



State Line UMC

September 2017

# Without Borders

## Message from Pastor Kris

These past few weeks, I have been reading through the book of Exodus. I have read these stories before, but right now, these stories are coming to life. I feel like I'm reading these stories for the first time. As God led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, as God parted the sea, God's people still wanted more! They became hungry and thirsty. They hungered for food, but I wonder if they wanted more. Maybe they were not satisfied with what God had already given them and done for them. Their thankfulness turned to complaining. After the Israelites complained enough in the wilderness, the Lord said "I've heard the complaints of the Israelites... in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God" (Exodus 16:11-12). One of the areas of our Christian faith that I think we could all grow in is our level of contentment. God has done so much for us, and yet we often complain and ask for more! I struggle to be content. As we focus on growing in faith through September, may we grow in our contentment, believing that God has truly done so much for us already. Maybe God wants us to *finally* be content, limiting what we ask God for, and start asking "What can I do for God instead?"

### Encounter God

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

Wednesday mornings at 9:30, ladies gather in the fellowship hall to **quilt and sew** together.

Every Wednesday at 6:00PM, Pastor Kris will be in the sanctuary lifting up **prayers** for our congregation, community and our mission of making new disciples. All are welcome to be a part of this vital prayer ministry.

**Men of State Line UMC** will meet for breakfast at Brother's Pizza on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM for breakfast and fellowship. Young and old alike are invited to this gathering! Any questions can be answered by Gary Baer at 717-977-0004.

### Grow in Faith

You must be intentional in growing your faith and in helping others do the same.

#### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Pastor Kris will be leading a Bible study Wednesday nights at 7:00PM starting September 6<sup>th</sup>. The study is entitled *Forgotten God, Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit*. God put His Spirit in us so we could be known for our power In Forgotten God, author Francis Chan returns us to the Holy Spirit as the Bible describes Him and invites us to understand, embrace and follow the Holy Spirit's direction in our lives.

You can find more information at <http://www.forgottengod.com/>

**Thursday Bible Study** will begin again on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM. The study will continue in the book of Matthew. All are welcome to join in the discussion and grow in their

### Serve in Christ's Love

Jesus gave us the example of helping others and charged us with sharing the faith.

Our congregation is committed to providing a meal monthly to the **New Hope Shelter** in Waynesboro. Providing the meal and speaking with residents is an amazing outpouring of God's love from us. There is an URGENT need for our members to sign-up and provide a meal. Please consider teaming up with a friend to provide meals. Let's see if we can plan through the end of the year. The New Hope Shelter and its residents are counting on our fulfillment of this promise.

Remember our families **servicing in the military** with a note to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

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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

- September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Ellen Kennedy  
Acolyte: Jacob
- September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Roger Rebuck  
Acolyte: Madison
- September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Mark Semler  
Acolyte: Jacob
- September 24<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey  
Acolyte: Jennifer



### Anniversaries

- 8 Mark & Amy Semler  
11 Thomas & Joanne Rozansky  
12 Robert & Dianne Socks  
12 Bobby & Denice Norris  
23 Chuck & Ginny Mongan



### Birthdays

- 13 Ginny Mongan  
15 Pat Reese  
16 Keric Ellis  
17 Ed Fiery  
17 James Pickett  
19 Mark Semler  
23 Sherry Rhoe  
30 Elizabeth Divel

### Christ's Teachings

Monthly Sermon Focus

- September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Serving in Christ's Love
- Matthew 20:20-27
- September 10<sup>th</sup>  
BIG Faith/Practical Teaching
- Matthew 7:24-27; 8:10
- September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Providential Relationships
- Proverbs 13:20
- September 24<sup>th</sup>  
Private Disciplines
- Mark 1:35



### Church Calendar

- September 4<sup>th</sup>  
Labor Day
- September 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Quilting  
7:00PM – Bible Study with Kris  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- September 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
- September 9<sup>th</sup>  
9:00AM – Men's Breakfast at Brother's
- September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Grandparents' Day
- September 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Missions Meeting
- September 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – SPRC Meeting
- September 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Quilting  
7:00PM – Bible Study with Kris  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- September 14<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
- September 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Finance Meeting  
7:00PM – Administrative Council
- September 20<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Quilting  
7:00PM – Bible Study with Kris  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- September 21<sup>st</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth  
New Hope Shelter Meal
- September 27<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Quilting  
7:00PM – Bible Study with Kris  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- September 28<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth

### MOVIE NIGHT!!

I want to start off by thanking everyone who helped make Family Movie night possible. It was only possible because of the people of this church. I'm very thankful to everyone who helped. We had in attendance around 80 people. We reached as far south as Williamsport MD., to Waynesboro PA. We had non church members, kids and their families from VBS, and neighbors. I was very excited about how well things went and look forward to doing this again in the near future. Thanks again to all those who helped make this a success. – Rob Socks



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## New Administrative Structure

As we begin September, I'm grateful for the work that has been done in August. Angie Baer and I successfully held conversations with the top 9 names that were lifted up as potential leaders for our church in 2018 and beyond. The word I would use to describe this process would be *amazed*. Angie and I were quite amazed at the persons lifted up, and the conversations we all had together. Thank you for those who nominated people within our congregation.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, I will be sharing with the congregation the persons lifted up, and who we will be voting on during our Church Conference in October. Please continue to keep me, Angie, and the other 8 persons lifted up in prayer. Pray that God will lead us into God's desired future for State Line UMC. I think this is the best future for us!

