



State Line UMC

May 2019

# Without Borders

## Message from the Pastor

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

Spring is in the air! Look around people, and take it all in! The beauty of God's creation and evidence of his love given us through the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is all around us. It brings to mind a song we often sang at the early worship when I was at Marion entitled "How Can I Keep from Singing". So, let's sing, not just on a Sunday morning, but every day! "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24) Now where have we heard that before?

As your interim pastor, I have perceived a new level of energy, excitement, and joy in our worship throughout this past month – also evidenced at recent visits with our homebound members. Praise God! As Christ is alive, we are alive in Him! And we must be reminded that the celebration of the risen Christ continues for all people everywhere. Our part in this celebration is not to be confined solely within our church; but this newness of life in Christ must be continued to be shared throughout our community in which we live.

I would like us to receive the Apostle Paul's concluding exhortations to the church at Philippi (Philippians 4:4-9) as our words of encouragement here at State Line. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

As we do these things, we and all others will be blessed! 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.

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

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

**Prayer Meetings** are held at 9:00am the first Sunday of the month by the Ladies' Fellowship.

### 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

- May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey  
Acolyte: Hunter T.  
Greeters: Judy E. & Gary R.  
Nursery: Julia S & Dixie E.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis  
Acolyte: Cheyenne  
Greeters: Alishia E. & Bea R.  
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis  
Acolyte: Hunter T.  
Greeters: John C. & Rob S.  
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey  
Acolyte: Cheyenne  
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Angie B.  
Nursery: Julia S. & Dixie E.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan



### Anniversaries


- 2 Pat & Red Reese
- 6 Jay & Barbara Baker
- 17 Matt & Dixie Ellis
- 26 Ethan & Tabitha Houdeshell




### Birthdays

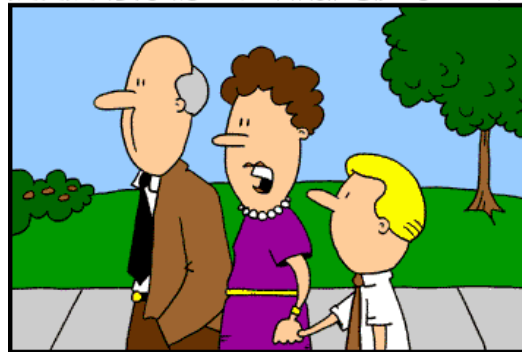
- 2 Brad Kershner
- 8 Bonnie Courtney
- 8 John "JW" Courtney
- 12 Kayla Berkley
- 18 Dixie Ellis
- 24 Abby Lynne Garner
- 27 Nellie Johnston

### Church Calendar

- May 1<sup>st</sup>  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:30PM – Heart Opening Yoga
- May 4<sup>th</sup>  
8:30AM – Women's Prayer Meeting  
9:00AM – Congregational Spring Clean-up Day
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Pastor Chris out of office
- May 8<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM Women meet to quilt  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- May 9<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:30PM – Heart Opening Yoga
- May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Mother's Day   
10:15AM – Charlie Renner preaching
- May 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM Women meet to quilt  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- May 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:30PM – Heart Opening Yoga

- May 19<sup>th</sup>  
CELEBRATION POTLUCK  
Following Worship
- May 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:30PM – Leadership Team Meeting
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
9:30AM Women meet to quilt  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:30PM – Heart Opening Yoga
- May 27<sup>th</sup>  
Memorial Day 
- May 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM Women meet to quilt  
6:00PM – Outreach Team Pack & deliver food  
7:00PM – Outreach Cookout Planning meeting  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- May 30<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:30PM – Heart Opening Yoga  
Annual Conference Begins

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YOUR FATHER HAS AGREED TO STAY AWAKE IN CHURCH TODAY SINCE IT IS MOTHER'S DAY ... IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU WOULD DO THE OPPOSITE FOR ONCE

# For Fellowship & Community



## Outreach Ministry

Lots of opportunities to participate in this important mission!

- ❖ 5/29/19 at 7:00pm – Meeting for all those interested in helping with the Cookout at the State Line Inn. Youth and Adults needed!
- ❖ 6/12/19 – Cookout at the State Line Inn – Everyone is welcome to come, help, eat with and get to know the families living in the Inn.
- ❖ 8/--/19 – Back to School Breakfast – We will be inviting children from the State Line Inn to join us.
- ❖ 11/23/19 – Community Free Thanksgiving Meal in the fellowship hall.
- ❖ Continue with monthly bags of food to support the struggling families at the State Line Inn.
- ❖ LOTS more projects in the works!

From Eileen Fenner

“We had a perfect weather day for the State Line Easter Egg Hunt! 70degrees, sunny, a little breeze. There were 59 children plus teens, parents, grandparents that heard the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Thank you to all of you for helping in some way to have a successful egg hunt. Thank you all for praying. Thank you, Lord, for what was accomplished because of You.”



## Annual Conference



The Annual Conference will take place in Hershey this year beginning May 30<sup>th</sup> and ending June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please keep all those participating in your prayers.

## Celebration Potluck



Following Worship on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Sign-up today!

Rolls and beverages will be provided.

**It guarantees to be a time of great food and fellowship!**

## Paint, Plant and Outdoor Clean-up

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until Noon

Bring helpful tools or supplies.

A light lunch will be provided.



## Employee Spotlight

### Duke Ryan Thomas

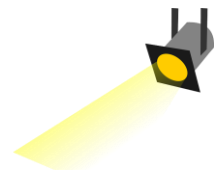
Assistant to the Administrative Assistant

#### Strengths

Loyal  
Friendly  
Adorable

#### Opportunities for Improvement

Greedy (cheese)  
Slovenly (too much cheese)  
Scared of storms (They don't produce cheese)



# CHURCH NEWS

**H** Happy to greet folks as they enter the church?  
**O** Or do we rush by, leaving them in the lurch?  
**S** Since we all can use a friendly smile and greeting,  
**P** Pause to offer 'welcome' before finding our seating.  
**I** Inform new folks where to find coffee and a treat;  
**T** Tell them you'll be glad to help them find a seat.  
**A** A sincere welcome that comes from our hearts  
**L** Lets others feel at home before worship time starts.  
**I** In essence what this rhyme is trying to say is  
**T** That hospitality's important to show every day.  
**Y** Yes - the Bible gives instruction about hospitality.

*Romans 12:13*

*Share with the Lord's people who are in need.*

*Practice hospitality.*



## Leadership Team Highlights

The leadership team met on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The following may be of interest.

- Elyssa Hevner was welcomed as team member to fill a vacancy in Class of 2019 members. Elyssa is a leader of our youth group, Disciples of Faith class member, and creates some of our lovely bulletin board displays. Away from church, Elyssa is a teacher who loves spending time with her family.
- The much-needed stove and hood for the parsonage have been delivered and will be put into place once Pastor Kris and Hannah move. Discussion about fireplace improvement centered on cost vs feasibility/use/efficiency after estimates were reviewed.
- As movement on the Building Concept Plan is on hold for now, the co-ordinator(s) will be discerned at a later time.
- Pastor Chris's report shared how he keeps busy including home/hospital/office visits, meeting attendance and being part of classes and activities within the church. He urged team members to be faithful in prayer for the financial well-being of our church. With his and Bea's moving date in May, son Charlie will present the message on May 12.

The next meeting on May 21 at 6:30 is, as always, open to anyone to attend.

**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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