

Without Borders



New Year ~ New You! Soooooo overplayed! Instead, how about...



*New Year
New Understanding of God's Love for You!*

¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
Ephesians 3:18-19

It is so easy in this world to fall into feeling of loneliness and despair. Many things are broken. Many actions driven by greed and evil. Even something as positive as building a prayer list can bring sadness and the feeling of helplessness. We don't feel these emotions without caring and love. God has demonstrated His vast power to infuse us with His love, providing us the strength to care for one another so deeply as to evoke yearnings to fix problems for our friends and loved ones. We feel helpless when we can't take away their pain and illness. However, God's love and the promise of hope that strong faith provides gives us something to do. PRAY! He has the power we lack and loves us so much that He will answer those prayers. The way we want them answered? Maybe not. As quoted above in Ephesians, his Love "surpasses knowledge". The answers may not seem logical to us but are His will.

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." Martin Luther King, Jr.

God has made us his stewards. We are called to live our lives as Christ lived. Christ loved all of creation with a radical love. At the time he took our humble, human form, he broached the taboo. He spoke with the unclean. He "hung out" with those shunned by society. Did he punish those who lived against God's plan? Sometimes. He did flip over some tables. Yet, time and time again – so many more times – he transformed the lives of the people he met by befriending them, demonstrating God's love, bringing them along to a deeper understanding of faith through parables and acts of love, not argument. There are times when we feel we speak only of God's love and of nothing else. But what else is there? It is the root of all He teaches and all he sent His only Son to teach us. Let us love without limits to truly make a difference here in the world He entrusted to his people.

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



January

- 4th Timothy "TJ" Scheide
- 22nd Sebastian Ware
- 24th Ellen Avey
- 25th Patty Goins
- 30th Jacqueline Simmons



February

- 6th Julia Ware
- 19th Gary Rhoe
- 27th Erin Kitner



Anniversaries

January

- 23rd Gary & Sherry Rhoe

Monday, January 22 nd	1:00 p.m. Pack food for the Inn	  
Thursday, January 25 th	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at the John Allison House	
Sunday, January 28 th	11:45 a.m. Deliver food to the Inn	
Thursday, February 1 st	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at the John Allison House	
Sunday, February 4 th	11:45 a.m. Adult Fellowship Luncheon	
Tuesday, February 6 th	6:30 p.m. Hospitality Meeting	
Thursday, February 8 th	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at the John Allison House	
Sunday, February 11 th	9:45 a.m. Second Sunday Snack	
Tuesday, February 13 th	6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting	
Wednesday, February 14 th	Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	
Thursday, February 15 th	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at the John Allison House	
Monday, February 19 th	President's Day 1:00 p.m. Pack food for the State Line Inn	
Thursday, February 22 nd	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at the John Allison House	
Sunday, February 25 th	11:45 a.m. Deliver food to the Inn	
Thursday, February 29 th	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at the John Allison House	

Serving in Worship

	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
January 21	Ellen Kennedy	Rodger Kennedy	Terry B. / Gwenelle T.
January 28	Matt Ellis	Bonnie Courtney	Terry B. / Gwenelle T.
February 4	Ellen Avey	Gary Rhoe	Bonnie C. / Terry B.
February 11	Terry Berkley	Tim Berkley	Bonnie C. / Gwenelle T.
February 18	Ellen Kennedy	Rodger Kennedy	Terry B. / Gwenelle T.
February 25	Matt Ellis	Bonnie Courtney	Terry B. / Gwenelle T.

Outreach Pantry Needs for the New Year



Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal,
Toaster Pastries, 4 or 6 pack applesauce.



Get Involved!

1:00 p.m. – Monday, January 22nd – Pack bags of food for the Inn.
11:45 a.m. – Sunday, January 28th – Food distribution at the State Line Inn.
1:00 p.m. – Monday, February 19th – Pack bags of food for the Inn.
11:45 a.m. – Sunday, February 25th – Food distribution at the State Line Inn.

