



State Line UMC

October 2017

# Without Borders

## Message from Pastor Kris

I'm writing this article on my ride to North Carolina (don't worry – Hannah is driving!), and I'm noticing how the seasons are changing already. The leaves on trees are beginning to change colors. The tree in the front yard at the parsonage has already started dropping its leaves. The changing seasons remind me of the consistent change that exists within our world. As soon as we get comfortable with a particular season, we begin experiencing even more change. Maybe you keep praying that the next season will come faster or slower. Whatever we think of a certain season, we can expect change to come. I'm reminded of the words from Ecclesiastes 3, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: <sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; <sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace." So I ask you – what season are you in? What time are you in with your relationship with God? Are you satisfied, and desire this season to remain for a while? Or, are you desiring a change to come quicker? Wherever you are right now, I invite you to pray and share with God where you're at, and invite God to speak into your current season of life.

### 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 is 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.

**The Youth Group** has begun to meet regularly again with the start of the school year. Look at the calendar for events that are coming up to join in the spiritual growth and fellowship. Bringing a friend can help spread God's message and could aid a friend in finding comfort in a stronger relationship with God.

### Grow in Faith

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

#### Wednesday Evening Bible Study:

Pastor Kris is leading a Bible study Wednesday nights at 7:00PM. The study is entitled *Forgotten God, Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit*.

**Thursday Bible Study** is held on Thursdays at 9:30AM. The study will continue in the book of Matthew. All are welcome to join in the discussion and grow in their understanding of God's word.

### 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. Please consider teaming up with a friend to provide meals. 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.

Terrin & Trey Altland  
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El Paso, TX 79924

Tyler & Hannah Graham  
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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

- October 1<sup>st</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis  
Acolyte: Jacob  
Greeters: Dixie E. & John C.  
Nursery: Dixie E. & Tabitha F-Y.
- October 8<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Ellen Kennedy  
Acolyte: Madison  
Greeters: Mark S. & Darlene H.  
Nursery: Julia S. & Ashley P.
- October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Roger Rebuck  
Acolyte: Jacob  
Greeters: Matt E. & Sherrill C.  
Nursery: Tabitha F-Y. & Julia S.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Mark Semler  
Acolyte: Jennifer  
Greeters: Judy E. & Roger R.  
Nursery: Gwenelle T. & Dixie E.
- October 29<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis  
Acolyte: Bobby  
Greeters: Keric E. & Gary R.  
Nursery: Tabitha F-Y. & Julia S.



### Anniversaries

- 9 Brad & Kayla Kershner  
14 Ed & Kate Fiery  
15 Roger & Tammy Rebuck  
17 Gary & Angie Baer  
17 Wayne & Ashley Pool



### Birthdays

- 4 Gwenelle Joy Trivette  
5 Tammy Rebuck  
8 Jenni-Lynn Houdeshell  
13 Jonathan William Trivette  
13 Judy Scott  
13 Tyler Graham  
18 Matt Courtney  
19 Hannah Graham  
22 Dianne Socks  
25 Jenn Houdeshell  
29 Trey Altland  
31 Richard Walck

### Christ's Teachings

#### "We're Moving!"

- October 1  
Personal Ministry
- Matthew 14:14-21

- October 8<sup>th</sup>  
Hannah Preaching
- John 9:1-11

- October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Pivotal Circumstances
- James 1:2-4

#### "This is Living"

- October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Philippians
- October 29<sup>th</sup>
- Philippians

### Church Calendar

- October 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Quilting  
6:00PM – Prayer Time  
7:00PM – Bible Study with Kris  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
- October 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:00AM – Men's Breakfast at Brother's
- October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Columbus Day
- October 10<sup>th</sup>  
7:00PM – Fall Festival planning meeting
- October 11<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Quilting  
6:00PM – Prayer Time  
7:00PM – Bible Study with Kris  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 12<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth
- October 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:00PM – Annual Church Conference
- October 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:00PM – Prayer Time  
7:00PM – Bible Study with Kris  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth  
4:45PM – New Hope Shelter Meal
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00PM – Youth Gathering @ Church
- October 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Quilting  
6:00PM – Prayer Time  
7:00PM – Bible Study with Kris  
7:00PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 26<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Ruth

Mark Your Calendars!!



