

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.

NEW

SAFE HARBOR – Immediately following the 9:15 service **next Sunday August 19**, we will be packaging lunches for the residents of Safe Harbor, a nonprofit charitable organization in Chester County. We need donations of water, chips, crackers and applesauce. If willing to supply any of these, please bring them to the Pierce Family Life Center kitchen ahead of time or on that morning. Hope to see you then.

If using the Hearts and Hands preschool bikes stored on the PFLC Stage, please use the steps to move them down to PFLC Gym Floor. Reaching the bikes through the curtains is leaving marks on the curtains.

REMINDERS

ATTENTION CHILDREN'S CLOTHING TURNABOUT CONSIGNORS! (October 4, 5 & 6)

THE UPCOMING CHILDREN'S CLOTHING TURNABOUT (October 4, 5 & 6) is open for registration of consignors. Please go to our website at www.elamumc.org. Then go to "Info Tab" at top of webpage. Click on Children's Clothing turnabout and follow instructions and directions.



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.

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.

LOAVES OF LOVE

Elam is partnering with Siloam United Methodist Church to support Siloam's Loaves of Love food pantry, which is in its seventh year of operation. Presently it provides 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 Amy Schmid at 610-459-2911 or amyschmid@aol.com 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:

Jelly or Jam & stews)	Canned meals (Chef Boyardee pasta, soups
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.**

Please note all donations will now go to Loaves of Love not Christ UMC Food Pantry.

Please put your donations in the wooden box marked Loaves of Love in the side gathering area.

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, August 12:

8:00 a.m. Pastor John

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11:00 a.m. Pastor Joe

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

Homebound:

Grace Meany,

Hospitalized:

Alex Diamond,

Deanna Finn,

Home from the Hospital:

Marie Savar,

Those who have lost loved ones:

Lisa Kelly & family (Her Dad),