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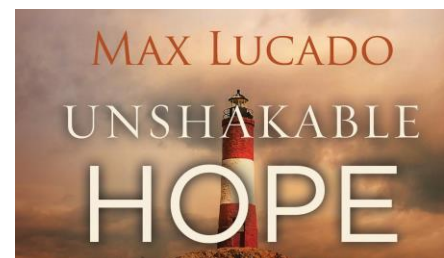
You are welcome to enjoy the company of others as we kickoff **2nd Sunday Snack** in our 'cabaret', also known as the coffee area. Our first 2nd Sunday Snack was held January 14th with yummy treats! Stop by a bit early to worship on **February 11th** and chat while enjoying a light snack. Nothing fancy but rather just an attempt at providing a little time to connect with folks you'd like to know better as well as those you have known forever. You'll be missed if you can't attend, but you'll have the opportunity the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – John Allison Public House

It's never the wrong time to participate in Bible Study! This year, we are starting off with the study of **Unshakable Hope**. Life is tough, but we have been given the tools to cope, mourn and even thrive through difficulty. Come and explore the teachings of Jesus in a new light.

GROWING MINISTRY: 3 attending to 12 attending in 6 months!!



December Leadership Team Notes

The Leadership Team had a very productive planning meeting December 10th, prior to our church conference. The following are highlights from the meeting.

- The team scheduled many activities on the calendar for 2024 and have several more in the planning stages with dates to come.
- A new audio belt pack was approved to help with microphone issues during Worship.
- A winter workday helped to stem the flow of water into the basement during heavy rains.
- Roof leaks continue. The team is exploring the cost of a new roof for the church in the near future and will be setting up a capital campaign to raise funds.
- The bulletin format was reviewed and will be revamped, with Mary asking for feedback if any changes are needed with the updated format.



"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."
Theodore Roosevelt

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."
- John Quincy Adams



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

January Leadership Team Notes

The Leadership Team had a very productive planning meeting January 9th. The following are highlights from the meeting.

- Roofing estimates have been received for a full replacement. We are now in the planning and research stage to launch an effective capital campaign. More information to come next month.
- The Hospitality Team is focusing on helping our church become more welcoming. 2nd Sunday Snack has been initiated as a time of fellowship. After worship fellowship meals are planned throughout the year.
- We paid our Shares of Ministry in full this year. We will return to paying our monthly portions as we did pre-Covid.

TELL US WHAT YOU REALLY THINK

Here's your chance to tell the hospitality team your thoughts about a variety of aspects in and around the State Line United building. Your honest input is sought to complete a church building audit in an effort to determine the plus and minus aspects of our beloved physical church home. It will be valuable as we try to offer a welcoming atmosphere to guests and our church family.

To complete the audit, participants will rate areas inside and outside the church on a scale of 1-10. Once turned in, the forms will be tallied to get a score for each area. Areas that are below adequate will be addressed as best possible while those adequate and above will be tweaked or maintained as the case may be.

Audit forms will be available on Feb. 4 and need to be completed and returned by Feb. 25. Thanks in advance for becoming 'auditor for a day' as we try to offer the best we can via the atmosphere of our building to enhance the experiences of those who enter.

Hospitality team members are Ellen Avey (chair), Ellen Kennedy, Terry Berkley, Gwenelle Trivette, and Sherry Rhoe.

Tithes & Offerings

Week of December 3 rd :	44 attend	\$2666.00
Week of December 10 th :	24 attend	\$384.00
Week of December 17 th :	35 attend	\$1057.00
Week of December 24 th :	32 attend	\$2052.00
Week of December 31 st :	29 attend	\$1061.00
Week of January 7 th (snow):	9 attend	\$1180.00
Week of January 14 th :	23 attend	\$977.00



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Pastor Don is available by email, cell phone, or Monday mornings in the office. Please know that you can reach him and can discuss ideas or concerns with him directly.

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