

ELAM E-NEWS

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Elam's Puerto Rican Mission Trip

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Puerto Rican Mission Trip. Your donations will help with gas and van rental. Please keep the participants in your prayers.

Dave Berkeyheiser
Joe Forwood
Betsy Inghram
Pastor John

Mallory Kleinert
Drew Napolitan
Sudsawat Napolitan
Edward Reichert

Robert Wesoloski
Andy Zaiss
Mike Zaiss



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. **This 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.**

Elam Cemetery Update

In the interests of informing the importance of accurate cemetery records of those deceased, we are seeking the help of family and friends to take a look at our records to determine if there are any corrections needing to be made.

Our website contains information only for those who have died. For those who currently have graves available all the information we have on the family is 'private' and can be made available for review.

To encourage those still living that we have an unlimited amount of space available for those who wish to create a historical record of themselves and their partner. This kind of information will be available when writing an obituary when the time comes.

We encourage photos of your grandparents as well as current family members of all ages. We will digitize the photos and return the originals.

Over the years we have had several friends volunteer their time to do genealogical research of those already buried. In the beginning we had almost no Birth Dates and today we have about 90%. Obituaries are quite hard to locate, but again from our volunteers we have about 400. Perhaps you would be willing to look through your records for old obits for us. To learn if an obit is missing, go to www.elamcemetery.com and type in last name or type in A B C and etc. all names in that area will come up.

A few years ago, we thought we had about 25 or 30 veterans buried in our cemetery, but after a thorough research project of every buried person we now have 131 veterans.

To all of those volunteers we are so grateful for their time and talent.

Brad Stanton

NEW



LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED to attend our next meeting on Saturday, February 16th, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The meeting includes a breakfast buffet praise music, prayer and table talk. **Our speaker will be our own Ellen Filer. Hear about the 90 square quilt the families of Elam blessed her with many years ago when she retired to Cape May.** We look forward to seeing you then.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the birthday greetings I received at church last Sunday morning and for the beautiful cards I also received.

Mary Derickson

DO YOU HAVE THE WRONG COAT?

Someone mistakenly took the wrong coat last Sunday. Jared Rollman now has that person's coat, scarf and gloves. Please check to see if you have the wrong coat so that you can arrange with Jared to switch coats this coming Sunday.

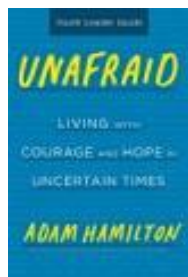
REMINDERS



This 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.

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:

Ruth Turner

Hospitalized:

Mildred Winfree,

Home from the Hospital:

Dianne Forwood

Those Who Lost Loved Ones:

Susan DiMaio & Family

Julie Farr & Family

For addresses and room numbers, please contact the church office at 610-459-2911 or churchoffice@elamumc.org.

*In Memoriam
Dorothy Dean
January 27, 2019*