



State Line UMC

April 2018

# Without Borders

## Message from Pastor Kris

Do you know how many times the New Testament commands Christians to love one another? 23! Twenty-three times throughout the New Testament, we are instructed to love one another. From a society standpoint, we search for love that is based on our own emotions, relationships, and experiences. We look to share or receive love from someone who is beautiful or handsome and who is lovable or alluring. We look to receive and give love on these parameters. Yet, a shirt mark of an authentic disciple of Jesus Christ is someone who know God loves us unconditionally.

To be a person who loves Jesus, we first need to have a heart for Jesus, have a mind that is being transformed by the Bible, and be a person with arms of love. What we learn from Scripture is that real love is not about chemistry, not about feelings, not a tidal wave of romantic sentiments that washes over us. What we learn from scripture is that real love doesn't come our way because we are pretty enough, clever enough, or enough of anything. Rather, we are loved because God loves us. Period! So true love for us as Christians is being enthralled by the love of God. **Jesus thus calls his disciples (us!) to extend arms of love in precisely the same way – proactively sharing what we have received from God with those around us.** Because God loves us unconditionally, we are commanded to extend arms of love toward others *unconditionally*. This love is not based on emotions or feelings toward someone else. Rather, this love that we extend is a love desiring and seeking the good of others.

This month, as we learn to extend arms of love, identify one person in your life whom you find difficult to love. It is important to recognize that authentic love is not a feeling but an action, and is not a reflect but an act of our will:

- A. Ask God to give you sufficient power to love this person.
- B. Pray every day for one week that God will bless this person.
- C. Take a course of action that will enhance this person's life (this could be a word of encouragement, a gift, a letter, etc.)
- D. If possible, do something secret to bless this person – something that only you and God will know about. Choose to keep your secret.

### 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.

### 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. The current study is of the Book of James, utilizing the book Be Mature. 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, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 8:30am for breakfast. Please come and enjoy this time, strengthening our church family.

Pastor Kris is leading a Wednesday Bible study 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

- April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis  
Acolyte: Hunter T.  
Greeters: John C. & Rob S.  
Nursery: Tabitha F.-Y. & Abby G.  
Tech Booth: Hayden
- April 8<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Ellen Kennedy  
Acolyte: Madison  
Greeters: Alicia E. & Angie B.  
Nursery: Julia S. & Dixie E.  
Tech Booth: Jacob
- April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Roger Rebeck  
Acolyte: Hunter T.  
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Matt E.  
Nursery: Gwenelle T. & Kayla K.  
Tech Booth: Hayden
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Mark Semler  
Acolyte: Jennifer  
Greeters: Darlene H. & Curtis B.  
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.  
Tech Booth: Jacob
- April 29<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis  
Acolyte: Bobby  
Greeters: Judy E. & Gary R.  
Nursery: Bonnie C. & Julia S.  
Tech Booth: Hayden



### Anniversaries

22 Rodger & Ellen Kennedy



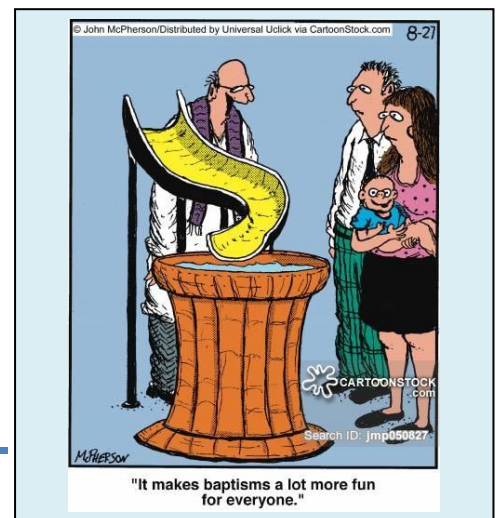
### Birthdays

- 5 Rodger Kennedy
- 6 Sherrill Courtney
- 7 Michelle Scheide
- 8 Kate Fiery
- 12 Linda Baker
- 14 Hunter Rhoe
- 14 Hayden Rhoe
- 17 Robbie Gregory Jr
- 17 Gary Baer
- 22 Judy Ellis
- 29 Margaret Davis

