

ELAM E-NEWS

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We believe that families worshipping with their children foster appreciation for the rhythms and the seasons that connect us more deeply to God.

We believe that growing our children in a life of faith involves engaging them in learning that truly connects. Therefore, old models have been set aside and *Impact* has been born.

Impact ...

An innovative children's program for the modern family



Impact is a new comprehensive, interactive program for children and youth and will replace our traditional, weekly 9:15am Sunday School model.

Impact happens the first Sunday of each month beginning in September from 10:30am-1:00pm.

Impact is available for Ages 4-K, Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6.

Impact will involve music utilizing a state of the art sound/projection system, Biblical lessons, activities, games and more.

Lunch will be provided on Impact Sundays for all participating children.

Nursery and Preschool Class are still available during the 9:15am service.

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And what about our Youth (Grade 7-12)?

Our weekly youth ministry *Ignite* will replace our traditional, weekly youth Sunday School model.

Why are we moving the faith education of our children to *Impact* and youth to *Ignite*?

- The Sunday School movement, which began in Britain in 1780 to educate working children, is no longer a workable model in today's world.
- The timing of our current Sunday School classes segregates children and youth from worship.



**WELCOME PEOPLE OF
ALL FAITHS**

**OPERATING SINCE
1874**

WELL MAINTAINED

**SIGNIFICANT
MILITARY PRESENCE
WITH YEAR ROUND
FLAG MAINTENANCE**

VERDANT 2+ ACRES

ELAM CEMETERY SPECIAL SALE

FULL BURIAL CREMATION BURIAL

Plot Sale

Elam Cemetery is offering a 50% cost reduction for the sale of graves during the month of July. Normally selling for \$1,000, cost will be \$500 for a one-month period.

*For further information, call
Brad Stanton, 610-459-2911
or email:
cemetery@elamumc.org*



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NEW

AID FOR FRIENDS

After the 9:15 a.m. service this Sunday morning we will be assembling "Breakfast for Dinner" for Aid for Friends. Thank you to the Hathaway Family for the donation of eggs. They are in the large refrigerator along with some bread and cheese for those who will be making egg stratas for us (recipe available upon request). Please consider donating breakfast sausage links or tater tots to finish off the meals. To donate or to ask questions, please call or email the church office at 610-459-2911 or churchoffice@elamumc.org.

ELAM'S ANNUAL SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

This Sunday is the last day for collecting t-shirts, socks and sunscreen for homeless men and women in West Chester. Please use the yellow bins in the side welcoming area. Thank you for caring.

LOAVES OF LOVE

Elam, Siloam, Valleypoint and Concord Liberty churches are combining to support Siloam's Loaves of Love food pantry, which is in its seventh year of operation. Presently they provide monthly supplemental groceries for 14 families (over 50 people) from our area, most having been referred by clergy or school nurses. **If you are aware of anyone in our area that you think needs assistance from Loaves of Love, especially senior citizens, who are often reluctant to ask or accept help, please contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or churchoffice@elamumc.org and she will pass it on.** Their inventory is low right now so if you have any items either at home or you are planning on shopping soon, you can drop anything off at Siloam or Elam.

The most sought-after items are as follows:

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| Jelly or Jam | Canned meals (Chef Boyardee pasta, soups & stews) |
| Dry Cereal | Bath Tissue |
| Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, spam) | Canned Beans (including baked beans) |
| Peanut Butter (creamy preferred) | Canned Fruit |
| Boxed starches (instant potatoes, mac & cheese, rice, Hamburger Helper, pasta, pancake mix) | |
| Canned Vegetables (this month they have enough corn, green beans and tomatoes) | |

Cash or check donations made out to "Siloam Loaves of Love" are always accepted and are used to buy fresh eggs, meat, dairy and vegetables each month. **They are also looking for volunteers from each of the churches to help stock shelves and package and deliver the food to people's cars when they come to pick up the food at Siloam. We are currently working to create a calendar of monthly dates when volunteers will be needed.**

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP MEETING

We will meet in the lounge this **Thursday, August 2nd, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

THANK YOU

Our thanks to Gary Nicholas, Bill Dilcher and Larry George for mending the broken pews in the sanctuary. Their willingness to give of their valuable time and expertise is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's Vacation Bible School. We particularly thank the teachers and helpers as well as Lori Minner for all the time and effort she put into making it such a tremendous success. Just over 60 children attended and a great time was had by all.

Thank you to all of our Fellowship Hosting Teams who provide the Sunday morning goodies. Sunday mornings just wouldn't be the same without those delicious munchies.

Thank you also to the Children's Church volunteers who have given their time to provide a much-needed outreach for our children in grades K through 5.

We also thank our greeters who are at the front doors, side doors and sanctuary doors on Sunday mornings, making sure everyone is made welcome and directing visitors to wherever they need to go.

Our thanks to Terri Davis for donating a new briefcase for the tellers to use. The old one badly needed to be replaced.

REMINDERS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



We will be offering blood pressure screening immediately following the 9:15 service **this Sunday, July 29th**. If you would like yours taken, please go to Randy's office (just across the hall from the music room) and a nurse will be there to do the screening.



ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED to join us for "Wacky Wednesdays" **from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the youth lounge**. Come and enjoy fun games, small outings and fellowship with a great group of teenagers. A movie night is planned for August 15th. If you have any questions about "Wacky Wednesdays," please contact Meredith Lawler, our Youth Ministry Leader, at meredith@elamumc.org.

BRING A BOOK/TAKE A BOOK

We are developing a small area to share books with other members. Please feel free to bring and take a book or two. You'll find the shelves outside of the lounge.

BRENDA CARTAGENA IN CONCERT AT BRANDYWINE SUMMIT CAMP MEETING

You are invited to a concert at Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting, 119 Beaver Valley Road, Chadds Ford, on **Saturday, July 28th at 7:00 p.m.** Come feel the presence of God in nature and song with singer, Brenda Cartagena.

FAMILY NEEDS HELP FOLLOWING A FIRE

A Glen Mills staff member, Al Cordery, had a fire at his house. It did considerable damage. He and his family are alright, but they lost most of their clothes and other items. If anyone is able to help/contribute, please contact Pastor Joe at 610-459-2911 or pastorjoe@elamumc.org. **It is suggested that gift cards would be the best way to help.** Please be in prayer for the family.

FELLOWSHIP HOSTING TEAMS

We are in need of additional members for our Fellowship Hosting Teams, who provide snacks for Fellowship Time on Sunday mornings following the 9:15 service. This is a great way to get to know one another. If willing to volunteer, please contact Randy Schaffer at 610-459-2911 or randy@elamumc.org.

GET YOUR GREETING CARDS HERE!

Don't forget to stop by the Caring Card Ministry display on the hospitality desk in the front welcoming area. There are cards for practically every occasion, e.g. Get Well, Thinking of You, Praying for You, Happy Birthday, etc. If you like what you see, why not pick up one or two and place your donation in the box provided. Your donations will help cover material expenses and mission projects.

PREACHERS FOR THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Sunday, July 29:

8:00 a.m. Clint Amoss

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:

Ruth Turner

Hospitalized:

Alex Diamond

For room numbers and addresses, please call 610-459-2911 or email mary@elamumc.org.