



State Line UMC

April 2020

Without Borders

Message from the Pastor

Here we are, the week after Easter. Did Easter really happen? When will this end? Will life ever be “normal” again? There is lots of uncertainty in the world we live in today. Yet, there remains hope. We are hopeful that this pandemic will soon be behind us. There is hope for a sense of normalcy. There is hope because we know that there is a God bigger than all of the troubles of this world. The churches were empty on Easter morning, but remember, so was the tomb. When I first saw this proclamation, I thought “that’s one way to look at this situation”. I would have to be honest and say that it wasn’t what I was thinking. I was thinking about the negative things like, how can we be a “church” when we cannot gather together? How will we maintain an empty building? So many other thoughts running through my head as I try to navigate us through this storm. Once again, I was reminded that I can’t! When I try to do it all with my own strength, I always come up short. It is only through allowing the Holy Spirit to lead me, that I will be able to lead others. Jesus was willing to make the right choice when faced with tough choices. I must spend more time in a quiet place to make sure I am making the right choices. Online is new to me and I know the message is always put online but, it’s was always done as a secondary task. Now everything is different and talking to a lifeless camera is tough. Pastor Ryan has helped make Sunday worship less daunting for me. At least the two of us can have a conversation.

As I ponder our conversation from Easter morning, I regain confidence that God is in control and that the mission is still the mission. The building we normally meet in is only a tool that we use to help us accomplish that mission. The church building is empty but so is the tomb. What does that mean for us today? We have a new opportunity to be the church! I am excited to see what God has in store for us as we move forward. May we look for ways each day to be the light of Christ as we continue to seek Jesus and share his unconditional love.

*In His Love,
Pastor Steven*

Worship videos can be found at the top of the church website in simple links. Also linked is the site to participate in worship interactively on Sunday mornings at 10:15am. Visit www.statelineumc.com!

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.

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

April

- 5 Rodger Kennedy
- 6 Sherrill Courtney
- 7 Michelle Scheide
- 8 Kate Fiery
- 12 Linda Baker
- 14 Hunter Rhoe
- 14 Hayden Rhoe
- 17 Robbie Gregory, Jr.
- 17 Gary Baer
- 22 Judy Ellis
- 29 Margaret Davis

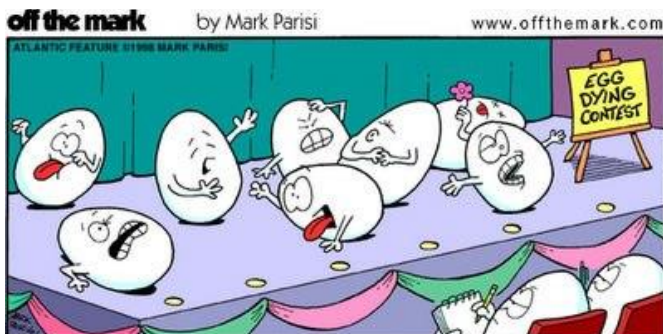


Anniversaries

April

- 22 Rodger & Ellen Kennedy

Wherever we are, we can rejoice in the promise of Easter and Christ's Resurrection!



For Fellowship & Community

Tithes & Offerings

Week of March 22nd: \$316.00

Week of March 29th: \$580.00

Week of April 5th: \$3544.00

Week of April 12th will be counted later this week.



If you would like to send any tithes or offerings, they can be mailed to:

State Line United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 277
State Line, PA 17263

Leadership Team Note

Pastor Steven and the Leadership Team have been looking into the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act. The Payroll Protection Program is meant to help small businesses impacted by the pandemic and economic downturn to make payroll and cover other expenses from February 15 to June 30.



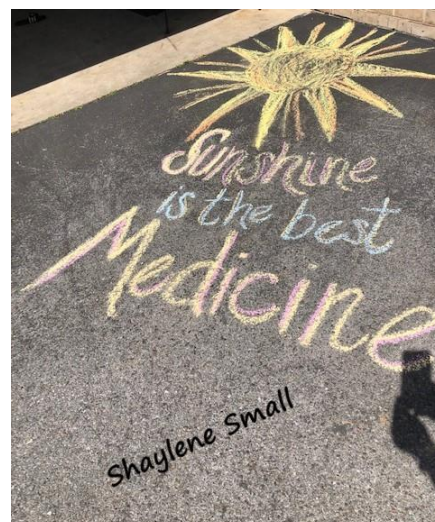
Praise God my doctor got all my cancer out by removing one of my kidneys. God has blessed me in many ways. He gave us beauty to see each day, even though we have been cooped up with the virus. I know that God is in control: rain showers are a blessing; sunny skies when we need to feel free, and we can worship Him every day. I thank him for each day and I try to keep a positive attitude to it all. I give thanks to God during the morning, afternoon and evening. He is God, the Creator of all. Thank you, Jesus!

Dianne Socks

Thankful for these two, time with them and a job that let's me work from home and receive pay.
Greg



thankful
AND
grateful





Daily Quarantine Checklist

1. What am I grateful for today?
2. Who am I checking in on or connecting with today?
3. What expectation of "normal" am I letting go of today?
4. How am I getting outside today?
5. How am I moving my body today?
6. What beauty am I creating, cultivating or inviting in today?

thankful
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