



State Line UMC

August 2019

Without Borders

Message from the Pastor

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

It has been an interesting transition for us. When we were informed of our move to State Line church we were not ready emotionally for a move. We have come to love the folks that we were in ministry with at the three churches in southern Potter County. Once we got past the initial shock of the news, we began to pray for the changes that were coming. Saying goodbye for five months is hard to do. Then we received the call stating June 12 is the day. That call put a rush on things and made the move official or real for us.

We knew when we accepted the call seven years ago that this is part of what we were signing up for. What we were not aware of was how tough it would be to say goodbye to the communities that we have served and the people that we have come to love. Ecclesiastes chapter 3 is a familiar chapter that talks about a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens. There is a grieving process for all involved. It is in our obedience to God that we do what we are doing, not just me as the pastor but us as a family. We prayed about the call to ministry many years ago and God confirmed that call on my life and Shaylene had to have peace about it also.

As we moved, we had lots of excitement as my car died on the drive down to State Line, Ty cut his leg while cutting zip ties, the popup will not popup just to name a few things. In the midst of what God does, we cannot forget that there is always one who is trying to distract us and keep our focus off of what God has in store for us. We have a choice to make with as to how we respond to every circumstance and situation. We can allow the frustrations of this world to get us down or we can trust that God is in control. We must trust God and look for His guidance when life gets tough. As we move forward together in ministry, I pray that we are faithful and obedient to where God will lead us.

Thank you for your warm welcome and we look forward to getting to know you better as we serve State Line and the surrounding areas together.

In His love,

Pastor Steven

Encounter God

Share God's love with our church family and invite friends and neighbors.

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 most Thursday evenings at **6:00pm**. Watch the bulletin for updates.

Dedicated Prayer Times are held at 9:00am the first Saturday of the month.

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

August 4th

Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Cheyenne
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Rob S.
Nursery: Julia W. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

August 11th

Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter
Greeters: Darlene H. & Angie B.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

August 18th

Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Judy E. & Matt E.
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

August 25th

Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Cheyenne
Greeters: Alicia E. & Curtis B.
Nursery: Julia W. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jonathan



Anniversaries

August

7 Harry & Pat Kelley
27 Curtis & Tina Barr
31 John & Sherrill Courtney



Birthdays



August

15 Madison Ellis
16 Tina Barr
19 Joanne Rozansky
24 Red Reese
27 Bob Gregory
29 Laura Hollister

Church Calendar

August 3rd

9:00AM – Women's Prayer Time

August 7th

8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

August 8th

6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

August 10th

9:00AM – Women's Fellowship
Breakfast, Bob Evans, Railway Ln
Hagerstown.

August 14th

6:30PM – Youth Group Kickoff
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

August 15th

6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

August 18th

9:00AM – Back-to-School Breakfast
10:15AM – Blessing of the
Backpacks

August 20th

6:30PM – Leadership Team
Meeting

August 21st

8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

August 22nd

6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

August 28th

6:00PM – Outreach meets to pack
& distribute food
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice



Prayer Pals



New & Improved for 2019-2020

Over the past year, dedicated adults prayed for their younger pals to be of support to them. With the school year about the start, it is hoped you'll consider serving as a prayer pal for one of our children from infant through high school age. Sign-up materials will be available later this month. Prayer pals will be randomly paired.

Here's what adult prayer pals are expected to do:

- Pray daily for your pal
- Make it a point to talk to them every Sunday when you see them (get to know them).
- Once a month, send or hand them a card or note to show you care, boost their spirits, encourage them, etc.
- Encourage your pal to let you know when they need special prayers (check with parents in case kids are hesitant to ask you for prayer).
- If possible, attend activities they're involved in.

Prayer is a vital part of one's faith journey. Prayer pals is one way to model this and encourage the precious younger members of our church family along their walks. Participation will build intergenerational relationships and bring our church family closer together.

Please prayerfully consider if you will commit to being a prayer pal for the upcoming school year.

For Fellowship & Community



Annual Conference

“Going to annual conference, I knew I would see a lot of churches, see people I haven’t seen in a while, vote on important matters for the UMC, and feel God’s presence. However, what I thought I would experience was very underestimated.

There were thousands of people all there because of being saved by God and wanting to push the church forward. I felt honored being there representing the SLUMC and experiencing the amazing work that God was allowing us to do. I met previous pastors, voted on who would be our general conference delegates, and felt God’s presence throughout.

A lot of my thoughts on annual conference were given in my sermon so check that out if you want a more in depth look into my thoughts and feeling about annual conference.”

