



State Line UMC

February 2019

Without Borders

Message from the Pastor

We have begun another year and some might even say a new decade. We can look back over the year and see the hurdles that we faced, some that we were able to overcome and some that will carry over for us. In the midst of life we face many trials but the scriptures tell us in Psalm 55 verse 22 "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken." When those adversities arise, we must remember that God is with us even in the storms that we face, because he never will leave us or forsake us.

We can focus on the negative things that happen or we can look at the blessings that God has given us. In the few short months that I have been here, I have seen God do big things through the steps of faith that we have taken. We paid for air conditioning repairs, we received a grant to pay for our free pasta meal (after we took the initial step), we have been awarded a grant of \$1,000 to help purchase food that we deliver to the motel (we still need items brought in). Then we received a delivery of food that filled our pantry and we purchased a van. These are just a few of the blessings that God has given us in the last six months or so. I am excited to see what God has in store for us in this coming year as we continue to step out in faith, in our own lives and in the life of the church here in State Line.

I presented a prayer at the last Leadership Team meeting that we will print up and distribute for all of us to pray together. It asks God to make a breakthrough in our lives and in the life of our community here in State Line and use us as his instruments to bring new people to know him. Look for your copy of this cooperate prayer as we pray together for God to lead us.

*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.

Join in the Bible study guiding us through the **Bible In a Year**. It's never too late to participate.

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

February 2nd

Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Hunter
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Matt E.
Nursery: Julia W. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

February 9th

Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Jenni-Lynn
Greeters: Darlene H. & Gary R.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

February 16th

Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis
Acolyte: Eli
Greeters: Bonnie C. & Rob S.
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

February 23rd

Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Hunter
Greeters: John C. & Matt E.
Nursery: Julia W. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jonathan



Birthdays

February

- 1 Pat Kelley
- 6 Julia Ware
- 13 Darlene Hostetter
- 19 Gary Rhoe
- 27 Erin Kitner



Pasta & Praise



Let's stay connected to our community.

The February Pasta & Praise night is **Sunday, February 16th** from 5:00pm until 6:30pm.

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

Church Calendar



February 1st

9:00AM – Dedicated Prayer Time

February 3rd

6:30PM – Bible in a Year

February 5th

6:30PM – Outreach Team Meeting

6:30PM – Youth Group

8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

February 6th

9:30AM – Bible Study with
Pastor Ruth

6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

February 7th

6:00PM – Deeply Rooted Marriage
Ministry

February 10th

6:30PM – Bible in a Year

February 12th

6:30PM – Youth Group

8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

February 13th

9:30AM – Bible Study with
Pastor Ruth

6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

February 14th

Valentine's Day

February 15th

5:30PM – Prime Rib Fundraiser

February 16th

5:00PM – Pasta & Praise

February 17th

Presidents' Day

6:30PM – Bible in a Year

February 18th

6:30PM – Leadership Team
Meeting

February 19th

6:30PM – Youth Group

8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

February 20th

9:30AM – Bible Study with
Pastor Ruth

6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

February 24th

6:30PM – Bible in a Year

February 26th

6:00PM – Outreach Team to
Pack & Deliver Food

6:30PM – Youth Group

8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

February 27th

9:30AM – Bible Study with
Pastor Ruth

6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga



OUR CALENDAR IS UPDATED WITH
TO-THE-MINUTE CHANGES. VISIT
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For Fellowship & Community

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 in the Sanctuary transept to deposit your donations.

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



Upcoming Events

Many opportunities to serve, share in fellowship, and occasionally raise funds happen in the life of our church. Here's a list of some dates to help you plan to participate:

Events and Celebrations!



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| February 15 | Prime Rib Dinner (buy tickets by Feb. 9) |
| April 11 | Community Easter Egg Hunt |
| April 12 | Community Sunrise Service |
| November 21 | Community Thanksgiving Meal |
| December 5 | Church family Christmas Party |

5th Sunday Celebration Meals - March, May, August



Exact dates to be announced:

- Vacation Bible School
- Back-to-School Breakfast
- Pumpkin Roll Making (tentative activity)

Additional opportunities will be announced as planning continues!

Spotlight

Mission Central Volunteers

Ellen Avey	Ellen Kenne
Dixie Ellis	Calla Small
Matt Ellis	Eli Small
Pastor Steven	



We had a fruitful trip to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg!

Seven of us went to Mission Central to volunteer on January 25th. We did not know what we would be helping with until we arrived. Mission Central actually houses 8 different ministry's that share space. We took a tour and heard about each of the ministries that are not necessarily affiliated with the UMC. We heard how God has showed up by someone donating something and often in a few days someone calls with that need – OR – the need is presented & a few days later what is needed arrives. We started by sorting a few skids of books that will be distributed to other countries for learning. We helped sort and wrap blankets that will be given out to homeless people. There is always plenty of work that can be done there and if you missed it this time be sure to sign up for our next trip that we will schedule in the future.



CHURCH NEWS

December Leadership Team Meeting Highlights

January's Leadership Team meeting served as a follow-up to the group's January 11 retreat and planning session. A number of new initiatives, informative pieces, and scheduling were part of the meeting. Highlights follow:

Folders with guiding principles, facility use/agreement documents, Safe Sanctuaries policy and job descriptions were given to members. Review of these is to be done before February meeting with questions to be addressed then.

Anyone needing Safe Sanctuaries clearances update and training will be notified by Mary. This needs to be kept current to enable folks to work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults in church ministries and activities.

The parish house/rental property has new tenants. Thankfully they moved in without any lapse in rental income.

Pastor Steven presented information about four proposals for separation and continuation of the UMC relative to varying positions on the subject of LGBTQ issues that are dividing the denomination. A meeting with State Line members to explain the proposals will be offered closer to the mid-May General Conference date.

Team members completed a primary leadership components assessment to clarify each person's leadership style. Results will be tallied and shared at the next meeting.

Increasing both individual and corporate prayer life was discussed after a presentation by Pastor Steven. Offering meaningful prayer is important. A breakthrough prayer was agreed upon and practiced by the team. The prayer will be shared with and used by our congregation starting in the near future. Prayer is powerful; we need to be intentional about it.

A number of events/activities for 2020 can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Hopefully this will aid everyone in keeping dates clear to participate as a church family.

Fifth Sunday Celebrations will occur in March, May, and August in the form of a meal after worship. Details will be given closer to each date.

The team agreed that the praise team leader position will be paid \$100 monthly to start in February.

FYI . . . Leadership Team members are John Courtney, Ellen Kennedy, Elyssa Hevner, Dick Walck, Rob Socks, Keric Ellis, Gwenelle Trivette, and Ellen Avey. The Nominations Team will meet to discern a person to fill one vacant spot.

As always, anyone is welcome to attend the **Leadership Team meetings (next one on February 18th)**. 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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