



State Line UMC

January 2019

# Without Borders

## Message from the Pastor

As 2019 comes to a close, we take time to look back over the year. There have been ups and downs and bumps in the road along the way. There is one thing that is constant and remains and that is the love of God that was exemplified in a baby that came over 2000 years ago. God's love for us is so great that he sent his Son to set us free from the bondage of sin. We have talked throughout the Advent season about the anticipation of Jesus' return and we take time in the Christmas season to remember his birth. Jesus challenged the religious traditions of the day and helps us to better understand what it means to be a child of God. God loves us unconditionally and wants us to seek him to have a relationship with him. Jesus makes a way for us to have a new beginning with God. Just like in any relationship, we must put forth effort. When we have a friend that we come to know and love, we often introduce that person to others that are in our circle. The same thing should happen with our relationship with God. Our faith does have some personal aspects that we only share with those closest to us but there are parts of our faith journey that we should be willing to share with anyone we come in contact with. We all love to receive gifts and most enjoy giving gifts, may we continue to find ways to give the gift of forgiveness and love, through Jesus, as we continue on this journey.

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

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

In 2020, we will be having a new Bible study guiding us through the **Bible In a Year**.

### Grow in Faith

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

**Bible Study** with Pastor Ruth is held at 9:30am on Thursdays. Everyone is welcome to participate.

**Faith & Fitness Yoga** for all fitness levels is held at 6:00pm on Thursdays.

**Youth Group** meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

**Deeply Rooted Marriage** ministry meets the first Friday of the month at 6:00pm.

### 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. Look for more details and ways to help in the newsletters and bulletins.

The **Outreach Team** organizes special quarterly missions to help those in need locally.

**Pasta & Praise** is offered monthly.

*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

## Church Calendar

January 5<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis  
Acolyte: Eli  
Greeters: Rob S. & Curtis B.  
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan

January 12<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey  
Acolyte: Hunter  
Greeters: Darlene H. & Gary R.  
Nursery: Julia W. & Dixie E.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan

January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Kerik Ellis  
Acolyte: Jenni-Lynn  
Greeters: Judy E. & Rob S.  
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan

January 26<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis  
Acolyte: Eli  
Greeters: John C. & Curtis B.  
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan

January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:00PM – Deeply Rooted Marriage Ministry

January 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:00AM – Prayer Time for All

January 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Bible in a Year

January 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Youth Group  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

January 9<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

January 11<sup>th</sup>  
9:00AM – Leadership Team Retreat

January 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Bible in a Year

January 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Youth Group  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

January 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

January 19<sup>th</sup>  
5:00PM – Pasta & Praise

January 20<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Bible in a Year

January 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:30PM – Leadership Team Meeting

January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00PM – Outreach Team to Pack & Deliver Food  
6:30PM – Youth Group  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

January 25<sup>th</sup>  
7:45AM – Mission Central Trip

January 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Bible in a Year

January 29<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Youth Group  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

January 30<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga



### Anniversaries

January  
23 Gary & Sherry Rhoe  
25 Dale & Darlene Hostetter



### Birthdays

January  
4 Timothy "TJ" Scheide  
14 Angie Baer  
21 Linda Junkins  
22 Sebastian Socks  
24 Ellen Avey  
25 Patty Goins  
30 Jacqueline Simmons  
4 Timothy "TJ" Scheide  
14 Angie Baer  
21 Linda Junkins  
22 Sebastian Socks



OUR CALENDAR IS UPDATED WITH TO-THE-MINUTE CHANGES. VISIT [WWW.STATLINEUMC.COM](http://WWW.STATLINEUMC.COM)

"Remember our former product, 'The Resolution', that people only used on January 2nd of each year?"

# For Fellowship & Community



## Pasta & Praise



Let's stay connected to our community.  
The December Pasta & Praise night is **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00pm until 6:30pm.

Sign-up today at the Communications Table to provide a dessert or Italian bread for this meal.

## Quarterly Mission

We are partnering with PMI Pregnancy Ministries this quarter to collect diapers of all sizes, wipes and diaper cream to support their important work. Look for the port-a-crib to deposit your donations starting Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**PMI's mission** is to uphold the sanctity of human life by providing Christ-centered assistance in pregnancy and related areas.



## OUTREACH

If you haven't noticed a new addition to our parking lot, take a look! The Outreach Team has partnered with other ministries to purchase a low-cost, quality van to enhance our mission to the State Line Inn residents and to reach BEYOND in their ministry. After becoming aware of this opportunity, a team traveled to Newburg to inspect the van. They were able to negotiate a deal. We now have a van that will be able to help us reach outside our own church.

- Provide rides to and from the State Line Inn for meals and, hopefully, more participation in Worship
- Youth outings
- Church group outings
- Food delivery to the Inn
- Transportation of equipment for cookouts and other outreach to the community
- Whatever else God leads us to do in our community while striving to make new disciples of Jesus



**Dale Hostetter**  
Right-hand Handyman

## Spotlight



We would like to thank Dale for working to fix lighting in the downstairs rooms, and all the other things he does to support Ed Fiery with regards to maintaining our spiritual home! While you are wishing Dale a Merry Christmas, please thank him for solving problems for us here at the church.

## Church Christmas Party



# CHURCH NEWS



## Mission Central Trip!

Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> State Line UMC will be going to Mission Central. This is a great opportunity for congregants of all ages. Please sign-up at the Communications Table if you plan to attend.

## December Leadership Team Meeting Highlights

The year's final meeting agenda included the following:

- Outreach Team keeps busy...
  1. 500 pairs of socks delivered to Waynesboro Community & Human Services
  2. 50 mini loaves of bread baked & delivered with groceries to the State Line Inn
  3. 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly mission for 2020 – collecting diapers, wipes and diaper cream for Pregnancy Ministries in Greencastle
- Youth have fun and serve...
  1. Manned Heritage Christmas set-up on December 6<sup>th</sup>
  2. Shopped for and delivered gifts to a sponsored family
  3. Assisted with monthly food delivery
- Hospitality Team shares results...
  1. Christmas party survey showed most prefer a covered dish event with carol singing and the gift game, as done this year.
  2. Coffee fellowship continues weekly and snack providers are always needed.
- We have a van! Funds from outreach and youth were used. It can be used for many activities including resident and grocery transportation to/from the Inn, youth outings, Ladies' Fellowship, trips – lots of possibilities. More info to follow about authorized drivers, sign-up to use, etc.
- Parking lot repair was approved to include clean out and repair of cracked areas to be followed by lot sealing in the spring.
- Planners are needed for Lent/Easter. Contact Pastor Steven to help.
- Opportunities coming up for all...
  1. January 19<sup>th</sup> – Pasta & Praise with Jennifer Dawn Houdeshell bringing the message.
  2. January 25<sup>th</sup> – Trip to Mission Central. Sign up on communication table.
  3. February 15<sup>th</sup> – Prime Rib fundraiser – details to follow in January.

As always, anyone is welcome to attend the **Leadership Team meetings (next one on January 21<sup>st</sup>)**. Besides newsletter highlights, bulletin blurbs, Facebook posts and emails, and the communications table, it's a great way to know what's going on in and around State Line UMC.

**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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