Keric Ellis

Dear State Line Church Family,

We thank you all for your expressions of love, support and kindness we received while sharing these past six months together in ministry at State Line UMC. Our hope and prayers are that you will continue to bear fruit for God’s Kingdom for many years to come.

We appreciate your parting gifts (the beautiful, personalized wall piece & camper’s survival kit to keep the s’mores coming for a long time – a hit with our grandkids). Our prayers will be with you as you begin a new season of ministry with Pastor Steven & family. May God’s blessings flow!

In His love and grace,
Pastor Chris & Bea



Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry has again been selected to be a part of the MARTIN'S Bags 4 My Cause Program. For the month of August, each time a \$2.50 reusable Bags 4 My Cause Bag is purchased at the MARTIN'S located at Greencastle, \$1 will be donated to Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag.

Jeffrey Wine Organist



Employee Spotlight

- ♪ Raised in Williamsport, MD; resides in Falling Waters, WV.
- ♪ Grew up in the church, since his mom was a choir director.
- ♪ Piano lessons from mom started at 4 or 5 years old.
- ♪ Full-time position as Creative Services Director for Alpha Media in Chambersburg.
- ♪ Currently pursuing an M.A. in College Student Development & Administration from Shepherd University in hopes of making a mid-life career advancement into higher education.
- ♪ For the past several months Jeff has been serving as an advising intern at Penn State Mont Alto.
- ♪ He has been active in the local theater community for several years and even has some film and national TV credits, including the 2015 AMC mini-series “Making of the Mob: New York,” most of which was actually filmed in the Martinsburg area.
- ♪ In his spare time (wow! He has spare time??), he likes to hike and work out at the Chambersburg YMCA.
- ♪ He also enjoys traveling and LOVES the beach—his favorites have been in Southern California, Maui and Cape Cod.
- ♪ He recently adopted a new puppy, Bailey, who has been keeping him on his toes for the past few weeks!





IN THE WILD VBS!



*The kids truly enjoyed this week of VBS!
They saw “snapshots” of Jesus’ life at different ages.
They encountered enriching stories, songs and crafts
which strengthened their understanding of Jesus’ life and teachings.
(The games were a hoot too!)*

A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who volunteered their time, talent and resources!



CHURCH NEWS

Back-to-School Breakfast



"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"



Ah yes, the time of year when many kids look sad while many parents are smiling. → It's nearly back-to-school time!

As we've done for quite a few years, the Disciples of Faith and Seekers classes will provide a Back-to-School Breakfast for kids through high school age on Sunday, August 28th starting at 9:00 a.m. There will be delicious food (scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast, fruit, juice and milk) and games during the usual Sunday School time.

During Worship, students will be recognized with the Blessing of the Backpacks. → KIDS – Bring your backpacks!

This special time reminds our children of God's presence with them, even at school, and that we are blessed to have them in our church family.



Air Conditioning Update

This church is so cool!

How cool is it?

Comfortably, refreshingly cool, thanks to the new AC unit!

One AC unit, circa 1983 installation, responsible for cooling the sanctuary stopped working this summer. Its replacement went into use mid-July. There is one "catch" ... The cost of the new unit was \$6,000.00, which had to be borrowed from the church's rental account.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help repay this debt with a gift beyond your regular giving. Envelopes designated for this are available in the transept new the pulpit. Whether your gift is small or large, it will help keep our church the cool place we're used to.



Leadership Team Highlights

In June, the Leadership Team discussed these items which may be of interest to you:

- A new mic was ordered to replace the unreliable ones currently being used.
- Pastor Chris gave a detailed financial review. After having lost nearly one-fourth of our active members over the past year, giving is down about 27%. Approximately \$12,000 monthly is needed to make budget (usual cost of utilities, supplies, staff).
- District Superintendent Charlie Salisbury met with the group. He understands the financial dilemma of our church and will seek a one-time Equitable Compensation Grant of \$5,000 from the conference to help us through this rough time.
- Pastor Chris noted that despite our budget concerns, he senses a positive spirit throughout the congregation. He mentioned the teamwork on the May work day, the celebration lunch in May and the support shown for our ministry efforts. We have much to celebrate and be thankful for.
- John Courtney was named as team finance rep to review monthly financial reports and communicate regularly with treasurer Linda Junkins and the district superintendent.
- It was mentioned that help is needed to handle the weekly mowing and trimming around the church.

The next meeting is on August 20 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome 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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