



State Line UMC

June/July 2019

Without Borders

Message from the Pastor

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

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. . .” Ecclesiastes 3:1-4. Although my season of pastoral ministry with you will conclude on June 30th, I hope and pray that our time together has been helpful in bringing us more “united with Christ, one in spirit and mind” and looking forward to seeing where God is leading us.

As your interim pastor these past few months, the following is just a snapshot of some highlights I have most appreciated (and will miss): children’s chats, the praise band, our conversations, sharing openly and honestly, youth group gatherings, outreach ministry at State Line Inn, praying with the Bible Study group and Quilters, visiting the homebound, Easter Sunrise Service at the Ruritan, men’s breakfasts, spring work day, greeting and hugs after worship, blessing the children during Holy Communion Sundays, sharing office space with Mary & Duke. In all of these, the fruit of the Spirit was evident and flowing. Remember the fruit? Love, joy, peace, patience kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control – the result of allowing the Spirit to guide and fill us. May this always be so!

Together we have also experienced some difficulties and challenges (some of which are still present); yet God has always been and will be with us. As Bishop Park shared recently at Annual Conference, “Fear not! The risen Christ is with us! The challenge before us is never greater than the power behind us.” In spending some time with Pastor Steven, your soon-to-be pastor, he’s excited and looking forward to the opportunities, blessings, and yes, challenges that lie ahead – to see what God will do here at State Line UMC.

So in closing, I share some parting words from last week’s message from Philippians 2:12-18 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 – good reminders for all of us. “Do everything without grumbling or arguing . . . as you (we) hold firmly to the word of life.” “Be joyful . . . pray continually . . . give thanks in all circumstances . . . do not quench the Spirit . . . hear God’s word . . . test everything . . . hold on to the good . . . reject evil . . . may God sanctify you completely . . . God will do this.”

In love and thanksgiving, may God’s blessings flow! Pastor Chris (aka 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 will resume after the summer months.

Faith & Fitness Yoga is held Thursday evenings at **6:00pm**.

Prayer Times are held at 9:00am the first Saturday 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

Serving in Worship

June 2nd

Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Darlene H. & Matt E.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

June 9th

Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis
Acolyte: Cheyenne
Greeters: Judy E. & Curtis B.
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

June 16th

Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Alicia E. & Gary R.
Nursery: Julia S & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

June 23rd

Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Cheyenne
Greeters: John C & Bea R.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

June 30th

Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Rob S.
Nursery: Bonnie C. & Tabitha H.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

July 7th

Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Cheyenne
Greeters: Darlene H. & Angie B.
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

July 14th

Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Judy E. & Matt E.
Nursery: Julia S & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

July 21st

Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis
Acolyte: Cheyenne
Greeters: Alicia E. & Curtis B.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

July 28th

Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: John C. & Gary R.
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.
Tech Booth: Jonathan



Anniversaries

June

16 Hap & Ruth Hollister
19 Doc & Judy Ellis
30 Richard & Joanne Walck

July

19 Bob & Alice Gregory



Birthdays



June

2 Big John Courtney
2 Zoe Trivette
17 Tabitha Houdeshell

July

1 Cheyanne Eby
5 Christine Reiber
12 Arrow Milena Trivette
15 Guy R. Johnston
16 Paul Smith
17 Alex Courtney
20 Jay Baker
22 Harold "Hap" Hollister
24 Ethan Houdeshell

Ministry Opportunity!!



In The Wild VBS

Evenings, Sunday, July 21st through Thursday, July 25th

Volunteers are needed to help with:
Crafts

Snacks

Games



Please share your talents to help provide a meaningful, fun time for the children to encounter Jesus and his teaching. See Dixie Ellis if you are able to help in any way.




"TO ENCOURAGE OUR CONGREGATION TO SIT IN THE FRONT PEWS, I'VE INSTALLED CELL PHONE CHARGING STATIONS IN THE FIRST THREE ROWS."

Church Calendar

JUNE	JULY
June 1 st 9:00AM – Women’s Prayer Time Last day of Annual Conference	July 3 rd 9:30AM – Women meet to quilt 8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
June 5 th 9:30AM – Women meet to quilt 8:30PM – Praise Band Practice	July 4 th Independence Day 
June 6 th 6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga	July 6 th 9:00AM – Women’s Prayer Time
June 12 th 9:30AM – Women meet to quilt 4:00PM – Meet to prep for picnic 5:00PM – Picnic @ State Line Inn 8:30PM – Praise Band Practice	July 10 th 9:30AM – Women meet to quilt 8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
June 13 th 6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga	July 11 th 6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga
June 15 th 8:00AM – Men’s Breakfast @ State Line Ruritan 12:00PM-4:00PM Private Facility Use	July 13 th 4:30PM-8:00PM Private Facility Use
June 16 th Father’s Day 	July 17 th 9:30AM – Women meet to quilt 8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
June 17 th 5:30PM-8:30PM – Private Facility Use	July 18 th 6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga
June 18 th 6:30PM – Leadership Team Meeting	July 20 th 8:00AM – Men’s Breakfast @ State Line Ruritan
June 19 th 9:30AM – Women meet to quilt 8:30PM – Praise Band Practice	July 21 st 5:30PM – Vacation Bible School 
June 20 th 6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga	July 22 nd 6:00PM – Vacation Bible School
June 26 th 9:30AM – Women meet to quilt 6:00PM – Outreach meets to pack & distribute food 8:30PM – Praise Band Practice	July 23 rd 6:00PM – Vacation Bible School
June 27 th 6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga	July 24 th 9:30AM – Women meet to quilt 6:00PM – Vacation Bible School 6:00PM – Outreach meets to pack & distribute food 8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
June 28 th 4:00PM-8:00PM Private Facility Use	July 25 th 6:00PM – Vacation Bible School
June 29 th 11:00AM-4:00PM Private Facility Use	
June 30 th Following Worship – Welcome & Farewell Lunch	

