



State Line UMC

June 2022

Without Borders

May 25, 2022

Dear Friends,

In the wake of the shootings in Texas, we pray for the parents, grandparents, guardians and loved ones who are left to mourn the loss of innocent children and teachers. We pray that in the midst of their unbelievable grief they feel the presence, love, and comfort of Jesus.

Even as we pray for others, we find ourselves wanting and needing to see, experience, and receive Jesus. We want to see Jesus and hear his word, so that we can know - amid shock and tragedy - our God is here!

We feel the loss – the loss of life, the loss of safety, the loss of security, the loss of the innocence of our children. In a matter of minutes an act of violence took life once again. We feel not only the loss, but lost. We want the violence to stop! We want to help our children; we desire for them to feel safe. We want our teachers, fulfilling God's call on their lives, to be safe, to be supported, to be valued. We want, we need to see, to hear Jesus!

Jesus agonized too! He wept, and his heart was broken. He knows the experience of loss and lost-ness as he hung on the cross. Out of that experience Christ can speak to us. Jesus knows about broken hearts. Jesus is here and speaks to every victim, to every broken heart, to those who are fearful, and to those who just don't know what to do.

Folks, in the midst of our shock, fear, anger, and lost-ness, we see and hear Jesus in people like you and me; and we know that God is here! God has searched us out. God is trying to find us, recover us, heal us, reconcile us, no matter what crisis or disaster strikes us.

God is breaking through this tragedy as God's Son, our Savior, makes himself known through us. People of faith, God is here, and God is searching us out so that our Savior may be seen and heard and made known through us. The God who shows love and destroys hate, the God who searches without end, the God who overcomes death with life, the God whose Son is working to bring peace through us, this God, my friends is the God who is with us! We are not alone! The families who lost loved ones are not alone!

There is no better time for us to allow the Pentecost Spirit to fill each of us once again! There is no better time to allow the Christ, the Prince of Peace, to be born anew in each of us! There is no better time to build relationships that work to bring witness to the value and love that God places on each person created in God's image, and thus work to confront and eliminate evil and violence of all kinds in this world.

As we allow Christ to be reborn in us, God's Spirit will fill us in ways that we can be the presence of Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, to a world that desperately needs to see and hear Jesus! Our prayer is that all of us will intentionally search for and prepare for God's Pentecost Spirit to be born anew within us, so that together, we might be the Body of Christ that brings God's life, healing, hope, love, joy and peace to the world!

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Sandra L. Steiner Ball

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

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

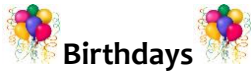
Jesus gave us the example of helping others and charged us with sharing the faith.

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

June

2nd "Big" John Courtney
2nd Zoe Trivette
17th Tabitha Houdeshell



Anniversaries

June

19th Doc & Judy Ellis
30th Richard & Joanne Walck

Church Calendar

Wednesday, June 1 – 3rd

Annual Conference

Tuesday, June 14th

Flag Day

Tuesday, June 14 – 16th

No office hours

Sunday, June 19th

Father's Day

Monday, June 20th

1:00 p.m. Pack food for the Inn

Tuesday, June 21st

6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting

Sunday, June 26th

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



Time of Transition

O Faithful God,

We ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom, that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts so we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service. Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your Spirit. Amen.

The Leadership Team met with the District Superintendent Sunday 5/22; she brought forward some possibilities for ministry that the team will be looking at over the summer months, all of which will require commitment from the congregation/membership in order to carry out ministries to serve our community. At this time we can assure everyone that a charge conference to vote for/against closure will not happen in the June 30 time frame we initially expected.

Terry Berkley, Leadership Chair



Outreach Pantry Needs for June



Please bring in donations by Sunday, June 19th.

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Pasta, Pudding & Applesauce
(individual packs of 4)

1:00 p.m. – Monday, June 20th

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

11:45 a.m. – Sunday, June 26th

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



Father's Day

Loving God,

We give thanks for the men of virtue who have touched our lives.

Those who have shown us kindness, courage, generosity,

truth, compassion, faith, and love.

Bless all sons and brothers and fathers and grandfathers

who reveal a glimpse of your loving presence on earth.

Amen.

The Rev. Jane Sommers is a retired United Methodist pastor. This prayer was inspired by a "Litany of Peace for Father's Day" Copyright 2009 Jane Sommers. All Rights Reserved.

Tithes & Offerings

Week of May 1 st :	\$2490.00
Week of May 8 th :	\$949.00
Week of May 15 th :	\$3088.00
Week of May 22 nd :	\$699.00
Week of May 29 th :	\$914.00



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Serving in Worship

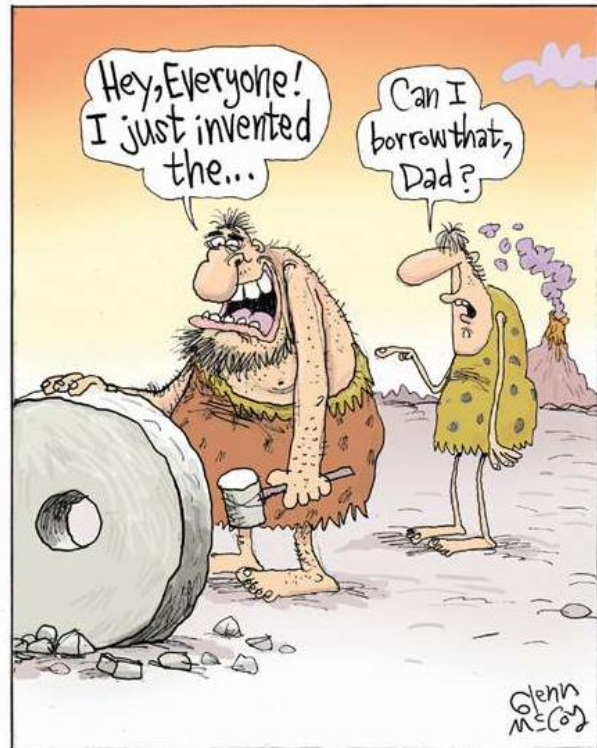
	<u>Worship Asst.</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
June 5	Terry Berkley	Tim B. / Ellen A.	Bonnie / Dixie
June 12	Ellen Avey	Dixie E. / Rodger K.	Gwenelle / Tabitha
June 19	Matt Ellis	Tim B. / Gary R.	Terry / Dixie
June 26	Ellen Kennedy	Bonnie C. / Ellen A.	Gwenelle / Tabitha

MAY LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Leadership team met May 17 for a regularly scheduled meeting. Discussion included the following topics:

- Pastor Ruth read a letter from District Superintendent Cathy Boileau which outlines other ministry possibilities for SLUMC; leadership is to meet with her to discuss at length.
- Parsonage will need lawn care since the existing renter has vacated; we will utilize a lawn care service until the lease ends June 30
- Solar outdoor lighting we previously purchased for back parking lot has been installed on the shed and the back porch roof. This will provide additional security for these areas.
- We will be taking estimates for trimming the large tree near the shed.

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