### Church Calendar

- April 1<sup>st</sup>  
6:30AM – Sunrise Service  
10:15AM – Easter Service
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30PM – Youth Team Meeting
- April 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice  
7:00PM – Bible Study with PK
- April 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
- April 6<sup>th</sup>  
5:30PM – Faith and Health
- April 7<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM – Faith and Health
- April 8<sup>th</sup>  
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- April 10<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Leadership Team mtg
- April 11<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice  
7:00PM – Bible Study with PK
- April 12<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
- April 13<sup>th</sup>  
5:30PM – Faith and Health
- April 14<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM – Faith and Health
- April 15<sup>th</sup>  
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- April 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – SLUMC Staff Meeting
- April 18<sup>th</sup>  
9-2PM – Office Hours  
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice  
7:00PM – Bible Study with PK
- April 19<sup>th</sup>  
Office Closed  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth

- April 20<sup>th</sup>  
5:30PM – Faith and Health
- April 21<sup>st</sup>  
8:30AM – Men's breakfast at Brother's  
10:00AM – Faith and Health
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- April 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice  
7:00PM – Bible Study with PK
- April 26<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
- April 27<sup>th</sup>  
5:30PM – Faith and Health
- April 28<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM – Faith and Health
- April 29<sup>th</sup>  
2:00PM – Faith and Health



OUR CALENDAR IS UPDATED WITH TO-THE-MINUTE CHANGES. VISIT [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.

**See Pastor Kris if you would like to sponsor him in this fundraising event!**

IF YOU HAVE A GRADUATE IN YOUR  
HOUSEHOLD WHO ATTENDS SLUMC, PLEASE  
CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE

## Mark Your Calendars!!!

**Lots of events are happening in the next couple of months!**

### Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00AM, we will have a community yard sale. Tables will be available to "rent" for a donation to the church.

### Baby Shower for the Hagerstown Area Pregnancy Crisis Center

Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> the Ladies' Fellowship will host a shower to collect donations for the Pregnancy Crisis Center that will benefit those in need.

### Summer Camp!!

**It's going to get warmer and time to start thinking about summer camp!**

Pastor Kris will be leading the Children's Musical Theater Camp this summer at Greene Hills. If you enjoy singing, acting, and having a great time, then this is the camp for you! In addition to learning and performing a children's musical, we'll do lots of traditional camp activities and fun games. The week will end with three musical performances, including a show Friday afternoon at a local nursing home. June 17-23 Grades 4-7 Starts: Sunday 2:30 pm; Ends: Saturday 9:00 am. If you are interested, please see Pastor Kris or Mary in the office to get registered.

### Joy El Jubilee

Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM - 4:00PM

Joy El will hold it's community fun day with free admission, free parking and free activities.

Hayrides	Go-Karts	Craft Vendors	Archery
Door Prizes	Climbing Wall	Face Painting	Canoeing
Bake Sale	Mini-Golf	Zip Line	& More!

### Meals On Wheels

The Senior Center in Greencastle is in desperate need of volunteer drivers. You would work one day a week for about 1 ½ hours, same route each week. You must have your own car and insurance. If interested, please contact Christ at 717-597-2020. You would be doing the Lord's work.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## York City Day Camp

Rev. Charles Salisbury is urging the district to consider donating to York City Day Camp this spring. The camp, run by Messiah UMC, reaches children in need to provide ministry and direction through the summer. If you wish to donate, you can contact Beth, the Administrative Assistant, at the following: Phone-717-843-4572 or Mary would be happy to forward donations to the church for this special program.

## Operation Christmas Child

We will not be participating in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project this year.

## 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, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The Team discussed the following:

- Brave and Strong social was well-attended with over 50 adults, helping to form 4 ministry teams.
- Four ministry teams (Outreach, Children's Ministry, Youth and Leadership Development) have been formed and are beginning to meet and solidify the actions of the teams.
- Fellowship time will continue. It has been well-received and the cost has been off-set by donations.

## Easter Week Office Hours

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

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	Potato mixes
Canned meat	Dry pasta
Baked beans	Rice mixes
Mayonnaise	Shampoo
Barbeque Sauce	Tooth paste
Mac N Cheese	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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