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PASTOR JOE'S FAREWELL PARTY IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, AT 5:00 P.M. JUST BEFORE THE HANGING OF THE GREENS. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.



GIVING – THANKS - GIVING

Elam's Annual Sharing Your Abundance Thanksgiving "Brown bag Dinner"

Suggestions:

Potatoes (white and sweet)
Vegetables
Canned fruit
Jelly

Cranberry sauce
Foil pan
Tea
Cereal

Canned ham
Coffee
Peanut Butter

Stuffing mix
Rolls
Soup

Cash donations to purchase turkeys would also be greatly appreciated, or checks can be made out to The Life Center of Eastern Delaware County. These can be handed into the church office. Donations this year will go to The Life Center of Eastern Delaware County in Upper Darby. If you bring a canned ham, please make sure it does not have to be refrigerated.

If you plan to attend the services on Sunday, November 18th, please bring your bag with you so that it can be placed at the altar prior to the service.



*Our Saturday Morning Monthly Gatherings
begin at 9:00 a.m. and include:
a breakfast buffet, praise music & prayer
table talk and conclusion at 11:00 a.m.*

November 17th:

Presenter:

Pastor Elaine Saunders

Founder of Molding Disciples Ministries Church

Among her numerous accomplishments are: teaching, preaching, and author of many book. She continues to be a lifelong student of the Word of God.

Pastor Saunders will bring the liturgical dance group, "Total Praise Dance Ministry" under the leadership of Sis Patrice Todd.



*You are cordially invited to
Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 8th
8:30-10:30 a.m.*

Cost: \$7/Adults & \$5/Children

Join us for Breakfast with Santa! We will be serving pancakes and sausage. This is a great opportunity for a photo with Santa. There will also be fun holiday crafts to make. There are two dining sessions 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Pre-order tickets by completing the form below:

Name: _____

Session: _____ 8:30-9:30 a.m.

_____ 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Please place order form and payment (exact change or check made payable to Elam UMC) in church office.

TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.

DONATION WISH LIST

Candy canes	Syrup
Pancake mix (complete mix, requiring water only, please)	
Sugar free syrup	Bottled water
Hot Chocolate mix	Marshmallows
Juice boxes	Sturdy plates
Plastic forks and knives	

Thank you for your kindness and contributions. Your help is greatly appreciated. Any unused items will be used for children ministries or donated to the food pantry. Donations can be placed in the Breakfast with Santa bin located in the lobby. For more information, please contact Lori Minner at lori@elamumc.org.

NEW



***IMPACT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.***

At our next children's Impact we will be showing the movie "The Star," when a small but brave donkey and his animal friends become the unsung heroes of the first Christmas. Lunch will follow the movie. Don't forget to invite your friends!



We will again be collecting **NEW** toys and clothing for families in the Chester area for distribution by City Team Ministries to those who sign up for this ministry. If you wish to participate in this outreach, we ask that you bring your **unwrapped** gifts to Elam **PRIOR TO Sunday, December 9th**, for those children who would otherwise have nothing under their tree this Christmas. **We will also be collecting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves, baby clothes and winter coats (must be new).**

Everything will be delivered on Sunday, December 9th immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. We will be at the mission from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and will return to Elam around 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for this enriching experience. We will have a sign-up sheet in the gathering area for anyone who is interested in joining us, or you may contact Pastor Joe at pastorjoe@elamumc.org.

ORNAMENTS FOR ORPHANS



The youth will be selling **Ornaments for Orphans next Sunday, November 25th**. Every ornament you purchase provides critical support for orphans and vulnerable children in Africa, and help the artists build better lives for themselves and their families. The cost of the ornaments varies from \$10-\$30.00 each. You can preview ornaments or check out more about the organization itself at their website: www.ornaments4orphans.org.

HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE

The Hanging of the Greens service will be **Sunday, December 2nd, at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Join us for poems and music reflecting on Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the wisemen. During the service the nativity will be placed on the altar in anticipation of the arrival of the Christ Child.

DID YOU KNOW ...

... that the Care Team waited for Elam's Freshmen to settle in at college then sent them gift cards to Wawa or Starbucks to let them know that we are thinking of them and praying for them? Barbara Reed designed the beautiful cards that were sent to each of them.

NEW NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TEST

Thanks to all of those who have provided Database Update Information, which will be used with our new SK Notify System to notify persons about important information such as inclement weather announcements and special events. Please note that SK Notify will only allow notifications to be sent. You will not be able to respond to the notifications. We will be sending out a test notification on **Friday, November 23rd at 1 p.m. via text and email**. If you do not receive this notification or you would like to change your method of contact for SK Notify, please email Lori Minner at lori@elamumc.org.

IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ!

If you want your December offering credited to your 2018 giving, you must have your final 2018 payment in to the church by Sunday, December 30th.

Christmas Cookies



We are taking orders for our homemade Christmas cookies. Our cookies will be sold by **ORDERS ONLY**. Please complete order form below and return to the church office, or contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or churchoffice@elamumc.org.

<u>Trays</u>		<u># of Boxes</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	1 lb. Box Christmas cookies – \$8.00	_____	_____
_____	2 lb. Box Christmas cookies – \$14.00	_____	_____
_____	3 lb. Box Christmas cookies – \$18.00	_____	_____
_____	11 oz. Buck Eyes (Candy) – \$8.00	_____	_____
	Total		\$

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**Deadline for orders is December 9, 2018.
Pick up date at Elam is December 16, 2018.**

Name: _____
Phone No. _____

Proceeds will be used to help the needy in the community through the church’s Benevolent Fund. Checks should be made payable to Elam United Methodist Church.

SOUP NEEDED!

If you are planning on making soup this winter, please fill a cup or two for Aid for Friends. You can find the containers on the hospitality desk near the card rack.

REMINDERS

THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH GROUP this Sunday, November 18th, as the youth will be on their retreat at Refreshing Mountain.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?



Sarah Paoletti has been in touch with the Sunday Breakfast Mission about serving dinner. **November 17th is available.** They need a maximum of ten people, which I think we can fill easily. To be in the kitchen you must be 18 or older. If a child were to come, they could **not** be in the kitchen, they have to be a “mature” 10-12-year-old or older, and a parent must be with them at all times. It runs from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and then we could stay for the service after dinner, if we would like. You can sign up on the board in the front welcoming area.

Pastor Joe



THE GAMES GROUP has moved back to **Thursdays** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the conference room. If you haven't already tried it, why not do so. It's fun and you will learn lots of new games.



THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Carl Bless on **Saturday, November 24th** with a visitation hour at 10:00 a.m. followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. Donations to Elam in memory of Carl are included in his obituary along with Mineral UMC and the Hospice of the Piedmont, both located in VA.

NEW MEMBERS BEING RECEIVED

We will be receiving new members into the Elam Family on **Sunday, November 25th**. If interested, please contact Pastor John at 610-459-2911 or pastorjohn@elamumc.org to let him know which service you would prefer.

Database Update Information

We are updating our information for our church database. Please take time to provide the following information:

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

_____ Email Address: _____

Cell #: _____ Landline #: _____

Contact Preference: Check all that applies.: _____ text _____ email _____ both

Please drop this form into the church office during the week or no later than Sunday, November 18th.

PREACHERS FOR THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Sunday, November 18:

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, hospitalized, etc.:

Homebound:

Ardana Yeakley

Hospitalized:

Alex Diamond

Home from the hospital:

Shawn Kelly

Mildred Winfree, 502 Eagle Point, Glen Mills, PA 19342

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Thursday and Friday, **November 22nd**
and 23rd to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.