

# State Line UMC February 2022 Without Borders

# Love is the power of God that saves, liberates, heals, and makes all things new.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also (1 John 4:16b-21).

#### St. Valentine

#### Facts:

- He is the patron saint of lovers, epileptics, and beekeepers.
- By some accounts, St. Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270.
- Other narratives identify him as the bishop of Terni, Italy, who was martyred, apparently also
  in Rome, and whose relics were later taken to Terni. It is possible these are different versions of the
  same original account and refer to only one person.

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(reference: Britannica)

#### Legend:

According to legend, St. Valentine signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness.

Will you abide in God's love And be His valentine?

Encounter God

Grow in Faith

Serve in Christ's Love

VALENTIN

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

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

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



#### **February**

1st Pat Kelley
19th Gary Rhoe
27th Erin Kitner

## **Serving in Worship**

	<u>Ushers</u>	Worship Asst.
Feb. 6	Dixie E. / Rodger K	Ellen Kennedy
Feb. 13	Tim B. / Gary R.	Terry Berkley
Feb. 20	Bonnie C. / Rodger K.	Ellen Avey
Feb. 27	Dixie E. / Ellen A.	Matt Ellis



# Valentine's Challenge



Valentine's Day isn't just a Hallmark holiday. It is a time to stop in our busy lives and share love in all its forms. Do you remember how exciting it was to read all your valentines from your classmates in elementary school? Why not share that with others?

Take the time to make a list of those who would love to hear from you. Plan time to make phone calls, write letters, visit, or drop off some treats. A simple gesture could make a huge difference in someone's life on the 14th. Take the example of Jesus' love and make it go viral!

Email Mary in the office if you would like to have an address of a friend in the congregation.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Stewardship Sunday

Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting

Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> Noisy Collection

Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00 p.m. Outreach to pack food bags

Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:55 p.m. Outreach to deliver food to State Line Inn



# Tithes & Offerings

Week of January  $2^{nd}$ : \$3392.00 Week of January  $9^{th}$ : \$0.00 (Ice)

Week of January 16<sup>th</sup>: \$1519.00 State Line United Methodist

Week of January 23<sup>rd</sup>: \$1330.00 Church
Week of January 30<sup>th</sup>: \$1119.00 P.O. Box 277

State Line, PA 1726

Mail slot at back door ~ OR ~

ONLINE GIVING on the website

~ OR ~



#### **Outreach Pantry Needs for February**

Please bring in donations by Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ramen noodles, pudding packs, peanut butter and pop tarts



Starting March 27<sup>th</sup>, Outreach will deliver food to the Inn on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. on a trial basis.



1:00 p.m. – Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> Join the Outreach Team to help pack food for delivery. No stairs or heavy lifting required.

5:55 p.m. – Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>
Help take the food down the ramp from the front door and deliver to the Inn's parking lot.

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** Charles Wesley, 1747



Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation!
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.



Unfamiliar with the Armor of God? Ephesians 6:10-18

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.



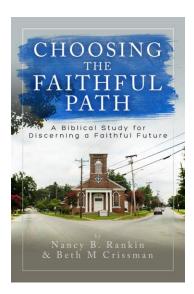
#### FEBRUARY LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

- The Leadership Team met Tuesday, Jan 18, 2022.
- Pastor Chuck Sprenkle, assistant to our District Superintendent, was present and will advise the Team
  in assessing the direction State Line UMC is best prepared to take in the future. To facilitate that task,
  the Team will participate in a book study, <u>Choosing the Faithful Path</u> by Beth M. Crissman & Nancy B.
  Rankin.
- The addition of a new team member was approved; Shari Houdeshell will take on the role of Secretary, recording meeting minutes.

Topics for discussion included:

- Finalizing End of Year Reporting (Trustees Report, Financial Audit)
- Whether the monthly State Line Inn distribution can be improved
- Stewardship Sunday
- Approval of the purchase of a Smart TV for the Adult Sunday School area.
- The Team is happy to report that the church van has been sold at a profit; proceeds were divided between Outreach and Youth, as those ministries shared the initial purchase of the van.



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