

# ELAM E-NEWS

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Elam Annual Camp Under the Stars  
has been cancelled for Saturday, June 2nd  
due to inclement weather. The  
camp will be rescheduled. Hope to  
see you there.

Help us kick off the summer at "CAMP ELAM" for the evening or stay all night. We welcome campers, most of whom will be in your lawnchair and stay for the evening. Join us for a night of fun (more). We will be roasting hotdogs, playing lawn games and watching the stars. 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, contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or [churchoffice@elamumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@elamumc.org)

## 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.

## NEW



## Lemonade, Get your Lemonade Here!

Join Elam's Ignite Youth on **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.** for some ice-cold Lemonade! Donations of 50 cents or more are welcomed and greatly appreciated and will go directly to the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer. We have set a goal of raising \$400 or one day of research for this wonderful cause! We hope that you'll help us meet our goal while quenching your thirst!

## BASEMENT CLEANOUT

On **Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** the Trustees will be doing phase 2 of the basement cleanout. If you have anything stored in the basement, this will be your last chance to retrieve it. All are welcome to join us to complete this task. Any help that you can give us would be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there.

## VBS DECORATING ITEMS NEEDED

The following Vacation Bible School decorating items are needed. If willing to provide some, please label items so they can be returned to you after VBS. **Bring items by July 16.** Jungle/River related items:

Small 1 / 2-person tents	Paddles
Life Jackets	Fishing poles
Kayaks/canoe	Rubber snakes
Binoculars	Safari hat
Maps	Flashlights
Jungle related stuffed animals	

Contact Lori Minner at 610-459-2911 or [lori@elamumc.org](mailto:lori@elamumc.org) for more information

## SAFE HARBOR

Immediately following the 9:15 service on **Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**, we will be packaging lunches for the residents of Safe Harbor, a nonprofit charitable organization in Chester County. We need donations of water, crackers and applesauce. If willing to supply any of these items, please bring them to the Pierce Family Life Center kitchen ahead of time or on that morning. Please plan to join us to help with this important mission outreach.

## ELAM'S ANNUAL SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

You are invited to participate in Elam's Summer Mission Project by donating any **new** (for men or women) adult size t-shirts, socks and/or sunscreen for our homeless neighbors via Safe Harbor in West Chester. Please use the yellow bins in the side welcoming area. If you would like to donate cash and have someone else shop, please see Pat Howard or leave your contribution in the office. This project is coordinated by the Midday Circle of Friends and **will end, Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for caring.

*Thank  
you!*

We want to thank our Elam friends for their thoughts, prayers, cards and kind words of comfort on the recent loss of our dear grand-daughter. **Marilyn and Al Eelman**

## REMINDERS

### 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.”

### 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.

### 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.



**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.

### 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.”



**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.



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



***PREACHERS FOR THIS WEEK'S SERVICE***

Sunday, June 3:

**8:00 a.m.** Pastor John

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

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

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

**Homebound:**

*Jane Sutton*

**Hospitalized:**

*Alex Diamond*

*For addresses and room numbers, please contact the church office.*