



State Line UMC

October 2018

Without Borders

Message from Pastor Kris

Did you know that within a one-mile radius of our church there are approximately 1,792 people? Did you know that out of those 1,792 people, only 11.7% of them have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? That means there are approximately **1,582** people within a one-mile radius of our church that do not find faith in Jesus Christ an important aspect of their life. Within a one-mile radius of our church, there are 1,582 people who may not know about the incredible love that Jesus has for them. These are children, students, young adults, families, older persons, husbands, wives, sons, and daughters who are missing out on the best news of their life that Jesus Christ loves them and welcomes them into God's holy family.

Have you ever wondered why we exist as a church? Have you ever wondered why we have a building, why we do ministry, why we keep the lights on, why we gather together? Honestly, it is not about us! We exist as a church **to make new disciples of Jesus Christ**. This is a very specific mission that Jesus gave us in Matthew 28. Jesus so loved the world, and Jesus has commissioned and commanded us to tell others about Jesus. Read Luke 15 sometime soon, actually stop reading this, open up your scripture, and read Luke 15 now. No really. Put this down and open up to Luke 15. I'm being serious.

Welcome back! These words are so profound and describe the incredible love that Jesus has for people, specifically the 1,582 people within one-mile of our church who do not have a relationship with Jesus, and yet **Jesus has commissioned and commanded YOU AND ME to reach out and invite these persons to Jesus**.

This year as a church, I have led us in a renewed focus on children, youth, and outreach ministries. We have simplified our leadership structure to reduce the number of persons in meetings and inviting more people to be involved in ministry of disciple-making. We didn't make these changes because I'm a young pastor just looking to make a change. No way! My heart is to help more people know and experience the love of Jesus and help them be a disciple of Jesus. We can only do this if we're all focused around ministries to make new disciples of Jesus Christ. We believe at State Line this is possible by reaching out and inviting our neighbors in State Line to encounter the living Jesus, grow in their own faith, and serve in Christ's love. *How is what you're doing in our church or in your personal life helping other people experience the love of Jesus and make new disciples of Jesus Christ?*

Throughout the month of October, the sermons on Sunday will center on discipleship and how God is calling us grow a movement of disciple-making in our church! I hope you will join us for this series!

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.

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.

Bible Study with Pastor Ruth is held Thursday mornings at 9:30am.

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

Worship Service Volunteers

- October 7th
Worship Assistant: Mark Semler
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: John C. & Roger R.
Nursery: Tabitha H.. & Gwenelle T.
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- October 14th
Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Rob S.
Nursery: Julia S. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- October 21st
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Darlene H. & Angie B.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- October 28th
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Judy E. & Curtis B.
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.
Tech Booth: Jonathan



Anniversaries

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



Birthdays

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

Church Calendar

- October 3rd
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:30PM – Youth Group
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 4th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
- October 5th
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- October 7th
12:00PM – Fall Festival Planning
- October 9th
6:30PM – Leadership Team Meeting
- October 10th
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:30PM – Youth Group
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 11th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
- October 12th
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- October 17th
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:30PM – Youth Group & All Ages
Worship Night ** At Pastor Kris' House **
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 18th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
- October 19th
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- October 24th
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:00PM – Outreach Team food Packing and delivery
6:30PM – Youth Group
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 25th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth

- October 26th
2:00PM – Faith and Health
- October 27th
9:00AM – 1:00PM
SLUMC Vision Day
- October 31st
9:30AM – Women meet to quilt and sew
6:30PM – Youth Group
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

Mark your calendars!



The Leadership Team has spent significant time in 2018 determining how to enhance the accessibility of our church (i.e. bathrooms, front entrance) and provide an updated children's Sunday School classroom. Following worship on November 11th, the Leadership Team would like to share their findings, recommendations, and receive feedback from the entire congregation. All are invited to learn more and offer input.



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

For Fellowship & Community



Free Community Meal

Saturday, November 17th

3:00pm - 7:00pm

On November 17th from 3-7pm, the Outreach Team and SLUMC congregation will be hosting a free community Thanksgiving meal. This meal is open to everyone in our community. This is only going to be possible with the help of this generous congregation. We will be asking for donations of food and time. There will be a spot or place for everyone to help. A little closer to the event we will be sending out more information on how you can participate to help make this event a huge success. Even if you only have a few hours to help it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about this event or how you may help, feel free to ask me. Thank you and God bless.

