



State Line UMC

March 2018

# Without Borders

## Message from Pastor Kris

Last month, I shared that each month in my newsletter articles I would be highlighting a new mark of discipleship. These unique marks of discipleship help us navigate and learn how we can deepen and **grow our faith** together as a community of faith! According to Glenn McDonald in his book *The Disciple Making Church*, the second mark of an authentic disciple is **having a mind transformed by the Word**.

To be a person who loves Jesus, we first need to have a heart for Jesus and now have a mind that is being transformed by the Bible. Often a 20-30-minute sermon heard each Sunday with little to no Bible reading throughout the week stands very little chance often to create transformation in our lives. This is due to the wave of other influences that come up throughout our week. Advertising, sitcoms, billboards, the Internet, novels, infomercials, and talk radios promulgate a message that is often contrary to that of the Bible. Each year about 130,000 new books are published and television continues to be the dominant medium of popular culture. In light of this, the Bible has a chance to be lost in this forest of information and data.

Yet, to be a person who is seeking to follow after Jesus more, we are to be people who are transformed by the stories and words of the Scriptures. Paul challenges his readers in Romans 12:2: "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Paul challenges followers of Jesus to be transformed by a renewing of the mind that can come through the Bible.

I invite you this month to seek to be transformed by reading of the Scriptures. The key is not to read for mere knowledge or information; rather, to become more like Christ and more filled with the life of God. To read the scriptures to allow it to shape your entire understanding of the world and choices. I invite you to ask yourself: *how much time every week am I committing to personal spiritual development and Bible reading? How much time does God desire for me to commit?* I invite you to list the priorities and activities that will need to shift in order to fulfill that call, sit down, and share your plan of action with someone else!

### Encounter God

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

Wednesday mornings at 9:30, ladies meet to **quilt and sew** together. Contact Linda Baker for more details.

**Lent** is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection.

Learn more by following this link or searching "Lent" on [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/what-is-lent-and-why-does-it-last-forty-days>

### Grow in Faith

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

**Thursday Bible Study** is held 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, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am for breakfast. Please come and enjoy this time, strengthening our church family.

Pastor Kris will be leading a Wednesday Bible study beginning March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on the **Book of Revelation**.

### Serve in Christ's Love

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

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

- March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Roger Rebeck  
Acolyte: Hunter T.  
Greeters: Darlene H & Curtis B.  
Nursery: Tabitha F.-Y. & Abby G.  
Tech Booth: Hayden
- March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Mark Semler  
Acolyte: Madison  
Greeters: Judy E. & Gary R.  
Nursery: Julia S. & Dixie E.  
Tech Booth: Jacob
- March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis  
Acolyte: Hunter T.  
Greeters: Mark S. & Roger R.  
Nursery: Gwenelle T. & Kayla K.  
Tech Booth: Hayden
- March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey  
Acolyte: Jennifer  
Greeters: Barb L. & Jonathan T.  
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.  
Tech Booth: Jacob



### Birthdays

- 5 Chuck Mongan
- 9 Kayla Kershner
- 11 Denny Simmons
- 14 Ernie Houdeshell
- 15 David "Doc" Ellis
- 16 John Scott
- 18 Jacob Semler
- 19 Hunter William Trivette
- 19 Alice Gregory
- 30 Renee Crouse
- 31 Amy Semler

### Church Calendar

- March 1<sup>st</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
5:30PM – Faith and Health
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10:00AM – Faith and Health  
2:00PM – Grace Blackburn  
Funeral
- March 4<sup>th</sup>  
12:00PM – Brave and Strong  
Social  
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- March 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt  
and sew  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice  
7:00PM – Bible Study with PK
- March 8<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
- March 9<sup>th</sup>  
5:30PM – Faith and Health
- March 10<sup>th</sup>  
8:30AM – Men's breakfast at  
Brother's  
10:00AM – Faith and Health
- March 11<sup>th</sup>  
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- March 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Leadership Team mtg
- March 14<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Women meet to  
quilt and sew  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice  
7:00PM – Bible Study with PK
- March 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
- March 16<sup>th</sup>  
5:30PM – Faith and Health
- March 17<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM – Faith and Health
- March 18<sup>th</sup>  
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- March 21<sup>st</sup>  
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt  
and sew

