



State Line UMC

January 2018

Without Borders

Message from Pastor Kris

The first weekend in December, I took our new Leadership Team on a prayer and visioning retreat to Cove Valley Christian Camp in Mercersburg, PA! If you ask any of the team members (Ellen Avey, Angie Baer, Steve Boyer, Bonnie Courtney, John Courtney, Keric Ellis, Bobby Norris, Mark Semler, Robbie Socks), they would probably say that it was an intense but encouraging weekend together. On Friday evening, Hannah Sledge and our praise team leader Travis Ware led our group in a time of worship and prayer! In addition to multiple prayer moments, we shared in these words from Joshua 1:9 together: *"I've commanded you to be brave and strong, haven't I? Don't be alarmed or terrified, because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

On Saturday, Kay Kotan, Director of Congregational Development for the Susquehanna Conference, led our group through strategic ministry planning! During this time, we sought to be brave and strong, reflect upon our amazing congregation, and craft God-honoring and Holy Spirit-led goals for 2018. We truly sensed God's Spirit leading us to embrace four new initiatives!

I want to invite you to worship on Sunday, January 28th. If you have not been to church in a while, you will not want to miss worship on this Sunday and the weeks to follow! As your pastor, I am excited to share with you the specific areas where we will focus our ministry and time in 2018. As people of faith, we are confident of God's promise to be with us wherever we go, and we can believe that the best is yet to come! The Holy Spirit still wants to work through *all of us* at State Line UMC. I hope you will join me in expecting God to do something amazing in the life of our congregation in 2018! This will be a year for us to be brave and strong together in Christ!

Encounter God

Share God's love with our church family and invite friends and neighbors.

Wednesday mornings at 9:30, ladies gather in the fellowship hall to **quilt and sew** together.

Every Wednesday at 6:00PM, Pastor Kris is in the sanctuary lifting up **prayers** for our congregation, community and our mission of making new disciples. All are welcome to be a part of this vital prayer ministry.

Young Adult Sunday school class is meeting outside class at the Semler's for lunch following the service the 3rd Sunday of the month. Consult the calendar on the website for any changes.

Grow in Faith

You must be intentional in growing your faith and in helping others do the same.

Thursday Bible Study is held on Thursdays at 9:30AM. The first study in the new year will be held January 11th. All are welcome to join in the discussion and grow in their understanding of God's word.

The **men of our congregation** are meeting at Brother's on Saturday, January 6th at 9:00am for breakfast. Please come and enjoy this time of fellowship and strengthening of our church family.

Serve in Christ's Love

Jesus gave us the example of helping others and charged us with sharing the faith.

Our congregation is committed to providing a meal monthly to the **New Hope Shelter** in Waynesboro. Providing the meal and speaking with residents is an amazing outpouring of God's love from us. Please consider teaming up with a friend to provide meals. The New Hope Shelter and its residents are counting on our fulfillment of this promise.

Remember our family **servicing in the military** with a note to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

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Our Mission To make new disciples of Jesus Christ

Our Vision To invite and reach out to our neighbors to encounter God, grow in faith and serve in Christ's love

Worship Service Volunteers

- January 7th
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Matt E.
Nursery: Tabitha F.-Y. & Abby G.
Tech Booth: Hayden
- January 14th
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis
Acolyte: Madison
Greeters: Darlene H. & Curtis B.
Nursery: Julia S. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jacob
- January 21st
Worship Assistant: Roger Rebeck
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Judy E. & Gary R.
Nursery: Gwenelle T. & Kayla K.
Tech Booth: Hayden
- January 28th
Worship Assistant: Mark Semler
Acolyte: Jennifer
Greeters: Barb L. & Roger R.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jacob



Anniversaries

- 18 Barb & William Lloyd
23 Gary & Sherry Rhoe
25 Dale & Darlene Hostetter
25 Renee & Russell Crouse



Birthdays

- 4 Timothy "TJ" Scheide
14 Angie Baer
19 Bonnie Baine
21 Linda Junkins
22 Sebastian Socks
24 Robert Socks Sr.
24 Ellen Avey
25 Patty Goins
30 Jacqueline Simmons

Church Calendar

- January 1st
New Year's Day
- January 3rd
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:00PM – Prayer Time
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- January 6th
9:00AM – Men's Breakfast At Brother's
- January 7th
9:00AM – Sunday School Resumes
10:15AM – Guest Preacher
- January 9th
6:30PM – Leadership Team Meeting
- January 10th
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:00PM – Prayer Time
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- January 11th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth Resumes
- January 15th
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 17th
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:00PM – Prayer Time
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- January 18th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
4:45PM – New Hope Shelter Meal
- January 21st
12:00 – Young Adult class
Lunch at the Semler's

- January 24th
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:00PM – Prayer Time
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- January 25th
9:30AM Bible Study with Ruth
- January 31st
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:00PM – Prayer Time
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice

Christ's Teachings

Do you want to know about the new sermon series?

The new series will begin at the end of January. In the meantime, do not miss out on the powerful messages to begin this New Year from our Guest Preacher on the 7th and from Pastor Kris!



COMMUNITY NEWS



2017-18 LIHEAP Season is Now Open

The 2017-18 LIHEAP season begins today. [CLICK HERE](#) for the English of the 2017-18 LIHEAP application (form HSEA 1).
www.compass.state.pa.us

Or call the HELPLINE at 1-800-692-7462 between 8:30am and 4:45pm, Monday through Friday.

On October 20th, the Office of Community Services (OCS) Division of Energy Assistance (DEA) released 90% of the FY 2018 LIHEAP funds. Pennsylvania received the second largest funding allocation at \$178,633,729 of the approximately \$3.03 billion of Federal Fiscal Year 2018 regular block grant funding. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, also known as LIHEAP, helps low-income families pay their heating bills. LIHEAP is a grant that offers assistance in the form of a cash grant, sent directly to the utility company, or a crisis grant for households in immediate danger of being without heat.

Collection and Donation Needs

New Hope Shelter

Bottles of bleach
Paper towels
Toilet paper
Laundry detergent
Plastic garbage bags (13 and 39 gallons)

**The shelter also stresses in their Critical Needs list the urgent need for volunteers to cook meals for the residents. Please consider signing up to serve. Our sign-up sheet is on the library table.

Food Pantry Needs

Cereal
Salad dressing
Spaghetti sauce
Pancake mix
Pancake syrup
Canned meat
Peanut butter
Jelly in Plastic jars
Canned fruit
Crackers
Toilet paper

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Sunday Worship:

10:15AM

All-Ages Sunday School:

9:00AM

Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM-2:00PM

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