



State Line UMC

July 2018

Without Borders

Message from Pastor Kris

I assume that when you are reading this newsletter, it is near the beginning of July and Hannah and I have safely arrived in Kampala, Uganda! Hannah and I will be away from June 26 until July 13. This is the first time we have been on a mission trip together, and the first time I've been back to Uganda since 2012. Mission trip experiences are foundational to the Christian faith and built around the conviction to serve and share God's love with people around the world. (See Acts 1:8!)

During this mission trip, we will be building a playground for a local community located outside the capital of Kampala. This area is highly influenced by Islam and we will be ministering at Bwaise Pentecostal Church. This church is one of the most thriving places in this slum area. When we're not working on this playground, we will be leading women and men's Bible studies, leading puppet shows for children, making bricks in preparation of building a new secondary school, and visiting with the 300+ children sponsored through this school.

I plan to utilize Facebook and email to share with you all how God is at work and specific prayer requests. I truly covet your prayers for this trip.

Here are a few items to specifically pray for:

- Pray for the safety, health, and unity of our team of 15 adults. Pray that we will be *brave and strong* when sharing Christ and will allow the Holy Spirit to lead us.
- Pray for the old and new relationships that will be developed with this church community.
- Pray for the women's and men's Bible Study.
- Pray for the playground we will be installing.
- Pray for the service we will be leading and the puppet shows we will be doing.
- Pray that we will be able to make many bricks for the secondary school.
- Pray for our time with the sponsored children as we visit them.
- Pray that each day we see ourselves as servants of God and remain focused on serving God and our friends.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent Jesus Christ and State Line UMC on this mission experience.

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.

VBS will be held the evenings of August 5th through 7th.

The **State Line UMC Youth Group** meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. 7th through 12th grade students throughout the community are invited to participate.

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 to 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

- July 1st
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Bobby N.
Greeters: John C. & Curtis B.
Nursery: Tabitha F.-Y. & Abby G.
Tech Booth: Hayden
- July 8th
Worship Assistant: Roger Rebuck
Acolyte: Bobby N.
Greeters: Barb L. & Rob S.
Nursery: Julia S. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Hayden
- July 15th
Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Alicia E. & Angie B.
Nursery: Gwenelle T. & Kayla K.
Tech Booth: Hayden
- July 22nd
Worship Assistant: Mark Semler
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Matt E.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- July 29th
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Bobby N.
Greeters: Darlene H. & Curtis B.
Nursery: Bonnie C. & Gwenelle T.
Tech Booth: Hayden



Anniversaries

- 1 Kris & Hannah Sledge
19 Bob & Alice Gregory

Church Calendar

- July 1st 2:00PM – Faith and Health
- July 3rd 6:30PM – VBS Meeting
- July 4th Independence Day 
- July 5th 6:00PM – Youth Rally in Waynesboro
- July 8th 2:00PM – Faith and Health
- July 9th – 13th Church office closed
- July 11th 6:30PM – Youth Group
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- July 14th 2:00PM – **Christmas in July** Ladies' Fellowship Party 
- July 15th 2:00PM – Faith and Health
- July 17th 7:00PM – Outreach Team Meeting
- July 18th 9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:30PM – Youth Group
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- July 22nd 12:00PM – Preparing food for Hotel families
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- July 25th 6:30PM – Youth Group
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- July 26th 7:00PM – Food delivery to Hotel families, small group
- July 28th Youth to IMPACT
- July 29th 2:00PM – Faith and Health

Christmas in July

The Ladies' Fellowship is hosting a Christmas In July party **Saturday, July 14th at 2:00pm.**

Light refreshments will be served.

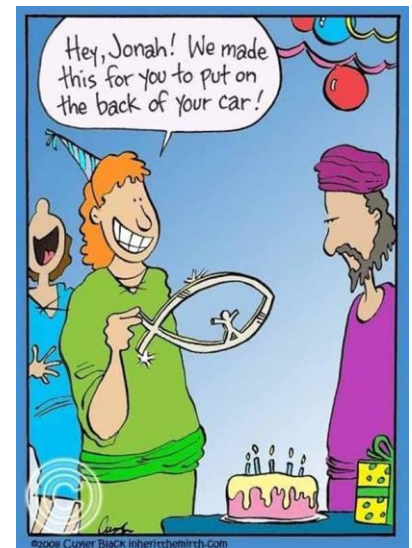
Bring a wrapped present to participate in a fun game!



