



State Line UMC

March 2019

# Without Borders

## Message from the Pastor

We have entered the season of Lent. It is intended for us to be reminded of our humanness and our longing to be who God created us to be. This requires us to look closely at who we are and where we have messed up. We look only so we can make efforts to do better. We are reminded of the sacrifice that Christ was willing to make so that we can be forgiven. We prepare our hearts to receive the gift of a risen Savior on Easter morning. So may your season of Lent bring you closer to our risen Savior who will forgive you by his stripes and his death on the cross as we prepare to celebrate his resurrection!

*In His Love,  
Pastor Steven*

## A Prayer for Lenten Grace



*Loving God,  
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.  
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.  
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.  
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in doing so, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in You.*

*Amen*

### 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. (Not meeting in March)

### 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

- March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis  
Acolyte: Jenni-Lynn  
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Curtis B.  
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis  
Acolyte: Eli  
Greeters: Darlene H. & Gary R.  
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey  
Acolyte: Hunter  
Greeters: Bonnie C. & Rob S.  
Nursery: Julia W. & Dixie E.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis  
Acolyte: Jenni-Lynn  
Greeters: John C. & Matt E.  
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis  
Acolyte: Eli  
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Curtis B.  
Nursery: Bonnie C. & Gwenelle T.  
Tech Booth: Jonathan

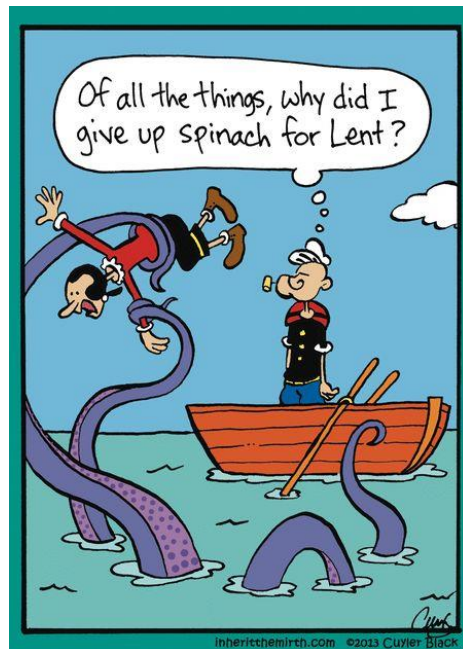


### Birthdays

- March
- 5 Chuck Mongan
  - 11 Denny Simmons
  - 14 Ernie Houdeshell
  - 15 David "Doc" Ellis
  - 19 Hunter William Trivette
  - 19 Alice Gregory

## Church Calendar

- March 1<sup>st</sup>  
After Worship – VBS meeting
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30PM – Bible in a Year
- March 4<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Youth Group  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- March 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga
- March 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:00AM – Dedicated Prayer Time
- March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Daylight Savings Time  
\*\*Set your clocks ahead\*\*
- March 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Bible in a Year
- March 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Youth Group  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- March 12<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga
- March 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Bible in a Year
- March 17<sup>th</sup>  
St. Patrick's Day  
6:30PM – Leadership Team Meeting
- March 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Youth Group  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- March 20<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5:00PM – Pasta & Praise
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30PM – Bible in a Year
- March 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:00PM – Outreach Team to Pack & Deliver Food  
6:30PM – Youth Group  
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- March 26<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga
- March 29<sup>th</sup>  
After Worship – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Celebration Potluck
- March 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM – Bible in a Year



OUR CALENDAR IS UPDATED WITH TO-THE-MINUTE CHANGES. VISIT [WWW.STATELINEUMC.COM](http://WWW.STATELINEUMC.COM)

# For Fellowship & Community

## Quarterly Mission

### KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

We will be collecting items for Pregnancy Ministry until **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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!

March 29	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Celebration Potluck
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 - May, August

*Additional opportunities will be announced as planning continues!*



### Exact dates to be announced:

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

## 5th Sunday Celebration Lunch

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Right after Worship



### Old -Fashioned Potluck No sign-up . . . . Just show up!

Bring a dish (or two or three) to share,  
You just never know how many'll be there!

Beverages provided  
See Sherry Rhoe with any questions.



## Want to visit the Museum of the Bible?

This museum in Washington, D.C. has many amazing features for folks of all ages. Check it out: [www.museumofthebible.org](http://www.museumofthebible.org)



If there's enough interest, Ellen Avey will organize a trip to enjoy this experience. It would tentatively be on a Saturday in the spring or summer. We'd travel in the church van, leaving the church around 7:00 AM – if we have a group of 10 or more, we would qualify for an earlier entrance than the general public. We would spend the day there with lunch on our own at a nearby eatery.

The APPROXIMATE price for admission is \$20 per adult and \$10 per student (7-17 years old). Confirmed pricing would be available when we have scheduled the trip with the museum personnel.

**ACTION NEEDED:** If this interests you, please pick up a form on the Communications table and put it in the collection plate by March 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Pasta & Praise



Let's stay connected to our community.  
The March Pasta & Praise night is **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
from 5:00pm until 6:30pm.

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

# DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

[pietrafitness.com](http://pietrafitness.com)



# CHURCH NEWS

## February Leadership Team Meeting Highlights

- After opening with lighting of the Spirit candle, singing, and prayer, Rob Socks shared "Walk by Faith" devotional.
- Linda Junkins presented a comprehensive look at the church's finances, explaining income and outflow along with providing a detailed list of routine items to be paid throughout the year. After a time for questions/answers, the team felt they had a better understanding of the church's financial situation. Giving of tithes and offerings is currently meeting needs. Self-discipline in giving is vital as obligations need to be met all year whether we are physically in church or not.
- Pastor Steven shared information to help team members understand their leadership styles and how to use them effectively with each other.
- Estimates will be sought to improve the East Avenue entrance to include addition of a handrail, address the uneven sidewalk, and replace doors with ones which are touch-activated for handicap accessibility. Funding will likely come from the Improvement Fund with donations accepted to repay the account rather than lower it significantly.
- Folks are needed to serve as worship assistants. Anyone interested should speak to Pastor Steven to be added to the schedule.
- New for 2020 - 5th Sunday Celebration Lunches. The first one will be March 29. Look for details in this newsletter.
- Grocery supplies are needed monthly for distribution at State Line Inn. Please remember to help out with this ongoing effort.
- Diapers, wipes, and diaper cream collection will run until March 15.
- Fingernail and/or toenail clippers will be collected between March 22 and April 5 in a way to help fill healthcare kits for Mission Central. Each district in the Susquehanna Conference has a different item to collect. Yes, Dollar Tree has clippers for - you guessed it - \$1.00!
- Julia Ware is currently serving as church custodian.
- The youth took part in a fundraiser on Feb. 23 by bowling with proceeds going to Cumberland Valley Breast Care Alliance.
- A church van use policy document was presented and adjusted to fit our needs. A logbook has been prepared and is in the van for use each time it is driven. Anyone wanting to be added to the list of eligible drivers should speak with Pastor Steven.

The next leadership team meeting is at 6:30 on March 17. All are welcome to attend. It's yet another way to be informed about the life of our church in addition to reading these highlights, bulletin announcements, and Facebook posts.

**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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