



State Line UMC

May 2020

Without Borders

Message from the Pastor

****See the last page of the newsletter for Pastor's message. ****



Don't forget, Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 10th.

Remember gentlemen, your kids and grandkids are not at school making cool gifts for your wives. It's on you this year! 😊

Need gift ideas while stuck at home?

- Write her a poem
- Cook a meal
- Clean the house
- Give her an hour to herself with some chocolate (even if she has to hide in the closet like I do!)

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



May

- 5 Tim Berkley
- 8 Bonnie Courtney
- 8 John "JW" Courtney
- 12 Kayla Berkley
- 18 Dixie Ellis
- 24 Abby Lynne Garner
- 27 Nellie Johnston



Anniversaries

May

- 2 Pat & Red Reese
- 6 Jay & Barbara Baker
- 17 Matt & Dixie Ellis
- 26 Ethan & Tabitha Houdeshell

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE!



For Fellowship & Community

Tithes & Offerings

Week of April 5th: \$3544.00

Week of April 12th: \$1982.00

Week of April 19th: \$ 275.00

Week of April 26th: \$2088.00



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 applied for the Payroll Protection Program under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act. The church has been approved for the Payroll Protection Program which is meant to help small businesses impacted by the pandemic and economic downturn to make payroll through June 30th.

The Future

Stay tuned! Pastor Steven and the Leadership Team are keeping up-to-date on the latest medically-recommended closings and modifications. We will do what is best to keep those most vulnerable in our church family safe.

In the meantime...

We are hopeful and continue to plan for future gatherings!

Mark your calendars!

5th Sunday Celebrations

May 31st – Meal? We shall see.

August 30th – Indoor Picnic

Community Thanksgiving Meal

November 21st – Plan to attend to welcome our community and give thanks together!

Church Christmas Party

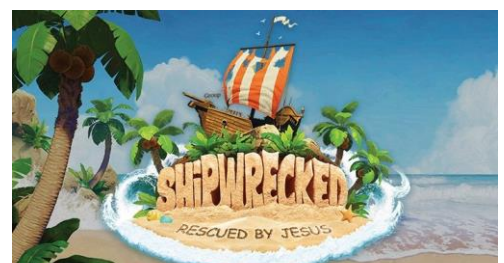
December 5th – We will gather for fun and fellowship as a church family.

Coming this August...

SHIPWRECKED!

We continue to plan for summer fun and learning with the children in our community.

Come learn with friends about how
God Rescues Us



April has passed and we are still confined to our homes. Everyone is hoping that this will pass soon so that we can get back to normal. The problem with that is, there is no going back. Things will be different from now on because of this event. Life will never be the same as it was. When the time comes for the "Shelter in Place" to be lifted, there will still be phases of things being re-opened. There will be social distancing requirements that will stay for a while. How does this affect the church? (you might ask). When the restrictions are relaxed, the church is not going to be on the top of the list of places to open. Even when churches are permitted to meet, that meeting will look different as people keep their personal space much larger than it was in the past. We are not sure what things will look like when we are able to join again, but it will happen in steps over the months. Respecting the "new normal" may be difficult at times but necessary to keep everyone safe and healthy. The leadership team is working on plans to have in place when we are able to meet again and we ask that you work with us to help everyone feel safe and welcomed. We will keep everyone informed when the time comes when our current situation can change.

In the midst of being separated, we continue to be the Church. We have done food deliveries in March and April at the Motel. We have changed how that is done in order to keep everyone safe. The way we gather to pack and the way the food is distributed are both done differently than before Covid-19.

Even in the midst of all of the changes, once again God reminds me that he is constant and remains the same. I had an email forwarded to me about a food delivery and was able to get items to hand out at the Motel. Then our pantry was looking pretty empty after April's delivery and I had Mary put out a call for items so we can be stocked for next month. The very next day I had a delivery of Cereal, chips, and peanut butter crackers. Once again I am reminded that God does provide.

I want to take time to thank everyone who has sent their tithe/offering to the church. Even though everything has come to a halt, bills are still due. We all know this from our personal lives. We have received some funds from the government PPP – Paycheck Protection loan program to help cover just about everything related to payroll, for a 10 week period. These funds if used strictly for the intended purpose, will not have to be repaid. We have gotten behind on some of the bills and this money will help keep us afloat. I look at this as just another way that God has made provisions for His people.

There are still activity at the church building. Mary and myself are in and out with no real schedule. The praise team has gotten together to record some songs for worship while practicing "social distancing". We had scheduled for some repairs to be done on the parking lot at the end of last year and that work will still take place as soon as the contractor is permitted to go back to work. We are looking to make the outside front entrance more handicap accessible. I have also made some small technology upgrades that I can use in this time of Online Worship that will continue to utilize when we can meet again. Some of the funding for these projects have been set aside long ago and are not part of the "budget".

We still have opportunities to meet together for Worship and Bible Study it is just online at this time. I hope you join us as we continue to be the church. Romans 12: 10-13 states: ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

May we continue to keep the light shining so that those lost in the dark may find that light.

In His Love,

Pastor Steven

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