



State Line UMC

June 2020

Without Borders

Message from the Pastor

May 31st is the 11th week in a row that we have not gathered in person. People are getting cabin fever and we all want some sense of normalcy to return. This anxiousness will only increase as Franklin County moves from Red to Yellow in our phase of this pandemic. We all would like to be able to gather together in our building but we must still proceed with caution. The scripture tells us not to live in fear but there is a difference between living in fear and being reactive without knowing all the facts. There are many things that the leadership team has discussed as we talk about moving closer to opening the building and meeting together again.

We have not stopped being the church just because our building has been closed. We continue to offer worship each week, just not the way we have in the past. We continue to help our neighbors at the State Line Motel each month by taking groceries. I also pray that each of us have had moments where we have been able to be the light of Christ in the midst of this quarantine. As we celebrate Pentecost we remember the Holy Spirit empowering the Disciples of Jesus to live beyond their fear and they did more than they ever thought they could to bring people to knowledge of the love and sacrifice of Jesus who is the way to our salvation. I want to remind you that we too are given that same Holy Spirit to walk with us and empower us to do what God calls us to do even when we might be afraid. We must learn that God equips us when he calls us to act and when we take steps in faith, He will guide us and provide what we need. We must believe this with our whole heart in order for us to live into what God intends for us.

Read through the book of Acts and be reminded of who we are called to be as the church. Find ways to live out the supernatural life of the Holy Spirit that each of us is called to and expect miracles!

The leadership team will continue to discuss further plans to gather and we will communicate with each of you when we have concrete plans set for gathering together again. Once again, thank you for being faithful in your prayers and tithes during these unprecedented times.

In His Love,

Pastor Steven



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

June

- 2 Big John Courtney
- 2 Zoe Grace Trivette
- 17 Tabitha Houdeshell



Anniversaries

June

- 16 Harold & Ruth Hollister
- 19 Doc & Judy Ellis
- 29 Travis & Julia Ware
- 30 Richard & Joanne Walck



Don't forget, Father's Day is on Sunday, June 21st.

Remember ladies - just as we reminded your gentlemen for Mother's Day - your kids and grandkids are not at school making cool gifts for your guys. It's on you this year! 😊

Need gift ideas while stuck at home?

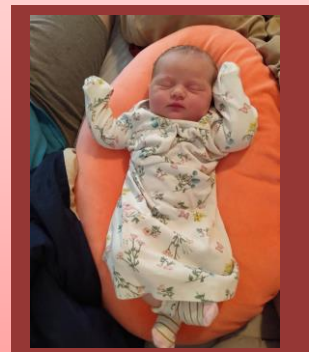
- Set up a yard games day for him.
- Treat him to steak or other favorite meal.
- Watch his favorite movie with him.
- Wash his car.
- Paternal Puns ("Father Jokes") competition – who has the most eye-roll worthy.



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

Congratulations!

Travis, Julia and Sebastien Ware welcomed Kimberly Jane into their family on May 22nd.



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!

For Fellowship & Community

Tithes & Offerings

Week of May 3 rd :	\$1790.00
Week of May 10 th :	\$2688.00
Week of May 17 th :	\$ 1501.00
Week of May 24 th :	\$430.00



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

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 Celebration

August 30th – Indoor Picnic

Community Thanksgiving Meal

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

Church Christmas Party

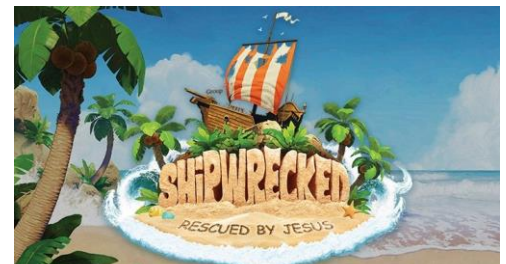
December 5th – We will gather for fun and fellowship as a church family.

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



What is Flag Day?



On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

Our Church Family

Mrs. Margaret Davis
Laurel Lakes
201 Franklin Farm Lane
Chambersburg, PA 17202

Mr. Paul Smith
The Leland of Laurel Run
20 West Main Street
Waynesboro, PA 17268



Leadership Team Meeting Highlights

May 19's virtual Leadership Team meeting was attended by all members and Pastor Steven. All agreed the sooner we can meet in person, the better it will be!

Highlights of the meeting include these:

Team members have attempted to reach those on contact lists by phone as a way to keep in touch. Some congregants are hard to connect with! Anyone having or knowing of needs/ways we could be of assistance should reach out to a team member or Pastor Steven. We will help in any way we can.

Thinking ahead to when we can worship at church, protocol is being considered to keep everyone safe and comfortable with changes that will be necessary. Some supplies are being gathered (hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, paper towels), and more will be needed. Donations gladly accepted, but no Clorox, please. Once the new procedures are developed, they will be communicated to all via email, snail mail for non-emailers, and possibly phone contact. Each of us will need to consider our own vulnerability or lack of it as a guide for participating in worship at church.

Only worship will occur as we begin to meet together again. There will not be Sunday School, coffee/fellowship time, or nursery offered. The hope is at some point in time these will be regular parts of our Sunday routine.

The parking lot should soon have a new look to including the filling of many cracks followed by coating the entire space and the painting of new parking space lines. Mowing of the parking lot will be a thing of the past!

VBS (Vacation Bible School) may look different this year. The traditional style VBS with small group interaction will need to be restructured. Top secret for now so look for info in the coming weeks.

The May delivery of food to State Line Inn folks included a 1/2 gallon of milk (arranged for by Pastor Steven) and cereal. With social distancing needed, food was set up outside of the inn for residents to pick up, somewhat of an outdoor market for them.

REMINDER: food donations for the June distribution are needed and can be dropped off at the doors near the parking lot. As able, please share your blessings with others in need.

If you'd like to attend the next team meeting, please contact Pastor Steven to receive info to take part via phone or computer.

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