### FALL FESTIVAL AT STATE LINE

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
More details to come!



"Wireless communication is nothing new.  
I've been praying for 75 years!"

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## New Administrative Structure

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, our district superintendent Charlie Salisbury will be leading our annual church conference. We will pray together, and lift up our church business together. A key part of our time together this year is lifting up our new *Leadership Team*. These 9 people will lead us in 2018 to have greater impact and focus as a church. Will you join me in lifting up in prayer?

Here's what I want to share with you. Having less people in administrative roles does not mean I desire less people to be engaged at State Line Church. Rather, the opposite is true. I desire to free our people from committees so that we can have more consistent ministry that can benefit our people, and be a place where new people can connect with State Line. What can you offer; what talents do you have; what are you passionate about? How can we use those talents and passions for both our church, and also new people? Let us rally around this together!

New Leadership Team for 2018:

Ellen Avey	Angie Baer
Steve Boyer	Bonnie Courtney
John Courtney	Dale Hostetter
Bobby Norris	Mark Semler
Robbie Socks	

In Peace, Pastor Kris

## Member Record Update

Since beginning in this role just a year ago, I have been tasked with updating the records of our congregation. I am asking that each person attending (not just formal members) complete the form accompanying this newsletter. I am hoping these guidelines can make this a pretty smooth process.

1. One form is needed per adult.
2. Married couples, you do not need to duplicate addresses, children's details, etc. – but please do include cell phone and email contacts if different.
3. If children have their own cell phones or email addresses that you would like for us to have on record, please feel free to note that.
4. Each Sunday, I will ask Pastor Kris to put an envelope on the office desk in which you can slip your forms. The envelope will then be locked up before Pastor leaves.

\*\*This information is for **OFFICE USE ONLY**. Information included in future directory updates will be separate.

Thank you! Mary

## Early Response Team (ERT) Certification

The Susquehanna Conference Disaster Response ministries will be offering ERT (Early Response Team) training, which prepares you to be among the first responders in a disaster after emergency personnel complete their work. This UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) training is a great way to prepare for when disaster strikes our conference or its neighbors. No prior training or experience is required. Participants will need to have a background check done prior to receiving their badge but not prior to training. The training will be offered at Good Shepard UMC, Tyrone October 7th and at Dorrance UMC, Kingston November 4th. The cost of the training is \$20.00. This will include your manual and lunch. Register ASAP as class size is limited. Send contact info to Curt Knouse- [cknouse@susumc.org](mailto:cknouse@susumc.org) or [717-994-6294](tel:717-994-6294).



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

## 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, blunted-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**

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

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.)



2017 UPDATE:

The cost of shipping each box is up to approximately \$9.00. If you feel moved to donate to the shipping costs, please place a check or donation in the offering that is clearly marked for this cause.

Thank you!

### 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

Salad dressing

Spaghetti sauce in cans or plastic jars

Soups

Spaghetti noodles

Pancake mix

Pancake syrup

Cereal

Rice mixes

Canned meat

Vegetables

Stuffing mixes

Sweet potatoes

Potato mixes

### Homes for Our Troops

VBS Children and Families raised \$582.70 for the organization!



### Pumpkin Rolls

The pumpkin roll fundraiser is on hold for the moment. New dates for order collection and baking will be communicated when the new kitchen is installed and operational.



**Mission Central... Busy giving in June and July!!**

Total Volunteers: 1022

Total Hours: 3525

In-House Partners Product	\$698,802	People Assisted	240,431
M.C. Product (Cap. Region)	\$215,225	People Assisted	365,967
M.C. Product (Rest of PA)	\$27,737	People Assisted	41,112
M.C. Product (Nationally)	\$2,555	People Assisted	61
M.C. Product (International)	\$158,050	People Assisted	140,801

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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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