



State Line UMC

February 2018

Without Borders

Message from Pastor Kris

A component of State Line UMC's vision is to help people **grow in their faith**, so we exist as a church to help people deepen and expand their journey with Jesus. In the months to come, I'm going to highlight six different marks of discipleship in my newsletter messages to you based on the book *The Disciple Making Church* written by Glenn McDonald.

According to McDonald, **the first mark of an authentic disciple is a heart for Christ alone**. Being a disciple means being an active follower and student of Jesus Christ. It is a person who is seeking to let Jesus be the leader of their life, rather be their own leader. A couple of years ago I came behind a car and I noticed this bumper sticker: *Galileo was wrong; the world revolves around ME*. This certainly made me laugh the day I saw it. But over the years I wondered about this phrase as a Christian. For a disciple of Jesus Christ, the world *does not* revolve around me. Instead, the world should revolve around Jesus as Jesus should be the leader of all aspects of our life.

We must have a daily desire for the heart of Christ in our life. We should desire and seek to read and study scripture and pray to determine what the heart of Christ is like. As reflected in Jesus' words in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because *apart from me you can do nothing*." So I wonder: *Who exactly is Jesus Christ to you, and have you chosen to become His disciple for the rest of your life? What is keeping you back from having a heart for Christ alone?*

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.

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.

Wednesday, February 14th is **Ash Wednesday**, the start of the season of Lent. We will have a traditional service at 7:00PM that evening. If you would like to learn more about the meaning of Ash Wednesday and our Lenten preparation for Easter, visit this link:

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/why-ashes-on-ash-wednesday>

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. 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, February 10th, at 8:30am for breakfast. Please come and enjoy this time, strengthening of our church family.

Pastor Kris will be leading a Bible study beginning in early spring on the **Book of Revelation**. The study will be offered Wednesday evenings but may also be offered other times depending on interest. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the library.

Serve in Christ's Love

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

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

Tyler & Hannah Graham
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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

February 4th

Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Mark S. & Jonathan T.
Nursery: Tabitha F.-Y. & Abby G.
Tech Booth: Hayden

February 11th

Worship Assistant: Roger Rebuck
Acolyte: Madison
Greeters: John C. & Rob S.
Nursery: Julia S. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jacob

February 18th

Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Alicia E. & Angie B.
Nursery: Gwenelle T. & Kayla K.
Tech Booth: Hayden

February 25th

Worship Assistant: Ellen Kennedy
Acolyte: Jennifer
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Matt E.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jacob



Anniversaries

13 John & Judy Scott



Birthdays

1 Pat Kelley
6 Julia Socks
13 Jane Flenner
13 Darlene Hostetter
19 Gary Rhoe
27 Erin Kitner

Church Calendar

February 1st

9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth

February 2nd

5:30PM – Faith and Health

February 3rd

10:00AM – Faith and Health

February 4th

2:00PM – Faith and Health

February 7th

9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew

7:00PM – Praise Band Practice

February 8th

9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth

February 9th

5:30PM – Faith and Health

February 10th

8:30AM – Men's breakfast at Brother's

10:00AM – Faith and Health

February 11th

2:00PM – Faith and Health

February 13th

6:30PM – Leadership Team mtg

February 14th

9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew

7:00PM – Ash Wednesday Service

February 15th

9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth

February 16th

5:30PM – Faith and Health

February 17th

10:00AM – Faith and Health

February 18th

2:00PM – Faith and Health

February 21st

9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew

7:00PM – Praise Band Practice

February 22nd

9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth

February 23rd

5:30PM – Faith and Health

February 23rd

5:30PM – Faith and Health

February 24th

10:00AM – Faith and Health

February 25th

2:00PM – Faith and Health

February 28th

9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew

7:00PM – Praise Band Practice

Christ's Teachings

Pastor Kris will begin a new sermon series on February 4th.

BRAVE AND STRONG

The series developed from a prayerful weekend with the Leadership Team around God's preferred future for our church. We will celebrate communion and witness an adult baptism!



"He's a bit of a perfectionist..."

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE. PASTOR KRIS AND MARY CAN UPDATE IT INSTANTLY. EASY TO GET TO AND EASY TO READ! WWW.STATELINEUMC.COM

COMMUNITY NEWS

York District Rally 2018

February 24th from 10:00AM until 4:00PM
Bethany & St. Paul's UMC, Red Lion, PA

The District Rally is a day of prayer and learning for both clergy and laity. The list of workshops offered can be found on the bulletin board.

If you are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor Kris. There are brochures in the church office. When you register, you must indicate which workshop you are interested in attending. Lunch is provided.



The **Ladies' Fellowship** had a successful pumpkin roll drive this fall. Thank you to all who enjoyed the yummy treat and sold some to your friends! Some of the proceeds from the sale were used to help children in need have appropriate coats for this cold winter.

2017 Church Audit

The audit for this past year is due to be submitted shortly to the conference. If you hold a checkbook for a bank account with the church, please submit your checkbook and corresponding bank statements to the church office by February 15th for the audit to be completed timely.

Collection and Donation Needs

New Hope Shelter

After required maintenance which closed the facility in December, the shelter has re-opened to those in need. These are daily needs essential to the shelter's healthy function.

Bottles of bleach
Paper towels
Toilet paper
Laundry detergent
Plastic garbage bags (13 & 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 noodles
Spaghetti sauce
Pancake mix
Pancake syrup
Canned meat
Peanut butter
Jelly in Plastic jars
Canned fruit
Rice mixes
Crackers
Toilet paper

Maintenance

Request forms for work on the building and grounds are now available in the church office mailbox slots. Ed Fiery, our Building and Grounds Leader, will use these to care for the property.

Fellowship Time

Fellowship time will be held each Sunday in the entrance wing of the sanctuary starting at 10:00AM. You do not want to miss this time of coffee, treats and connection each week!

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Sunday Worship:
10:15AM

Fellowship Time:
10:00AM

All-Ages Sunday School:
9:00AM

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

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