



# State Line UNITED January 2023

## Without Borders

Hello Church Family,

It was a wonderful advent season full of festivities. I loved seeing the colorful clothes, ugly sweaters, and pj's. Let the spirit of the Christmas season continue to well up in you as we move into the new year and back into the normality of everyday life. Look for opportunities to share Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace with our world that seems to have less and less each passing year.

Let it be our mission and passion as a family united by Christ to restore State Line and all those we meet with unequalled love and compassion. A selflessness and sacrificial giving that our world rarely sees, that draws the hurting and broken inward towards the healing of our Lord and Savior.

This year, although somewhat cliché, has the opportunity for wonderful new beginnings and the genesis of a new chapter in the life of State Line United. I hope that you all would join me as we take a look at what it means to be resolved in our faith and experience God not only with passion but with purpose. My hope is that, as a family, we can dive into a faith journey together deepening our commitment to God, each other, and to the mission and call to relationships that draw new followers to a saving relationship with Jesus.

Let this new year be a year of encouragement, blessings, and repentance, devoted to the glory of Jesus. We have a very special place in the way God has chosen to work in our world. He wants to use us his people to be a light in the darkness, to shine ever brighter as we seek not religion but a real meaningful relationship with God and through that relationship an overflowing of that love to our broken neighbors, friends, families, and strangers. With purpose and resolve we look to the future knowing we are in the hands of God and that if our will is His will be done then there is nothing that can stand in our way of being agents of hope, love, joy and peace and bringing him glory and honor.

~ Pastor Kurt

### *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.*

JOIN US!

9:00 a.m.

All Ages Sunday School Classes

10:00 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Time

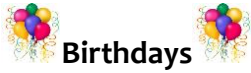
SUNDAYS

10:15 a.m.

Worship

*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

- 4<sup>th</sup> TJ Scheide
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sebastian Ware
- 24<sup>th</sup> Ellen Avey
- 25<sup>th</sup> Patty Goins
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jackie Simmons



### Anniversaries



#### January

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Gary & Sherry Rhoe

## Church Calendar



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|------------------------------------|---|
| Sunday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>    | 10:15 a.m. New Year's Day Worship   |
| Thursday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth<br>6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis at the John Allison Public House |
| Tuesday, January 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting   |
| Thursday, January 12 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth<br>6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis                                  |
| Monday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day<br><br>1:00 p.m. Pack food for the State Line Inn                                       |
| Thursday, January 19 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth<br>6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis                                  |
| Sunday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | 11:45 a.m. Outreach to deliver food to State Line Inn   |
| Thursday, January 26 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth<br>6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis                                  |
| Sunday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>   | 6:30 p.m. All Ages Escape Room – Fellowship Hall  |

**SUNDAY EVENINGS 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. AFTERSHOCK YOUTH MINISTRY** (Grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>) Held at First UMC Greencastle

### Serving in Worship

	<u>Worship Asst.</u>
January 1	Matt Ellis
January 8	Terry Berkley
January 15	Ellen Avey
January 22	Ellen Kennedy
January 29	Matt Ellis

<u>Ushers</u>
Dixie E. / Ellen A.
Tim B. / Gary R.
Bonnie C. / Greg B.
Kanan H. / Rodger K.
Dixie E. / Ellen A.

<u>Nursery</u>
Tabitha H. / Terry B.
Bonnie C. / Dixie E.
Tabitha H. / Gwenelle T.
Kayla B. / Gwenelle T.
Tabitha H. / Terry B.

### Outreach Pantry Needs for January

\*\*Please bring in donated items by Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. \*\*

Jelly in plastic squeezable containers ~ Pop Tarts  
Peanut Butter ~ Cup of Noodles



### GET INVOLVED!

1:00 p.m. – Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
Pack bags of food for the Inn.

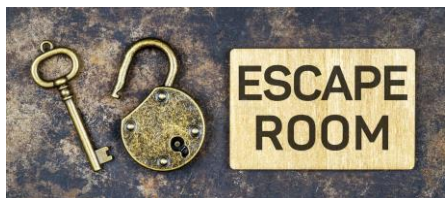
11:45 a.m. – Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Help take the food down the ramp from the front door and deliver to the Inn's parking lot.

### Leadership Team

Our Leadership Team is now composed of these congregants for 2023.

Terry Berkley, *Chairperson, SPRC Chair*  
Gary Rhoe  
Kayla Berkley  
Rob Socks

Shari Houdeshell, *Secretary*  
Matt Courtney  
Gwenelle Trivette  
Matt Ellis



January 29<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Adult Fellowship is hosting  
An All-Ages Escape Room  
With the Youth Group!

This Bible-Based adventure guarantees to be a good time!

### First UMC of Greencastle Hosts Weekly Dodgeball!

Dodgeball is open to all kids in the following grades...

Kids in grades 1-3 play from 6-7 p.m.

Kids in grades 4-6 play from 7-8 p.m.

\*Registration is required and found on First UMC's website.



## Tithes & Offerings

Week of Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> :	37 attend	\$2728.00
Week of Dec 11 <sup>th</sup> :	36 attend	\$2499.00
Week of Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> :	33 attend	<del>\$807.00</del>
Christmas Eve:	38 attend	(24/25 total)
Week of Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> :	33 attend	\$1106.00



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ONLINE GIVING on the website

## Leadership Team Notes

The Leadership Team had a VERY productive retreat in December. We made plans for the entire year. Dates and times of events will continue to be communicated through the newsletter, bulletin and weekly emails. Some of the highlights for 2023 include:

**Movie Night**  
**Cookout at the State Line Inn**  
**Easter-related Children's Activity**  
**Children's Fall Festival**  
**Blessing of the Backpacks**

To help grow our church in 2023, we will be focused on being a *United family* striving to make new disciples of Christ. You will see this reflected in our name on communications, "State Line United". We are not neglecting our Methodist faith, focus or commitment; the idea is to focus on the church we want to be for our community. *United* in faith. A *family* supportive of others and those in our community in need. In short, State Line United wants to be a place others feel will be a spiritual home that meets the needs of all their family members. How can we pray for them?

trying to finish all the junk food in your house before new years day like



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