



State Line UNITED February 2023

Without Borders

Hello Church Family,

We are a group of imperfect people seeking to know and love Jesus more. It's really that simple! Our hope is to introduce every person we meet, talk to, or spend time with, to know the deep and unending love of Jesus.

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.

My hope is that as we continue to grow that we can take a look at some of the basics of Christianity to strengthen our foundation in Christ; as a people we can grow in Christ for the sake of each other. The focus of reading God's word, prayer, fasting, and discipleship are at the core of the healthy Christian life. Let us continue to grow in the depth and width of our love for God by working together to be the people God wants us to be.

We know that iron sharpens iron, so let your love blossom and overflow to those around you so as to be an encouragement to the church. God has bright days and many blessings in store for us as we obediently and humbly seek to do his will. So let us take time each day and week to spend intentionally in the word, prayer, and fasting for God's will so as to magnify him in our world.

~ 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






February

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



Church Calendar

Thursday, February 2 nd	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis at the John Allison Public House
Tuesday, February 7 th	6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday, February 9 th	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis at the John Allison Public House
Monday, February 14 th	 Valentine's Day 
Thursday, February 16 th	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis at the John Allison Public House
Saturday, February 18 th	6:00 p.m. (Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.) Movie Night – Run the Race
Monday, February 20 th	President's Day  1:00 p.m. Outreach to pack food for the Inn
Thursday, February 23 rd	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis at the John Allison Public House
Sunday, February 26 th	11:45 a.m. Outreach to deliver food to State Line Inn

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:00 P.M – 8:00 P.M. DODGEBALL will be open to all kids in the following grades:
Kids grades 1-3 play from 6 to 7 pm Held at First UMC Greencastle
Kids grades 4-6 play from 7 to 8 pm Register at www.fumcgreencastle.org/dodgeball.html

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

Serving in Worship

	<u>Worship Asst.</u>
February 5	Terry Berkley
February 12	Ellen Avey
February 19	Ellen Kennedy
February 26	Matt Ellis

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

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



Outreach Pantry Needs for January

****Please bring in donated items by Sunday, February 19th. ****
Jelly in plastic squeezable containers ~ Fruit & Grain Bars
Peanut Butter ~ Cereal ~ 4-pks of Pudding



GET INVOLVED!

6:00 p.m. – Saturday, February 18th – Volunteer to help at movie night!

1:00 p.m. – Monday, February 20th – Pack bags of food for the Inn.

11:45 a.m. – Sunday, February 26th – Deliver food to the Inn

Seasons of the Church

Have you noticed that the altar cloth and pulpit banner's colors change throughout the year? Have you ever wondered what those different colors mean or what they symbolize? The four colors -- purple, white, green, and red -- are the primary colors of the liturgical church year, and each one symbolizes something about our faith and our spiritual walk.

PURPLE is a calming color, one we use during periods of preparation and reflection. During Advent and Lent, purple cloths are used as we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth and suffering/death, respectively, of Jesus.

RED is the color symbolizing love, passion, and fire as it is bold, strong, and vital. Red symbolizes Christ's passion during Holy Week and the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday.

GREEN is symbolic of growth and new life. It is used throughout most of the year, a period often called Ordinary Time. These days as we walk with our Lord should provide growth, learning, and moving forward.

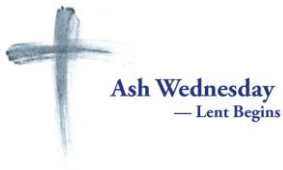
WHITE is the color of joy and celebration, of renewal and cleansing, and newness. It represents purity, goodness, and hope. In the church year, it is used during seasons of celebration --Christmas/Epiphany and Easter -- and other special Sundays noted below.

The church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent and has six primary seasons, Easter Week, and five specially designated Sundays. The liturgical colors change as follows:

Advent	purple
Christmas/Epiphany	white
Transfiguration Sunday	white
Season After Epiphany	green
Lent	purple
Holy Week	red
Easter	white
Pentecost	red
Trinity Sunday	white
Season After Pentecost	green
All Saints' Day	white
Reign of Christ Sunday	white



Along with the candles and cross on the altar, the liturgical colors provide symbolic reminders of important seasons and Sundays of the church calendar.



Mark the days of Lent with prayer
40 prayers for 40 days
Refocus and renew your prayer life.

Ash Wednesday: your church family

Feb. 23: your pastor

Feb. 24: someone who is sick

Feb. 25: refugees

1st Sunday in Lent

Feb. 27: a friend

Feb. 28: police officers

Mar. 1: a stranger

Mar 2: teachers

Mar. 3: someone who hurt you

Mar. 4: the homeless

2nd Sunday in Lent

Mar. 6: your parents

Mar. 7: firefighters

Mar. 8: someone lonely

Mar. 9: someone being bullied

Mar.10: orphans

Mar. 11: your family

3rd Sunday in Lent

Mar. 13: neighbors

Mar. 14: doctors & nurses

Mar. 15: those living in poverty

Mar. 16: your best friend

Mar. 17: all world leaders

Mar. 18: missionaries

4th Sunday in Lent

Mar. 20: grandparents

Mar. 21: service men & women

Mar. 22: the hungry

Mar. 23: the UMC worldwide

Mar. 24: your cousins

Mar. 25: our bishops

5th Sunday in Lent

Mar. 27: Sun. School teachers

Mar. 28: your community

Mar. 29: justice in the world

Mar. 30: someone left out

Mar. 31: veterans

Apr. 1: forgiveness

Palm Sunday

Apr. 3: those who lead

Apr. 4: those who are homebound

Apr. 5: widows/widowers

Maundy Thursday: peace

Good Friday: those suffering

Apr. 8: your relationship with Christ

Easter Sunday: Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!



Tithes & Offerings

Week of Jan 1 st :	30 attend	\$2635.00
Week of Jan 8 th :	34 attend	\$2505.00
Week of Jan 15 th :	32 attend	\$1020.00
Week of Jan 22 nd :	31 attend	\$1092.00
Week of Jan 29 th :	30 attend	\$1324.00



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Leadership Team Notes

The Leadership Team met on January 10th and had a very productive meeting!

- The team had made great plans for the year during the retreat and continued to refine the calendar of events.
- Our financial picture is holding steady but not improving. We are exploring ways to advertise our mission and our welcoming family atmosphere to attract new congregants.
- The team continues to be focused on making new disciples of Jesus Christ, exploring ways to reach others in the community not currently worshipping or not in a strong relationship with Christ.
- You will see signs notifying the public of video surveillance. We have used previously purchased webcams to provide closed-circuit video of the building in the event something should go wrong.
- The church has received two generous donations from a friend of the church. We will be putting those funds toward replacing the window treatments in the sanctuary and vestibule. Many of the curtains are broken and sagging.

All are welcome to attend the next Leadership Meeting on Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30 p.m.



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