



# State Line UNITED April 2023

# Without Borders

## Message from the Pastor

Thank you for your presence and prayers as we come to the end of the Lenten season and look to life in a risen savior. Rejoice today and every day and celebrate the beautiful gift of life that God has blessed each of us with. Each day as God gives us life, praise his name and pray for one another as we seek to keep our eyes towards heaven.

In the Gospel of Matthew we read how an angel appeared to the women at the tomb early that first Easter morning. The angel explained to them that Jesus was not there because he had been raised from the dead, just as he said! Matthew tells us that the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy.

That's what the resurrection does. It takes our fear, our worry, our hurt, our sadness...and it puts it all into perspective.

The fact that Jesus is risen from the dead, that he was victorious over death and sin, is reason to celebrate. It's that fact that gives us joy despite our circumstances and through whatever we may face. What happened on that first Easter day still brings us joy and it still changes lives today.

I ask you this week to reach out to a family member, a friend, a co-worker, or a complete stranger and offer to them to join you this Easter in celebration of a living savior.

Grace and Peace,  
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

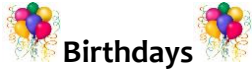
SUNDAYS

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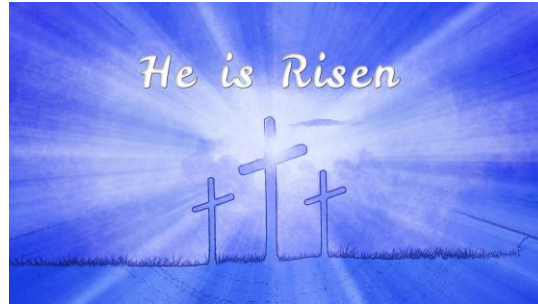
Worship

*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*



- April**  
5<sup>th</sup> Rodger Kennedy  
6<sup>th</sup> Sherrill Courtney  
7<sup>th</sup> Michelle Scheide  
12<sup>th</sup> Linda Baker  
14<sup>th</sup> Hunter Rhoe  
14<sup>th</sup> Hayden Rhoe  
17<sup>th</sup> Robbie Gregory, Jr.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Judy Ellis  
29<sup>th</sup> Margaret Davis

**Anniversaries**

- April**  
22<sup>nd</sup> Rodger & Ellen Kennedy

**Easter Office Hours**

Office Closed: April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Reopens: Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Kurtis can be contacted at  
717-602-0668.

## Church Calendar



- Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – **Children's Easter Craft Day**
- Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis at the John Allison Public House
- Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday
- Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service, State Line Ruritan Park  
10:15 a.m. – Sunday Worship
- Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting
- Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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, April 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. Outreach to pack food for the Inn
- Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 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, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:45 a.m. Outreach to deliver food to State Line Inn
- Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Outdoor Clean-Up Day

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

## Serving in Worship

### Worship Asst.

April 2 Ellen Kennedy  
April 9 Terry Berkley  
April 16 Matt Ellis  
April 23 Terry Berkley  
April 30 Ellen Kennedy

### Ushers

Tim B. / Dixie E.  
Bonnie C. / Gary R.  
Kanan H. / Greg B.  
Tim B. / Rodger K.  
Bonnie C. / Gary R.

### Nursery

Bonnie C / Kayla B.  
Dixie E. / Tabitha H.  
Gwenelle T. / Terry B.  
Bonnie C. / Kayla B.  
Dixie E. / Tabitha H.



## Outreach Pantry Needs for April

\*\*Please bring in donated items by Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. \*\*

Jelly in plastic squeezable containers ~ Canned Pasta  
Peanut Butter ~ 4-pks pudding ~ 4-pks applesauce



## GET INVOLVED!

1:00 p.m. – Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Pack bags of food for the Inn.

11:45 a.m. – Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Deliver food to the Inn

## 3 Reasons You Need a Church Family

*“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.”* Romans 12:5-5

- 1. A church family helps you focus on God.** Being together with other church members can limit your focus on distractions and increase your awareness of God in your daily life.
- 2. A church family helps you face life’s problems.** The church is a supportive group He built for you based on faith. You don’t have to face it alone!
- 3. A church family helps you fortify your faith.** Within the church family relationship, those in the church help you chose the right priorities that strengthen you in faith.

## Hospitality Committee



The Hospitality Committee will be chaired by Ellen Avey. Thank you to Ellen for offering to lead!

We would like to have a committee of a few people to help all functions of the committee run smoothly and have shared responsibility.

If you would like to be part of this fun ministry, please see Ellen Avey.



## Tithes & Offerings

Week of Mar 5 <sup>th</sup> :	33 attend	\$3072.00
Week of Mar 12 <sup>th</sup> :	24 attend	\$1013.00
Week of Mar 19 <sup>th</sup> :	31 attend	\$924.00
Week of Mar 26 <sup>th</sup> :	34 attend	\$911.00



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## Leadership Team Notes

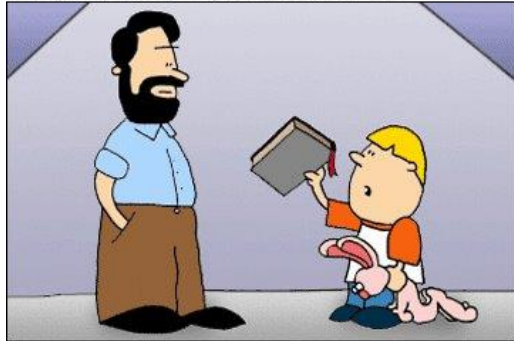
Leadership Team met March 14 with discussion about multiple topics, including the upcoming Easter Week services, reaching out to absent members, a logo being developed, and getting one or more regular activities rolling that would interest the community, such as an exercise program, game nights, hot meals, etc. We determined there is a need for a Children's Special Events Coordinator; Shari Houdeshell volunteered for that position.

Additionally, we are looking to create a Church Emergency Preparedness Plan; a committee to develop this plan will be led by Matt Ellis. This plan would focus on issues such as a fire or natural disaster, or any other emergency that might impact the effective running of the church, and would put in place a plan to continue normal operations (i.e., holding services and running the office) if said emergency impacted those operations. We're looking for additional members for this committee, so if you have an interest, please contact Matt Ellis.

Lastly, I want to advise that our custodian, Heather Settle has left our employ. Washington County Human Development Council, the agency that coordinated Heather's employment, has arranged for us another custodian, Angie Lipko. Angie's employment began in late March; if you see Angie at work, please take a moment to greet her.

All are welcome to attend the next Leadership Meeting on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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