



State Line UMC

March 2019

# Without Borders

## Message from the Pastor

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we wait with anticipation for Spring to unfold, we are about to enter the season of Lent, which begins on March 6<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wed) and culminates on the Saturday of Holy Week, just prior to Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a time of preparation for each of us to fully receive and appreciate God's gift of grace through our risen Christ by spending time in spiritual reflection and renewal, a season of new growth by recommitting/surrendering our lives to bear fruit for His kingdom. Oh how we all need these times of spiritual renewal!

As part of this preparation process, I will be sharing a Lenten series of messages on "The Fruit of the Spirit" (from Galatians 5:22-23): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. It is these nine character traits that identify us as Christians. And as we look at each one in detail throughout the coming weeks, I believe it will help us in our Lenten journey of renewal and commitment, both individually and as the church, the body of Christ. The series begins on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. I hope you are able to join us.

Since my appointment as your interim pastor, one of the blessings that I look forward to is sharing Easter Sunday morning with you. One of the things I have missed since my retirement is being a pastor on Easter Sunday morning.

I remember vividly the last Easter Sunday morning before I retired. It was such a beautiful and glorious day! The weather conditions were nearly perfect for the 6:15 AM Sunrise Service, and the sunrise was truly breathtaking! As I left that morning after the worship celebrations had ended and everyone had gone, I stopped by the cross at the corner of the parking lot on the way to my vehicle and said a little prayer of thanks. I wondered how many people in this world do not know how much God loves them and can make such a difference in their lives. And I was reminded that we (the church) have much work to do – sharing God's love and grace. God is counting on us.

I leave you with 2 Peter 3:18 – "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." And as we grow in this grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus, how can we not share this wonderful life-changing truth with others? So let's keep on growing! PC

### 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.

Sunday Morning

9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Fellowship Time  
10:15am Worship

### Grow in Faith

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

The **State Line UMC Youth Group** meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate.

**Bible Study** with Pastor Ruth is held Thursday mornings at 9:30am.

**Heart Opening Yoga** is held Thursday evenings at **6:30pm**.

### Serve in Christ's Love

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

Our **Outreach Team** is committed to help those most in need in our community. The entire congregation is gathering food to assist those living at the State Line Inn.

*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 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis  
Acolyte: Hunter T.  
Greeters: Mark S. & Rob S.  
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Mark Semler  
Acolyte: Hunter T.  
Greeters: John C. & Angie B.  
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- March 17<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis  
Acolyte: Hunter T.  
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Matt E.  
Nursery: Julia S. & Dixie E.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey  
Acolyte: Hunter T.  
Greeters: Darlene H. & Curtis B.  
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey  
Acolyte: Bobby N.  
Greeters: Judy E. & Gary R.  
Nursery: Bonnie C. & Julia S.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan



### 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
- 31 Amy Semler

### Church Calendar

- March 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt  
6:00PM – Youth Group  
7:00PM – Ash Wednesday Service  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- March 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:30PM – Heart Opening Yoga
- March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Daylight Savings Time
- March 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM Women meet to quilt  
6:30PM – Youth Group  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- March 14<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:30PM – Heart Opening Yoga
- March 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:00AM – Ladies' Fellowship  
Breakfast at church
- March 17<sup>th</sup>  
St. Patrick's Day 
- 9:00AM – Combined Adult Sunday School with Pastor Chris
- March 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Leadership Team Meeting

- March 20<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM Women meet to Quilt  
6:30PM – Youth Group  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- March 21<sup>st</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:30PM – Heart Opening Yoga
- March 27<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM Women meet to quilt  
6:00PM – Outreach Team Pack and Deliver food  
6:30PM – Youth Group  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- March 28<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:30PM – Heart Opening Yoga

### Combined Adult Sunday School

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:00AM

Pastor Chris invites all adults (young, old and in between) to a combined Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited, whether or not you are currently connected with a Sunday School class.

Hope you are able to come and join me! ~ PC

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# For Fellowship & Community

*I arise today  
Through God's strength to pilot me;  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's hosts to save me  
Afar and anear,  
Alone or in a multitude.*



*St. Patrick*

## Outreach Monthly Food Needs

-  Jar of peanut butter
-  Jar of jelly
-  Canned chicken or tuna
-  Can of soup
-  Canister of quick oats
-  Pasta sides packet Box of pasta
-  Jar of pasta sauce
-  6-pack Ramen Noodle Soup
-  Can of vegetables
-  Chicken or Tuna Helper boxed meals



## Ladies' Fellowship Breakfast



The Ladies' Fellowship will be sponsoring a breakfast for the ladies of the church in the Fellowship Hall on

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am**

Please sign-up at the communication table if you plan to attend. An accurate count will help with meal preparation.

The United Methodist Church of St. Thomas has organized a bus trip to

**ROOT'S Country Market and Auction with lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant  
Manheim, PA**

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**



If you are interested in knowing more, please see the flyers and sign-up information on the Free Materials table in the library.

## Indoor Yard Sale

The UMC of St. Thomas is having their 21<sup>st</sup> Indoor Yard Sale March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Address is 360 St. Thomas-Edenville Road.

Friday hours 8:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday hours 8:00am – 2:00pm

# CHURCH NEWS

## Leadership Team Highlights

The leadership team met on Feb. 19. The following may be of interest.

- A detailed cost estimate for each part of the building improvement plan was presented by Chuck Geesaman, Waynesboro Construction Company. The quote is valid until October 1, 2019 with cost for the entire project being just under \$60,000. Included are changing men's restroom upstairs to be handicap accessible/unisex; new entry and wall in sanctuary; new double doors into sanctuary; front doors and sidewalk.
- Pastor Chris's report detailed his varied activities between Jan. 1 and Feb. 17. In addition to 23 visits with folks in the hospital, home setting, and office, he has attended a cluster gathering, 2 community events, met with groups within the church, completed the annual church data report, and attempted to meet with a family recently attending worship. He stressed the importance of each of us striving to make new disciples of Jesus Christ through our church ministries. A 7-Sunday sermon series on 'The Fruit of the Spirit' will begin on March 3. He encouraged us to be in prayer for the Special General Conference and the days that follow as well as for Pastor Steve and his family in the months leading up to his arrival in State Line.
- Wording was updated in the Facilities Use Policy/Agreement.
- Cost for replacement of parsonage stove and hood/exhaust fan and fireplace/lining repair will be obtained and presented at the March meeting.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm is the next meeting. All are welcome.

## Facilities Use Reservation Procedure

So . . . you want to use fellowship hall for a party. Or maybe you want to renew your vows in the sanctuary. Or you need to use both parts of the church. How do you officially make a reservation?

1. Complete a reservation form available on the bulletin board in the office.
  2. Place the form in secretary's mail slot.
  3. Once approved by pastor or leadership team, the secretary will put the reservation on the wall calendar and let you know it has been approved.
1. There's no charge for facility use by members or their adult children. However if the area used is not left in the condition found, there will be a \$50 cleaning charge payable by the person making the reservation.

By the way, decorations may not be taped, tacked or stapled to any painted surface. So . . .

Reserve your space and have some fun;  
Straighten it up when you're done!

**Sunday Worship:** 10:15AM  
**Fellowship Time:** 10:00AM  
**All-Ages Sunday School:** 9:00AM  
**Office Hours:** 9:00AM-2:00PM  
Tuesday & Thursday

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