



State Line UMC

November 2018

Without Borders

Message from Pastor Kris

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42)

The passage above is a synopsis of what the early church was committed to as the first followers of The Way. They no longer had Jesus physically present with them, but through the divine presence of the Holy Spirit they were assured that where two or three were gathered, Christ was there as well. So they continued to learn, they continued to enjoy being together, they celebrated sharing a meal together and sharing a remembrance of the Last Supper, and they continued their devotion to the prayers of their faith tradition. They were committed, and God added daily to their numbers.

Centuries later we strive to continue what they began. As disciples of Jesus we are called to continue to learn. None of us has learned it all. We still need to grow deeper. As disciples of Jesus we are called to celebrate together the new life that we have in Christ. We are invited to join in fellowship with other believers to share the joy that we have in the Lord. We continue to celebrate the gift at Christ’s communion table. We are encouraged to be people of prayer—to share not only the prayers of our faith tradition but to have open dialogue with the Lord—speaking and listening. We are called to devote ourselves to these not only for our own wellbeing and our own relationship with God, but also so that we can reach out and invite others so they might come to know Christ as well. Helping new people know Christ is an aspect of our commitment as people of God.

There doesn’t seem to be as much commitment or devotion today as there once was. Or perhaps the opposite is true. People are so overcommitted that they have divided loyalties, leaving little time for true devotion to any one person, cause or organization. We see this in the secular world, where volunteer organizations have an increasingly difficult time finding persons who are committed, who they can count on. We see it unfortunately in the church as well. Those who claim to be “regular” worshipers attend worship once or twice a month. Persons participate when they feel like it or when there is nothing else that they see as more of a priority. Commitment and devotion are not what drives most people today, but that’s what Jesus wants from all of us.

In October, we spent multiple Sundays discovering the path of discipleship based on four chairs [If you’ve missed them, check out our website to watch them]. The reality is discipleship requires a commitment and devotion. Christ was looking for people willing to give their all, to be committed to a journey of faith, to be completely devoted to him, and the work of Jesus in our world. Jesus never said it would be easy. The early church never found it to be easy. I wonder why we expect it to be easy? Jesus said that following him requires us to give our all. The early church often did sacrifice it all, even their lives. I wonder why we can be content to give so little?

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

November 4th

Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Mark S. & Matt E.
Nursery: Julia S. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Hayden

November 11th

Worship Assistant: Roger Rebuck
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: John C. & Gary R.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Hayden

November 18th

Worship Assistant: Mark Semler
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Roger R.
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.
Tech Booth: Hayden

November 25th

Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter T.
Greeters: Darlene H. & Matt E.
Nursery: Julia S. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jonathan



Anniversaries

13 Ernie & Shari Houdeshell



Birthdays

1 Jacob Scheide
8 Denice Norris
10 Rob Socks
11 Wayne Pool
11 Terrin Altland
13 Joanne Walck
14 Shari Houdeshell
15 Ashley Pool
27 Matt Ellis
30 Dale Hostetter

