



State Line UMC

March 2022

Without Borders

Message from the Pastor

For the 6 weeks of Lent, we will be thinking about what we believe as stated in the Traditional Apostles' Creed. The goal is, as we focus on these phrases, especially during Lent, we will spend time in prayer, reading scripture and focusing on God's relationship with human beings.

The Apostles' Creed is a quick summary of the 66 books of the Bible and a story spanning thousands of years. It is a quick way to put the 1,189 chapters and 31,000+ verses of the very long Bible; the Creed helps us wrap our arms around the big story of the Bible.

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*



Encounter God

Grow in Faith

Serve in Christ's Love

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



Birthdays

March

11th Denny Simmons
14th Ernie Houdeshell
15th Doc Ellis
19th Hunter Trivette
19th Alice Gregory

Serving in Worship

Ushers

March 6 Tim B. / Gary R.
March 13 Bonnie C. / Ellen A.
March 20 Dixie E. / Rodger K.
March 27 Tim B. / Gary R.

Worship Asst.

Ellen Kennedy
Terry Berkley
Ellen Avey
Matt Ellis



WHY EASTER MATTERS . . . 4-Week Opportunity for Adults



Are we too familiar with Easter? Do we simply and routinely hear the scriptures, recall the stories, take part in worship while spending probably too much time tending to egg dying/hiding/finding, preparing and sitting down to a huge meal, and partaking of far too many chocolate bunnies and eggs? Or perhaps we don't get caught up in the many distractions from the significance of Easter, but we are just reminded of the story each year.

As human beings, it is so easy to be focused on the traditions of the Easter season and almost overlook the eternal life-giving sacrifice of Jesus in this joyous season. In the DVD 4-part series, **WHY EASTER MATTERS**, Andy Stanley looks at the lives of several key people in the story of Jesus' crucifixion. The circumstances they faced are different than ours, but their actions and mistakes are, unfortunately, not different at all.

Won't you consider and commit to attending this meaningful series? The DVDs will be viewed and discussed at two times: Sunday, March 27 through Easter Sunday at 9:00 a.m. AND Monday, March 21 through April 11 at 7:00 p.m. (Those attending the Monday sessions are a week ahead of the Sunday group in order to finish by Easter.)

Please contact Ellen Avey (717-860-0072) with any questions.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, March 2nd

Ash Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, March 13th

Spring Forward – Daylight Savings Time
11:45 a.m. Adult Fellowship lunch & craft

Tuesday, March 15th

6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting

Sunday, March 20th

Noisy Collection

Monday, March 21st

1:00 p.m. Outreach to pack food bags

Sunday, March 27th

11:45 a.m. Outreach to deliver food to State Line Inn



Tithes & Offerings

Week of February 6th : \$2778.00
Week of February 13th : \$1292.00
Week of February 20th : \$1270.00
Week of February 27th : \$1869.00



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Outreach Pantry Needs for March

Please bring in donations by Sunday, March 20th.

Cereal, jelly, peanut butter and pop tarts



1:00 p.m. – Monday, March 20th

Join the Outreach Team to help pack food for delivery. No stairs or heavy lifting required.

11:45 a.m. – Sunday, March 27th

Help take the food down the ramp from the front door and deliver to the Inn's parking lot.



Adult Fellowship

Sunday, March 13th

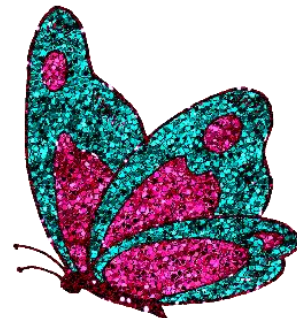
11:45 a.m.

Adult Fellowship will meet for lunch and a simple craft (Butterfly Sun Catcher).

Provided: Lunch meat and toppings

Sign-up to attend and to bring one of the following:

- Sandwich rolls
- Chips
- Veggies & dip
- Drinks



Following lunch and the craft, the gathering will break into small groups to deliver the finished products to the shut-ins of our church family.



LENT



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

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FEBRUARY LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Leadership Team met on 2/15/22.

- We welcomed new Team member, Kayla Berkley; this rounds out our Team to a full nine members.
- Plans for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services
- The upcoming required 3-year elevator test is being scheduled.
- Possibly updating lighting in the library area
- Approval to add a dusk-to-dawn bulb at the front porch and LED solar-powered lights in the rear entrance and parking areas
- Greg Berkley is assuming the duties of putting out and retrieving trash and recycling cans.
- Following the monthly meeting, the Leadership Team continued our book study Choosing The Faithful Path.

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