Birthdays



- 1 Cheyanne Eby
- 5 Christine Reiber
- 12 Arrow Milena Trivette
- 15 Guy R. Johnston
- 15 Denise Boyer
- 15 Doug Garner
- 16 Paul Smith
- 17 Alex Courtney
- 18 Pastor Kris Sledge
- 20 Jay Baker
- 22 Harold "Hap" Hollister
- 23 Rozlynn Crouse
- 24 Ethan Houdeshell



OUR CALENDAR IS UPDATED WITH TO-THE-MINUTE CHANGES.
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SUMMER

Vacation Bible School



God has given us the ultimate playbook. He wants us to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation and encourage one another. Get in the spirit!

Sunday, August 5th 5:45pm – 8:00pm
Monday, August 6th 5:45pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday, August 7th 5:45pm – 8:00pm

Sign-up today to help make this a special experience for the children in our community.

Registration forms and flyers to invite others will be available shortly. Keep an eye on the bulletin for details!

All those attending VBS will be invited to attend:

Community Bash - Saturday, August 11th from 4:00pm-10:00pm

Back-to-School Breakfast – Sunday, August 12th from 8:00am – 10:00am

Leadership Team Nominations

It is time for State Line UMC to begin our prayerful nomination of the next class of the Leadership Team.

You are invited to nominate one to three persons to serve a three-year term on the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team carries out the administrative and leadership functions of our congregation.

Six persons have not finished their term on the Leadership Team and have one or two more years remaining, so these persons do not need to be nominated at this time: Ellen Avey, Angie Baer, Steve Boyer, John Courtney, Mark Semler, and Robbie Socks. Bobby Norris, Keris Ellis and Bonnie Courtney are completing a one-year term and are able to be nominated for a new three-year term.

Persons nominated and elected to the Leadership Team should be persons who are able to commit to regular meetings, attend worship on a regular basis, and have an active prayer and devotional life. They are role models for the congregation, with a life centered on Christ.

Specific instructions will be in the bulletin starting July 15th.



Making Changes

God's creation is quite different than when Gen. 1:31 stated that God saw everything he had made and indeed, it was very good. Over many years and in the name of modernization, technological advances, and just simply our own convenience, natural (non-renewable) resources are being depleted with often little thought about consequences of our action.

To become better stewards of the great earthly home we've been given, here at State Line UMC we need to renew our efforts in some simple ways:

- Phase out our purchase/use/discarding of Styrofoam items and single-use plastic utensils and cups.
- Place plastic, glass, and aluminum cans/bottles in recycling containers identified throughout the building.
- Reuse cups rather than taking a new one for refills.
- Bring your insulated water bottles/coffee mugs from home and take them along with you head home.

Small changes in our behavior are the beginning in caring for the home we've been given.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Leadership Team Highlights

The Leadership Team met Tuesday, June 5th. The Team discussed the following:

- A building audit report was shared and included several desired/potential renovations to create easier access to the sanctuary and nursery, bringing all restrooms up to ADA standards, and improvements to the East Avenue entrance. Costs of architectural drawings for the proposed improvements should be available for the team's August meeting.
- VBS with "Game On" theme will be held August 5-7 with a community event planned for Aug. 9. Helpers are needed and can sign up on the communications table.
- Four campers, Keric (as our intern) and Pastor Kris attended Camp Greene Hills from June 17-23.
- It's full steam ahead for our goal areas. Children's ministry team continues to work on VBS and implementation of Children's Church. The youth are meeting regularly and will attend Salt 'n Light this month. The second food delivery has been made by the Outreach Team to our friends at State Line Inn.

Ministry Teams

Here are some updates from our active ministry teams.

- The Youth Ministry Team is holding weekly meetings and plan to attend two Youth rallies in July.
- The Outreach Team has received a Thank You from residents at the State Line Inn, is looking forward to the next delivery evening and is excited at the response to the call for donations!
- The Children's Ministry Team is pulling together details for Vacation Bible School in August. Excitement is building and helpers are needed. Please sign-up to help at the Communications table or by contacting the church office.

Drivers Needed

A newly licensed UMC pastor, appointed to serve the Roxbury Charge, is in need of assistance getting to the churches she serves for Sunday worship. She has a couple of people helping but would like to find more willing to commit one Sunday morning a month to assist her.

The pastor has a handicap accessible van that is easy to drive. She is looking for volunteers to meet her at her home in Mercersburg around 7:30am and drive the van to the churches for 8:30am and 10:00am worship services. It is expected that the volunteers would return to her home to drop her off around noon.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Food Pantry and New Hope Shelter

At this time, the Outreach Team is focusing 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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