

ELAM E-NEWS

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Elam's Puerto Rican Mission Trip

Would you like to help our Mission Team going to Puerto Rico February 2nd-9th? You can help with van rentals or gas for vans by donating in the following way: place cash or check in an envelope and designate it "Elam Mission Trip." Thank you.



tacklehunger.org

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, USDA and Feeding America, the number of Americans living in food-insecure households is now over 46 million, which means 1 in 8 people and 1 in 6 children struggles with hunger. **Next Sunday, February 3rd**, we will celebrate our annual "Souper" Bowl of Caring, when we will be collecting cans of soup or other canned food items for donation to Sunday Breakfast Mission. These can be placed in one of the large soup pots that will be available following each worship service. We will also be collecting monetary donations immediately following the 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. services that morning. Youth will be at the back of the Sanctuary to collect your donations immediately following the 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. services. A collection plate will be accessible at the 8:00 a.m. service in the Chapel.

Treats will be available for purchase in the side worshipping area. **If you would like to contribute baked goods, please bring them that morning. Thank you.**

NEW

CARD SHOWER

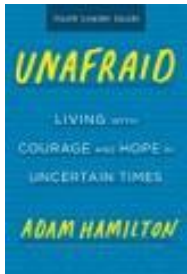
Mary Derickson will turn 94 this Sunday, January 27th. Let's take the time to wish her happy birthday and show her we care by sending her cards to help her celebrate this milestone in her life. Please call the church office for her address.



On Sunday, February 3rd, our youth will be participating in Elam's Souper Bowl Sunday by collecting our cash donations as we leave the 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. services. They will also be delivering the canned goods collected that morning to the Sunday Breakfast Mission, followed by lunch together. **Please note: There will be NO Ignite next Sunday, February 3rd.**

NEW MEMBERS BEING RECEIVED FEBRUARY 17TH

New members are being received into the Elam Family on **Sunday, February 17th**. If interested, please contact Pastor John at 610-459-2911 or pastorjohn@elamumc.org to let him know which of our three services you would prefer.



Lenten Study

"Unafraid"

Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times

by Adam Hamilton

Evening: March 12 through April 9 at 6:30 - Pastor John
Morning: March 4 through April 1 at 9:30 - Randy Schaffer

This study offers a roadmap for facing our fears with faith.

DVD and book.

Please respond by February 20th.

Books will be ordered - Cost: \$15.00

Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

CREATION 2019

If interested in attending this year's Creation Weekend, being held at Agape Farm in Mount Union, PA, June 26th-30th, please contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or churchoffice@elamumc.org.

AID FOR FRIENDS



On January 15th Susan and Rich Gatchell delivered 158 meals and 42 soups to Aid for Friends. A further 22 meals were made by Amy Schmid and friends using donations from a local movie set, and the ladies and gentleman from Foxhill Farms made 93 meals last Wednesday morning. These donations will be delivered either to Chester or North Philadelphia on January 29th or 30th. Our thanks to everyone who helped make these meals. These donations are a blessing.

REMINDERS

YOU ARE INVITED!

You are invited to attend the Winter Concert of the West Chester Area Community Chorus this **Saturday, January 26th, at 3:00 p.m.** at West Chester East High School, 450 Ellis Lane, West Chester. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the door. A number of Elam's singers are members of the 140+ member chorus. If interested in singing with us for the spring semester, please register at the school on Monday, February 4th, prior to the 7:00 p.m. rehearsal.



Blood pressure screening will be offered immediately following the 9:15 service this **Sunday, January 27th**. If you would like yours taken then, please go to Randy's office opposite the music room and a nurse will be there to do the screening.

JOIN US!

The Midday Circle of Friends invites you to join us on **Thursday, January 31st, at 10:00 a.m.** in the kitchen to prepare meals for Aid for Friends. Please bring a bag lunch. We will have lunch and a meeting afterwards in the conference room. Questions? Please contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or churchoffice@elamumc.org.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR GIVING UP-TO-DATE

If you are unable to attend church services due to inclement weather or for any other reason, please be sure to keep your giving up-to-date, as our expenses (electricity, mortgage, salting, snow removal, etc.) still need to be paid. **Why not consider giving electronically?** Electronic giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to Elam. To do so, visit our website at www.elamumc.org and click on "Online Giving". To register, click on "Create Profile" under "Create Your Online Profile."

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE CHILDREN'S CLOTHING TURNABOUT!

To consign you must register and login through Elam's website (www.elamumc.org). Go to "Info Center," then click on "Children's Clothing Turnabout" and follow the link provided. You are permitted to bookmark this site, but it is only good for this Spring 2019 session. THE LAST DAY TO PRINT TAGS IS 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND. Instructions are available on the site where you register. The dates are as follows:

<u>What to do:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Place:</u>
Consign	Wed., April 3	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Pierce Family Life Center
Shop	Thurs., April 4	9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.	Pierce Family Life Center
Shop	Fri., April 5	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Pierce Family Life Center
Shop	Sat., April 6	8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pierce Family Life Center
Saturday only: ½ price if item marked discount; YES through registration website.			
Pick up unsold items and bring ID		12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Pierce Family Life Center

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

Homebound:

Connie Nichols

Hospitalized:

Dorothy Dean

Dianne Forwood