



State Line UMC

January 2022

Without Borders

Message from Pastor Ruth

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
John 1:1*

January 1, 2022 – a new year – a new beginning: a time to remember 2021, where were we last year this time? Also a time to look forward – what will this new year bring to us personally, as a family, and as a church? Many things happen that we have no control over; things that sometimes we need to accept and ask God for strength to meet the challenges we are given. The amazing thing is God promises to be with us through all the trials.

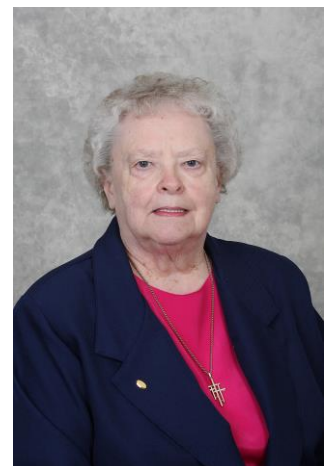
The key to success in 2022 is to remember Jesus came to this earth to show us how to live, not by watching from the heavens but by coming here to live as one of us. Because Jesus came, we can come to Him for guidance and help in all things.

The real test is to follow His leading in our life and 2022 will be the best year of our life – personally, in our family, and in Christ's church here in State Lin, PA.

May God bless you and yours as we begin a new year.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Ruth Hollister



Encounter God

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

Grow in Faith

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

Serve in Christ's Love

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

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



Birthdays

January

4th TJ Scheide
24th Ellen Avey
25th Patty Goins
30th Jackie Simmons



Anniversaries

January

23rd Gary & Sherry Rhoe



Serving in Worship

Ushers

Jan. 2 Tim B. / Gary R.
Jan. 9 Bonnie C./Ellen A.
Jan. 16 Dixie E./Rodger K
Jan. 23 Tim B. / Gary R.
Jan. 30 Bonnie C./Ellen A.

Worship Asst.

Matt Ellis
Ellen Kennedy
Terry Berkley
Ellen Avey
Matt Ellis



Upcoming Dates

Sunday, January 2nd

Epiphany

Sunday, January 9th

New study in Adult Sunday School

Saturday, January 16th

Noisy Collection

Monday, January 17th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 18th

6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting

Saturday, January 22nd

1:00 p.m. Robert Gregory's Funeral

Monday, January 24th

1:00 p.m. Outreach to pack food bags

Wednesday, January 26th

5:55 p.m. Outreach to deliver food to State Line Inn



Tithes & Offerings

Week of December 5th: \$1669.00
Week of December 12th: \$1627.00
Week of December 19th: \$1743.00
Week of December 26th: **\$560.00**



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Mail slot at back door

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ONLINE GIVING on the website

Outreach Pantry Needs for January

Please bring in donations by Sunday, January 23rd.



Baked Beans, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit Cups, Ramen Noodle Packs



Start the New Year off Right!

Join the Outreach Team in this impactful mission.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

1:00 p.m. – Monday, January 24th

Join the Outreach Team to help pack food for delivery. No stairs or heavy lifting required.

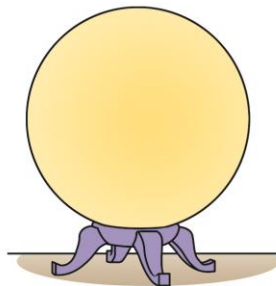
5:55 p.m. – Wednesday, January 26th

Help take the food down the ramp from the front door and deliver to the Inn's parking lot.

Top 10 New Year's Predictions for 2022

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

It's it great to remember who is really in control, and that; "The Word of the Lord endures forever." (1 Peter 1:25)



The Threshold Prayer



God, we lift this to you with our prayer. Please do what we cannot do ourselves. Change what we cannot change ourselves, including you changing us – without limits.

Amen.

DECEMBER LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Following you will find key items/topics discussed and acted on as needed at the December Leadership Team meeting:

- Terry Berkley, team leader beginning in 2022, shared devotions as well as thought-provoking ideas about team dynamics and the importance of team members sharing responsibilities to be most effective.
- Much-needed technology improvements will be made, led by Greg Berkley, using up to \$2000 from the Memorial Fund.
- The 2022 budget, roughly \$65,000, was approved. Our faithful giving/tithing will ensure this amount is achievable.
- Shari Houdeshell will serve as secretary of team meetings starting in 2022.
- Team meeting dates were set for the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of meeting on December 15.
- Improved lighting plans include library/coffee area to equal the lighting in the opposite transept, repair of dusk to dawn light on the end of covered walkway, and the addition of a motion-sensor light at the East Avenue entrance.
- A thank-you gift of \$500 will be given to Caleb Nowell, parish house renter, who faithfully mows and removes snow as needed at no charge to the church.
- Offers on the church van are coming in. Tim Berkley is authorized to handle the sale for the team as this is one of his areas of expertise. **** UPDATE **** The van has been sold. Thank you to Tim for putting in lots of time in this effort! He was able to get a price that recouped the funds spent over the years.
- Adult fellowship will meet in January with information to be given soon.
- Outreach continues monthly at the State Line Inn. Everyone's continued provision of requested items is appreciated and vital to the ministry's continuation.
- Adult Sunday School will start a new study January 9th - Max Lucado's *Anxious for Nothing*
- 2022's first Leadership Team Meeting will be held at 6:30 on January 18. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend to share ideas and offer support to the team.

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