Church Calendar

November 1st

9:30AM – Bible Study with
Pastor Ruth

November 2nd

2:00PM – Faith and Health

November 3rd

9:30AM – Chrismon Making

November 4th

6:30PM – Chrismon Making

November 7th

7:30AM – Pumpkin Roll Baking

6:30PM – Youth Group

8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

November 8th

9:30AM – Bible Study with
Pastor Ruth

November 9th

2:00PM – Faith and Health

November 10th

7:30AM – Pumpkin Roll Baking

4:00PM – Children's Fall Funtime

November 11th

Veteran's Day

November 13th

6:30PM – Church Conference

7:00PM – Leadership Team Meeting

November 14th

9:30AM – Women meet to quilt
and sew

6:30PM – Youth Group

8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

November 15th

9:30AM – Bible Study with
Pastor Ruth

November 16th

2:00PM – Faith and Health

November 17th

3:00PM – Outreach Free Community
Meal

November 18th

12:00PM – Building Improvement
Sharing

November 19th

9:00-2:00PM – Holiday Office Hours

November 20th

9:00-2:00PM – Holiday Office Hours

November 21st

9:30AM – Women meet to
Quilt and sew

6:30PM – Youth Group

8:30PM – Praise Band

Practice

November 22nd

Thanksgiving Day

November 23rd

2:00PM – Faith and Health

November 27th

9:30AM – Women meet to
Quilt and sew

6:00PM – Outreach meets
to pack & deliver food

6:30PM – Youth Group

8:30PM – Praise Band

Practice

November 28th

9:30AM – Bible Study with
Pastor Ruth

November 29th

2:00PM – Faith and Health



"He's got a point. Nobody eats a flamingo on Thanksgiving."

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For Fellowship & Community



Free Community Meal

Saturday, November 17th

3:00pm - 7:00pm

On November 17th, the Outreach Team and SLUMC congregation will be hosting a free community Thanksgiving meal. This meal is open to everyone in our community. Please look for information in the bulletin and sign-up sheets in the library to help with preparation and serving of the meal, as well as donations of food or funds.

If you would like to donate funds to the meal effort, please use the Outreach envelopes on the library table and mark the envelope "Community Meal".



Pumpkin Roll Sale

Come out and help with the baking! It's a fun time to spend with your church family.

Wednesday, November 7th at 7:30AM

Saturday, November 10th at 7:30AM

Be sure to pick up your pumpkin roll orders on Sunday, November 11th.

Chrismon Making & Card Signing

Adults and teens are asked to help make new Chrismons for the sanctuary tree and to prepare cards for the folks at Quincy Health Care. If you can cut and glue, we need you!

November 3rd
9:30am-noon



November 5th
6:30pm until completed



Praying for Your Pastor

The life of a United Methodist pastor is full of various responsibilities. Pastoring a church is not done by the pastor alone, but with God's guidance and strength to support them as they live into their call. We can support our pastor and show appreciation through regular prayer. The UMC offers us several suggestions for focusing our prayer.

Spiritual Lives	Time Management	Families
Preaching	Visiting Ministries	Strength
Leadership	Decision-Making	Vision
Ministry with the Poor	Communication	Health
Finances	Encouragement	Conflict

Let us offer our prayers up for Pastors Kris and Ruth as they provide our community with pastoral guidance.

Children's Fall Funtime

Children from pre-school through sixth grade are welcome to attend Fall Funtime at State Line United Methodist Church.

Saturday, November 10th
4:00PM - 5:30PM

Indoor and outdoor activities include games, make & take craft, snacks and a scavenger hunt.

There is no charge to attend. Bring a friend!



CHURCH NEWS

Leadership Team Highlights

The Leadership Team met Tuesday, October 9th.

- ✚ Words from scripture and 'More Like Love' lyrics were basis for discussion on how we can look more like love when interacting with others.
- ✚ New team members for the coming year include Judy Ellis and Ellen Kennedy. Keric Ellis 're-upped' his membership. Steve Boyer has resigned as leadership team member and will be greatly missed.
- ✚ Elevator cables will be replaced at a cost of roughly \$3,000.
- ✚ Pastoral evaluation and compensation discussion took place.
- ✚ Concept 2 of the building improvement plan was reviewed.
- ✚ Leadership Team is praying for many to attend Oct. 27 Vision Day.

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



Church Christmas Party

While you're making your list and checking it twice,
Plan to attend the Christmas party . . . it's sure to be nice!

Fun starts at 6:00 with a fun happy half-hour,
With some tasty appetizers you'll want to devour.

Then on to the meal, already prepared;
Baked ham, meatballs and more-you'll be glad you're there!

There'll be lots of desserts - you're gonna bring 'em,
And carols with Travis - we're all gonna sing 'em!

Bring a tree decoration to add to our tree
To make it look festive, in fact, quite lovely.

Last but not least, the exchange of presents;
Might get a great gift or go home with stuffed pheasants!

So mark your calendar for the 14th of December,
That way the date you're sure to remember!

(Even more info and RSVP form coming mid-November)



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

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| 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

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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. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please see Ellen Avey.