As you may have questions regarding this change, please contact Pastor Kris through the church office to arrange a time for discussion. Feel free to call the church office at (717) 597-4217 or email [statelineumchurch@gmail.com](mailto:statelineumchurch@gmail.com) to schedule a time to meet.

Blessings,  
Pastor Kris

Just a brief update on where we are with the kitchen remodel. The cabinets and hardware have been ordered. It will take probably 4-6 weeks to get them in. Before that we may start removing cabinets so that we can start getting things ready. The trustees will have to open up the electrical closet so that the electricians can do their work, and bring it up to code. We also will have to strip the wax off the floor before the new floors can go down. We are really excited about our new kitchen if you have any questions or concerns please ask either myself or Pastor Kris. Thank you and please be patient with us as we improve our space to better serve.

In Christ's love  
Rob Socks, Trustee chair



Donations can be placed in the bin under the coat rack. The Rhoe family will deliver them to the collection site.



Donate your gently worn,  
used and new shoes at any  
**Greencastle Blue Devil Football**  
home game this season!  
(Monday, Wednesday or Friday)

\*please be sure shoes are clean and in good condition\*  
(they still have life in them)  
They will be redistributed to a network of  
microenterprise partners in developing nations!



funds2orgs  
Shoe Drive Fundraisers

### Authors' Fair

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
750 Norland Avenue  
Chambersburg, PA

Saturday, September 30, 2017  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Family Life Center at the church

Authors will be on hand to sell and sign their books. A large variety of genres will be represented in the book selection. Marie Hershey, a local musician from Cumberland Valley School of Music, will provide musical entertainment. Food will be available for purchase from Uncle Moe's Soul Food.

Call the church office at 717-267-3085 for more information.

## Operation Christmas Child Needs

### Older boy's items

**Soccer ball/football** (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be re-inflated.)

Toy truck or boat

Doll

Stuffed animal

An outfit of clothing to wear / **T-Shirts**

Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)

### **Comb**

Hairbrush

### **Toothbrush**

### **Washcloth - 70**

Compact mirror

Nail clipper and file

### **Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container) - 45**

Colorful Adhesive bandages

### **Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils**

Receiving blanket

Non-liquid lip balm

Flashlight

(solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed)

Nail clipper and file

Stick deodorant

### **Colored pencils**

Coloring pads

### **Coloring books**

Picture books

Notebooks

Watercolor set

Make-it-yourself craft kits

Building blocks

Stickers

Pencil case

Pens

### **Crayons - 24**

Markers

Notebooks

Yo-yo

Finger puppets

Slinky

Etch-A-Sketch

Plastic tools

Interactive toys with push

buttons, lights, noise (and

extra batteries)

Small Frisbee

Small kite

Toy cars

Bandana

### **Puzzles**

### **Binoculars**

### **Compass**

### **Chalkboard with chalk**



Our goal this year for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes is to give children around the globe quality goods they can use and enjoy. Please pray and donate the things on the list if you are so moved.

Note that those items in bold are in most need and may be labeled with the quantity to be fulfilled.

Blank index cards

Safety (blunt tip) scissors

Ruler

Protractor

### **Glue stick (do not include liquid glue) - 90**

Small adhesive tape

Shirts and pants

Underwear (not girls')

Shoes and socks

### **Flip-flops**

Pillow case dress (loose-fitting sundress)

Tool set with work gloves

Fishing kit

### **Sewing kit, 1-2 yards fabric & ribbon**

### **Craft items**

Laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger

Brightly colored rope or twine

Gardening kit with gloves and trowel (no seeds)

Magnets

Friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread)

Kickball (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be re-inflated.)

Baseball and mitt

Tennis ball

Playdough

Kaleidoscope

Skipping rope/jump

rope

Playing cards

Marbles

Foam ball

### **Bead jewelry or**

### **bead kit**

### **Hair accessories**

Wrist watch

Sunglasses

### Collection and Donation Needs

#### **New Hope Shelter**

Bottles of bleach

Paper towels

Toilet paper

Laundry detergent

Plastic garbage bags (13 and 39 gallons)

\*\*The shelter also stresses in their Critical Needs list the urgent need for volunteers to cook meals for the residents. Please consider signing up to serve. Our sign-up sheet is on the library table.

#### **Food Pantry Needs**

Jelly

Spaghetti noodles

Spaghetti sauce in cans or plastic

Canned carrots

Dry pasta

Pancake mix

Pancake syrup

Baking mixes

Rice mixes

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#### **Sunday Worship:**

10:15AM

#### **All-Ages Sunday School:**

9:00AM

#### **Office Hours:**

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM-2:00PM

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