



State Line UMC

May 2018

Without Borders

Message from Pastor Kris

When was the last time you prayed for our church? When was the last time you opened up our church directory and prayed over the people from our church? Did you know that we do not have an official prayer team at State Line? Even though, prayer is one of our core values at our church, we do not have an official group of people who pray for our church on a regular basis.

Over the last few months, I have been praying about specific marks of an authentic disciple of Jesus Christ. This month, I want to highlight the power of prayer, and how we should have knees for prayer. Prayer is a notable practice, as it ushers us into the presence of the living God and creates space for a holy conversation. Yet, deep and authentic prayer is sometimes seldom a key aspect of our lives and seldom a main focus of churches. A disciple-making church, which is committed above all else to the imitation of Jesus, models itself upon the pervasiveness of his prayer life. Jesus chose to spend time alone with his Father before he made any major decisions and faced major challenges. Continuously, Jesus sought the wisdom, courage, and strength from his Father to sustain his public and private ministry with God's people.

Who wants to be the prayer champions of State Line UMC? Who wants to be the prayer champions of our children and youth and young adult ministry? Who wants to be the prayer champions for our community? Who wants to be the prayer champions of our outreach ministry? Who wants to be the prayer champions over our entire faith community? Churches that are able to make new disciples of Jesus Christ are churches that embed their entire ministry in prayer.

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.

Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Kris will meet for the last time before a summer break on Wednesday, May 16th at 7:00pm.

The **women of our congregation** are meeting at Brother's Pizza on Saturday, May 19th at 8:30am for breakfast.

The **men of the congregation** are meeting for breakfast at the State Line Ruritan at 8:30 on Saturday, May 19th.

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.

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

- May 6th
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Mark S. & Roger R.
Nursery: Tabitha F.-Y. & Abby G.
Tech Booth: Hayden
- May 13th
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis
Acolyte: Madison
Greeters: Barb L. & Jonathan T.
Nursery: Julia S. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jacob
- May 20th
Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: John C. & Rob S.
Nursery: Gwenelle T. & Kayla K.
Tech Booth: Hayden
- May 27th
Worship Assistant: Roger Rebeck
Acolyte: Hunter
Greeters: Alicia E. & Angie B.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jacob



Anniversaries

- 2 Pat & Red Reese
6 Jay & Barbara Baker
17 Matt & Dixie Ellis



Birthdays

- 2 Brad Kershner
7 Isaac Boyer
8 Bonnie Courtney
8 John "JW" Courtney
11 McKenize Crouse
14 Brielle Boyer
17 Lori Morris
18 Dixie Ellis
20 Tori Benedict
24 Abby Lynne Garner
27 Bobby Norris
27 Nellie Johnston

Church Calendar

- May 2nd
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
7:00PM – Bible Study with PK
- May 3rd
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
- May 4th
5:30PM – Faith and Health
- May 5th
8:30AM – Church Work Day
- May 6th
12:00PM – Children's Ministry Team Meeting
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- May 8th
6:30PM – Leadership Team mtg
- May 9th
9:00AM – 2:00PM – Church office hours
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:00PM – Youth Team meeting
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
7:00PM – Bible Study with PK
- May 10th
Church office closed
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
7:00PM – Outreach Team Meeting
- May 11th
5:30PM – Faith and Health
- May 12th
7:00AM – Church Yard Sale
- May 13th
Mother's Day
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- May 16th
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:00PM – Youth Team meeting
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
7:00PM – Bible Study with PK
- May 17th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth

- May 18th
5:30PM – Faith and Health
- May 19th
8:30AM – Women's breakfast at Brother's
8:30AM – Men's breakfast at State Line Ruritan
10:00AM – Faith and Health
6:00PM – Black Light Puppet Show
- May 20th
12:00PM – Preparing food for Hotel families
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- May 23rd
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- May 24th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
6:00PM – Food delivery to Hotel families
- May 25th
5:30PM – Faith and Health
- May 26th
10:00AM – Faith and Health
- May 27th
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- May 28th
Memorial Day 🇺🇸
- May 30th
Annual Conference begins
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:00PM – Youth Team meeting
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice



OUR CALENDAR IS UPDATED WITH TO-THE-MINUTE CHANGES. VISIT WWW.STATELINEUMC.COM

SUMMER

Mark Your Calendars!!!

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

Church Work Day

Saturday, May 5th starting at 8:30AM. Bring your work gloves and wear old clothes. We will be cleaning up and beautifying our church grounds.

Church Yard Sale

Saturday, May 12th starting at 7:00AM, we will have a church yard sale in conjunction with Trinity United Church here in State Line. Bring out your goods and set up in the parking lot.

Black Light Puppet Show

Saturday, May 19th starting at 6:00PM, we will be hosting the Hands Raised in Praise Puppeteers. All are invited! It will be an enjoyable time for children of all ages. Flyers are available for you to hand out to friends and neighbors.

Baby Shower for the Hagerstown Area Pregnancy Crisis Center

Saturday, June 23rd 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.

Business

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.

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!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello, State Line Congregation!

As most of you know, we started the new Outreach Team. Our first ministry will be at the State Line Hotel. Our team felt a great need because of the 30 to 40 families living in the hotel. There are 16 to 18 children living there at any one time, ranging in ages mostly from 1 to 10-years-old. We, the team, would like to try to collect canned goods to provide a meal for the families and their children. Please be mindful of the expiration dates. Please open your kitchen cabinets and let God do the work.

Thank you for all of your support.

The Outreach Team

Leadership Team Highlights

The Leadership Team met Tuesday, April 10th. The Team discussed the following:

- Facility Use documents for those outside our church family were reviewed for accuracy.
- The results of the annual account audit were discussed. Some changes are being made to signatories to align with current ministry teams.
- The team discussed reaching out to those who are newly attending services to welcome and engage them with our church family.

Ministry Teams

The newly formed ministry teams have been actively working on plans for the year.

- The **Youth Ministry Team** is making plans for youth activities this spring and summer, including the initiation of weekly youth group meetings.
- The **Outreach Team** has launched a plan to provide relief to the families living in the State Line Motel, collecting nutritious foods to help them feed their families.
- The **Children's Ministry Team** is making plans for summer activities and enhanced Sunday ministry for our children.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

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

Food Pantry and New Hope Shelter

The Outreach Ministry has been meeting to develop its plan for reaching our immediate community. At this time, they are focusing our ministry efforts to help meet the needs of the families living in the State Line Motel. While we will not be collecting at the church for the food pantry and New Hope Shelter, we hope that you will continue to personally support those local organizations.

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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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