Rob Socks

SLUMC Vision Day



State Line UMC's first **Vision Day** will be held Saturday, October 27th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. We will come together as a congregation for a time of worship, discussion of our church's vision and goals, and sharing of information and implications around the Commission on the Way Forward. A light lunch will be provided. All are invited to participate in this important time together!

S'mores and More Worship Night

The youth group will be meeting at Pastor Kris' house on Wednesday, October 17th at 6:00pm for a night of worship and fun. **All ages are invited to attend.**



Pumpkin Roll Sale



The Ladies' Fellowship will be selling whole and half pumpkin rolls to fund their mission work. Please look for more information to come and a sign-up sheet in the library. Volunteers will be needed to bake.

Chrismon Making & Card Signing

The holidays near! Mark your calendars for our annual tradition.

**November 3rd
9:00am-noon**

**November 5th
6:00pm until completed**

Know Your Faithful Leaders at State Line UMC

Senior Pastor – Kristopher R. Sledge
Administrative Assistant – Mary Thomas
Custodian – Sherry Rhoe

Encounter God

Praise Team Leader – Travis Ware
Hospitality/Safe Sanctuary Coordinator – Sherry Rhoe
Ladies' Fellowship – Dianne Socks

Grow in Faith

Children's Ministry – Dixie Ellis
Youth Ministry – Jonathan Trivette

Serve in Christ's Love

Outreach Team – Gary Baer with Rob Socks
Building and Grounds – Ed Fiery

Associate Pastor – Ruth Hollister
Treasurer – Linda Junkins
Pianist – Jeffrey Wine

Leadership Team:

Class of 2018:

Bonnie Courtney
Keric Ellis
Bobby Norris

Class of 2019:

Angie Baer, *Chairperson*
John Courtney

Class of 2020:

Ellen Avey, *Secretary/Lay Delegate to AC*
Steve Boyer
Robbie Socks

CHURCH NEWS

Leadership Team Highlights

To offer a way for everyone to stay current with the team's planning and discussions AND to keep everyone 'on board' with what's happening, this month's highlights are presented in a shortened form. Less time reading should provide more time for each of us to pray about how we can take an active role in fulfilling our vision to make new disciples of Jesus Christ.

- ✚ Exciting Children's Happenings - 3rd Sunday children's church during worship; Oct. and Dec. gatherings to encourage fellowship; Prayer Pals
- ✚ Youth Ministry Involvement - helping with Outreach Team's Sept. picnic at State Line Inn
- ✚ Outreach Efforts - Sept. picnic for families at State Line Motel; free community Thanksgiving meal at church on Nov. 17 (LOTS OF HELP WILL BE NEEDED)
- ✚ Church 'Business' - Interviews are on-going with potential new members of the leadership team; completion of pastor and parsonage review are scheduled; leadership team one-day retreat on Dec. 1 to be held locally

Plan to Attend...

October 27th - Vision Day from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. (light lunch provided) for all members with topics of Commission on the Way Forward and our vision moving into 2019 after a time of worship; activities for children will be offered

November 11th - after-worship presentation of **building improvement plan** with discussion and idea-sharing

Have questions or want more details? Please ask a leadership team member!

The Hagerstown Area Pregnancy Center has recognized State Line United Methodist Church for 10+ years of support of their mission; "For your constant and faithful dedication to the sanctity of human life". The certificate recognizing this generosity is posted in the entryway.



Outreach Monthly Food Needs

Jar of peanut butter (1)	Jar of jelly (1)
Can of soup (1)	6-pack Ramen Noodle Soup (1)
Can of vegetables (1)	Jar of pasta sauce (1)
Chicken or Tuna Helper boxed meals (1)	
Canned chicken or tuna (2)	Canister of quick oats (1)
Pasta sides packet (1)	Box of pasta (1)
Bottle of syrup (1)	<u>Complete</u> pancake mix (1)

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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

Pastor Kristopher Sledge
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Prayer Pals

The Children's Ministry team has initiated an innovative way to enhance the spiritual experience of our children. Prayer Pals is a program to connect our children with adults in the congregation who become partners in prayer. It's a great way to improve our relationships with the children and help them grow in their faith. Pals are being matched. You will get info on your pal soon!