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

Mary’s June / July Office Hours

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	June 4 th : 9-2		June 6 th : 9-2	
	June 11 th : 9-2		June 13 th : 9-2	
Out of office →				
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	July 2 nd : 9-2			July 5 th : 9-2
Out of office →				
	July 16 th : 9-2		July 18 th : 9-2	
	July 23 rd : 9-2		July 25 th : 9-2	

For Fellowship & Community

LOVE in Action!

Helping Hands Collection

The Helping Hands Collection plate is passed once a month through the congregation. The fund we replenish helps our church provide immediate need for basics, such as food and gas, to those truly in need. We receive a great many requests for assistance. Pastor Chris and Mary speak with those individuals, hear of their difficulties and offer what resources we can to help them get to more assistance. Over the last year, we have compiled resource information to provide to both Franklin and Washington county residents so that they may know the government and church-based programs that can help them further.

Our May offering was our most generous yet. **\$121.06, 3 times our usual collection**, was received. Thank you for your generosity to keep this fund an active, immediate resource to help those less fortunate.



Outreach Team

Our congregation is hearing the call to help and being moved to do what we can with what God has blessed us. The Outreach Team, while delivering the food generously donated by the congregation, is also handing out resource pamphlets to help the residents of the State Line Inn locate resources to help their families.

Don't forget to help with the **Outreach Picnic at the State Line Inn parking lot from 5pm until 7pm on Wednesday, June 12th!**



WELCOME and FAREWELL LASAGNA LUNCH

For Pastor Steven and family and the Renners

June 30 Following Worship

Come with a joyful heart to celebrate the Renners' time with us and the arrival of the Smalls.

MENU

KIDS' OPTIONS

Meat or veggie lasagna	Chicken tenders
Salad	Mac & cheese
Bread	Applesauce or salad
Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Brownie & ice cream	Brownie & ice cream
Beverages	Beverages

Return reservation slip AND cash payment (\$6/adult & \$3/kids ages 4-13) to Sherry Rhoe or Ellen Avey
NO LATER THAN 11:00 AM



Graduation Recognition

Sunday, June 2nd, we celebrated the graduates in our church family for this calendar year.

Please keep these ladies in your prayers as they move on into the future, applying that which they have been taught and making use of the talents they have been given by God.

Sarah Garner – High School Graduate

Elyssa Hevner – Master's in Administration & Principal Certification

Employee Spotlight

Pastor Chris Renner

Re-retiring Interim Pastor

Some things you didn't learn about Chris these past 6 months...

1. Grew up in the Lutheran Church.
2. First car, at age 15, was a 1950 Plymouth purchased for \$80.
3. First paying job was mowing lawns at age 12.
4. Played a lot of ping pong at Penn State – wish I would have studied more.
5. Lived in a 24' travel trailer for 2 ½ years during 1st job after college.
6. Purchased Littlestown Exxon at age 24 – did you know I used to operate a garage?
7. Married one of my customers, Bea, in 1980.
8. Accepted my call to pastoral ministry when I was 47.



CHURCH NEWS

*It is not Happy People
Who are Thankful.
It is Thankful People
Who are Happy!*

Welcome Small Family

We are excited to welcome Pastor Steven Small and his family to State Line UMC this July!

Steven and Shaylene will be joining us with four children: Nathaniel (16), Calla (14), Ty (13), and Eli (11). They are moving from Austin, PA into the Parsonage in State Line.

Pastor Steven is originally from York, PA and enjoys archery, rifle hunting and 4-wheeling. He met Shaylene in the Conference youth program. You will see a lot of Pastor Steven and his family in the coming months, as he is a hands-on pastor and his family participates widely in church activities.



Leadership Team Highlights

Following opening prayer, singing, Ellen Kennedy's reading from James 1:19-27 and prayer from *Book of Personal Prayer*, the following items were among those discussed:

* Workers will be needed to ready the parsonage for the June 12 arrival of Pastor Steven D. Small, Jr. and family. Along with installation of the new range, hood/fan, and small base cabinet, general cleaning and freshening up will need to take place the week of June 3-10. Volunteers are greatly appreciated! Plan to stay for a short meeting after worship on June 2.

* The team agreed to provide offering checks (\$25 each) for delegate Keric Ellis to present at Annual Conference. It is typical for churches to give a special offering at each of the three worship services during the gathering. In past years, State Line pastors and delegates gave personal offerings but none was given by the local congregation.

* It was decided to ask Waynesboro Construction for price breakdowns for new front doors, automatic opener, and upgrading of men's main floor restroom to meet ADA standards. The restroom would serve as family/handicap accessible restroom.

* Pianist Duncan Holmes will participate in the June 23 worship service.

* Pastor Chris's report acknowledged the positive energy in worship and other activities over the past month. Of concern is still the funds shortage for payment of operational costs. Prayerful consideration is requested by all that God will see us through this challenge. Attendance and giving are key. Pastor Chris will be away June 6 through 9; Keric will speak about Annual Conference on June 9.

All are welcome to attend the next meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tues., June 18.

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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