- 7:00PM – Praise Band Practice  
7:00PM – Bible Study with PK
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
5:30PM – Faith and Health
- March 24<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM – Faith and Health
- March 25<sup>th</sup>  
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- March 26<sup>th</sup>  
9:00AM-2:00PM – Office Hours
- March 28<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt  
and sew  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice  
7:00PM – Bible Study with PK
- March 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth  
7:00PM – Maundy Thursday  
Service
- March 30<sup>th</sup>  
5:30PM – Faith and Health  
7:00PM – Good Friday Service

### Christ's Teachings

Pastor Kris will preach about the season of Lent, the time of self-reflection and renewal.

### GIVING UP

What can you give up for Lent that will strengthen you in your spiritual journey?



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](http://WWW.STATELINEUMC.COM)



# MILES FOR MISSIONS:

Walk-A-Thon to Benefit Bishop's Partners In Mission



York District event:  
April 15, 2018  
Camp Penn,  
8005 Old Forge Road  
Waynesboro, PA  
2:00 pm registration  
hike/walk 3:00 - 4:00 pm

100% of the donations will go to  
Bishop's Partners in Mission to support:

**Imagine NoMalaria and Mission Central**

*For more information please contact the York District Office at  
717 :755-8863 or <http://tinyurl.com/BishopsPIM>*

## Pastor Kris will be running in this event!

Please join us for the York District's Miles for Mission Event, Sunday, April 15, 2018. The walk begins at 3:00 with registration at 2:00. Walk/hike for an hour in the beautiful serene setting at Camp Penn, 8005 Old Forge Road, Waynesboro, PA. The festivities begin at 2:00 with a **children's festival**, followed by a **youth party** beginning at 5pm.

If you are interested in taking part in the walk, there are sponsor sheets for fundraising on the table in the library.

## Community Egg Hunt



State Line Ruritan Park

1:00pm, Rain or Shine

Saturday, March 31st

## Easter Sunday Services



**6:30am Sunrise Service** – There will be a community service in the State Line Ruritan Park. All are welcome to rejoice in the risen Christ during this early morning service.

**10:15am Service** will be held at the church. Come for the celebration of Easter and invite your neighbors.

## SPRING ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Saturday, March 24, 2018

9 AM - 3 PM

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
Family Life Center  
750 Norland Ave.  
Chambersburg, PA  
717-267-3085



Admission is free. There will be crafters, artists, and authors selling a wide variety of specialty items including cat books, Holocaust books, historical fiction, jewelry, sewn items, quilted items, greeting cards and favor boxes, wreaths, cat beds and toys, children's cloth books and blankets, Swarovski crystal jewelry, hand bags and sports bears, framed vintage jewelry art, painted and hand carved items, and many other handmade crafts. Food will be available for purchase from Coach's Corner BBQ. Call 717-267-3085 for more information. The church is handicapped accessible.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## **BRAVE AND STRONG!** March 4<sup>th</sup> Social – After the service

We are excited to be wrapping up the Brave and Strong sermon series with an opportunity to discuss the spiritual goals of our ministry teams and build teams to make a true impact on our church and community in 2018. Come, enjoy lunch together and share your thoughts. Childcare will be offered during the social.

## **Facilities Use Form**

There is now a form in the office to request the use of the facility by our church family. If you are planning a birthday or celebration, please come by the office on any Sunday and complete the simple form. Those already “booked” through March need not complete a form.

## **Leadership Team Highlights**

The Leadership Team met Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The Team discussed the following:

- Plans for a meaningful social on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Review of the organizational chart as well as job descriptions of ministry leaders and church staff
- Discussed and agreed upon guiding principles for spending by the pastor and ministry leaders including when Leadership Team approval is required.

## **Easter Office Hours**

Mary will be out of the office visiting with family. Office hours will be 9:00AM – 2:00PM these days:

Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>



## **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!

## **Collection and Donation Needs**

### **New Hope Shelter**

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)

### **Food Pantry Needs**

Cereal	Mustard
Pancake mix	Ketchup
Pancake syrup	Crackers
Canned meat	Mayonnaise
Baked beans	Tooth paste
	Toilet paper

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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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