fun will begin at 6:00 p.m. We will have breakfast on Sunday morning before church. If interested or for more information, please contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or [churchoffice@elamumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@elamumc.org).

**NEW**



**Volunteers are needed for Children's Church (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade – combined class).** Sessions begin May 27<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup> and will meet in the classroom in the Children's Day Out area. You must have an up-to-date PA State Police Record Check and a PA Child Abuse Clearance on file in the church office. A Volunteer Statement, which is available from the church office, must also be completed and notarized, and you are required to attend a Safe Sanctuary Session with Pastor John at a date and time suitable to you. Please call Pastor John at 610-459-2911 to arrange this. If willing to give one Sunday during the summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the front welcoming area. **So that each volunteer only has to do one week during the summer, we need several people to offer to take a Sunday. Materials are available for your use.** Please give this your prayerful consideration.

### ***RONALD McDONALD HOUSE!***



All of the slots to cook have been filled, however, we will be accepting monetary donations to purchase the food. Donations can be dropped off at the church office and marked for "Ronald McDonald House."



### ***VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR***

#### ***Vacation Bible School (July 23-27 from 6:00 till 8:00 p.m.).***

We are busy planning this year's VBS and are in need of volunteers to help as lead teachers, assistants, floaters and greeters. If willing to help, please contact Lori Minner at 610-459-2911 or [lori@elamumc.org](mailto:lori@elamumc.org). You must have an up-to-date PA Child Abuse and PA Criminal Record Check on file in the church office as well as a Volunteer Statement (available from the church office) that must be completed and notarized. If you have not already done so, you are required to attend a Safe Sanctuary Session with Pastor John at a date and time suitable to you. Please call Pastor John at 610-459-2911 to arrange this.

### ***ARTISTS' GATHERING CALLING ALL ARTISTS – POETS – PHOTOGRAPHERS!***

Please bring your paintings, writings, photos and other works of art to be displayed on **Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** so that Elam can view and celebrate the God-given gifts of creativity among us. Please bring your work to the office with details that you would like to share. Call Randy Schaffer at 610-459-2911 with questions.

## CARD SHOWER

Ike Watkin will be 91 on May 29<sup>th</sup> and Franny DeBoard will be 95 on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Let's send them cards to let them know we are thinking of them. For addresses, please contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or [churchoffice@elamumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@elamumc.org).

## REMINDERS

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



Blood pressure screening will be offered following the 9:15 service this **Sunday morning, May 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to have yours taken then, please go to Randy Schaffer's office, which is just across the hall from the music room, and a nurse will be there to do the screenings.

### CUT FLOWERS NEEDED FOR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES

Cut flowers are needed for the Memorial Day ceremonies at Elam cemetery on **Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Donations may be left at the rear of the church for the boy scouts and girl scouts to decorate the veterans' graves. Please plan to join us on Memorial Day. The procession leaves Springwater Plaza at 9:30 a.m. and marches to Elam around 10:00 a.m.

***THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, IN OBSERVANCE OF  
MEMORIAL DAY.***

### GRADUATE INFORMATION

Are you graduating or do you have a graduate? If so, please leave the information in the church office or contact Mary at [mary@elamumc.org](mailto:mary@elamumc.org) or 610-459-2911 by **Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.



### NEW MEMBERS

We will be receiving new members into the Elam family on **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you wish to become a member, please contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or email [mary@elamumc.org](mailto:mary@elamumc.org) to let us know which service you would prefer.

### MINI TOILETRIES NEEDED

Do you have a collection of mini toiletries from your travels? If you have unopened shampoo, lotion, mouthwash, or soap cluttering up your closet, please consider donating them to Safe Harbor in West Chester. Safe Harbor reaches out to the homeless population and these items will be put to good use. Look for the special container in the narthex. Thank you.

# *Family Ice Cream Social and Movie Night*

**Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Pierce Family Life Center**



What is better than ice cream and a movie? Join us for ice cream sundaes from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. All ages welcome! Invite family and friends! Ice cream topping donations are welcome such as cherries, sprinkles, syrups and nut free toppings. Donations can be placed in the ice cream social bin in the lobby until June 6<sup>th</sup>.



Immediately following ice cream, we will be showing **Peter Rabbit** at 7:30 p.m.



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**(July 23-27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for children age 4 by July 1<sup>st</sup> thru' 6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Registration forms are available from the hospitality desk in the front welcoming area and in the side welcoming area. Once completed, please place the form in the folders located next to the forms. This year's theme is "Jungle River Adventure."

## **CREATION 2018 (June 27-July 1)**

You're invited to join us for 4 days at Mt. Union, PA to worship our great God and hear inspirational speakers and talented Christian music artists. The cost of \$185 includes all tickets for concerts and speakers, food and travel. Contact Pastor Joe at [pastorjoe@elamumc.org](mailto:pastorjoe@elamumc.org), if interested.





# RETREAT

*“The Inward Journey”  
Opening Myself to God*

Saturday, June 9, 2018  
9 am to 3 pm

**Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting**  
*119 Beaver Valley Rd  
Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania 19317*

*“In souls filled with love, the desire to please God is continual prayer.”  
John Wesley*

*For additional information, please contact Randy Schaffer in the church office or  
[randy@elamumc.org](mailto:randy@elamumc.org).*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

*Bring a bag lunch. Drinks and snacks will be provided.*

***PLEASE REGISTER BY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.***

## PREACHERS FOR THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Sunday, May 27:

**8:00 a.m.** Clint Amoss

**9:15 a.m.** Pastor Joe

**11:00 a.m.** Pastor Joe

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

**Homebound:**

*Ruth Turner*

**Hospitalized:**

*Alex Diamond*

For addresses and room numbers, please contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or

[churchoffice@elamumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@elamumc.org).