



State Line UMC

July 2022

Without Borders

What does God require of a nation?

We are blessed to live in a nation of such abundance, beauty and diversity. We are not in constant fear of famine and war. We can find discount groceries and do not spend our days standing in bread lines. We have access to timely healthcare and generally enjoy long life-expectancies.

This wonderful nation has its problems. It has gone through eras of strife, depression and upheaval. We are certainly experiencing one of these eras now. We pray. We hope for better days. But what can we do?

As always, God provides. He has given us guidance in the Holy Bible. God does not punish the nations that suffer what we are generally spared. These are human problems. What he does do, it tell us how we as a nation should live. Read below and reflect on how God is calling you to walk with him as a citizen of this American nation.

¹² And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸ He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹ And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰ Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹ He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-21

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



July

12th Arrow Trivette
15th Guy Johnston
16th Paul Smith
17th Alex Courtney
24th Ethan Houdeshell



Church Calendar

Monday, July 4th

Independence Day

Tuesday, July 11th – 15th

No office hours

Sunday, July 17th

Noisy Collection

Monday, July 18th

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

Tuesday, June 21st

6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting

Sunday, July 24th

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

Sunday, July 31st

11:45 a.m. Bridal Brunch for Carley Rizzo and her fiancé, Aresman MacLaren



Paul Smith has a birthday this month

Let's reach out with lots of cards to his home.

Mr. Paul Smith

The Leland of Laurel Run
120 West Main Street
Waynesboro, PA 17268

Good Food and Fellowship

Plans are being made for a Bridal Brunch immediately after worship on July 31 to honor Carley Rizzo who will be wed to Aresman MacLaren in September.

Sherry Rhoe and Ellen Avey will be contacting folks to provide breakfast casseroles, burritos, fruit, sweets, and beverages. Please plan to attend to enjoy delicious food and each other's company as we give Carley best wishes as she and Aresman anticipate becoming newlyweds.



Outreach Pantry Needs for July



Please bring in donations by Sunday, July 17th.

Peanut butter, jelly, pop tarts, cup of noodles, ramen noodles

1:00 p.m. – Monday, July 18th

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

11:45 a.m. – Sunday, July 24th

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

Prayer



...One Nation Under God...

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.

*Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed
the responsibility of government and leadership
in the nations of the world.*

*Give to them the vision of truth and justice,
that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.*

*Give to the people of our country
zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.*

*Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.*

We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(ANDY LANGFORD, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)

Tithes & Offerings

Week of June 5th: \$3149.00
Week of June 12th: **\$825.00**
Week of June 19th: **\$611.00**
Week of June 26th: \$1145.00



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Mail slot at back door

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ONLINE GIVING on the website

Serving in Worship

Worship Asst.

July 3 Terry Berkley
July 10 Matt Ellis
July 17 Terry Berkley
July 24 Ellen Kennedy
July 31 Matt Ellis

Ushers

Tim B. / Rodger K
Dixie E. / Gary R.
Tim B. / Rodger K.
Bonnie C. / Gary R.
Dixie E. / Ellen A.

Nursery

Dixie / Gwenelle
Bonnie / Tabitha
Dixie / Gwenelle
Gwenelle / Tabitha
Bonnie / Tabitha

Becoming the Beloved Community: Our Covenant Against Racism

A Covenant of the Susquehanna Conference Cabinet

We acknowledge racism is sin. It is the opposite of the commandment Jesus identified as the greatest of all: to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Racism contradicts love, causing great harm and a profound disconnect with others and with God.

We acknowledge our failing as a church and as disciples of Christ in not taking sustained and deliberate action to eradicate the sin of racism that continues to oppress African Americans and people of color in our country and around the world.

We understand that commitment to this covenant is essential and a critical part of our personal discipleship, our role as members of the Coordinating Cabinet and leaders of the Annual Conference.

In Mark 12:30-31, Jesus counsels:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' [b] There is no commandment greater than these."

35 For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in . . . Matthew 25:35

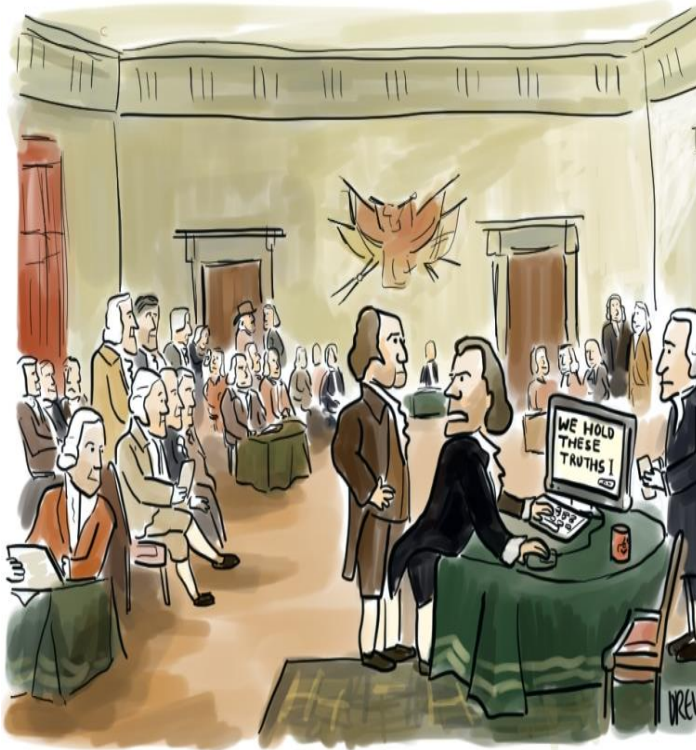
- We covenant to meditate on the life and teachings of Jesus, who called on His followers to stand with those in need; to stand with those who are suffering and with those who are oppressed.
- We covenant to attend to our own growth in anti-racism and building the Beloved Community by spending time in each Coordinating Cabinet meeting in follow up on recommendations based on the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) process.
- We covenant to re-examine the full history of our nation, our communities, and our church to educate those in our communities about the role white communities of faith have played in hurting others, so we can see and intentionally turn in the direction of love.
- We covenant to reject willful ignorance and to educate ourselves on how some have benefitted from a system that has oppressed millions of people from the founding of our country.
- We covenant to create and implement within the Cabinet and in our districts standards, policies, programs, and relationships that make our commitment to fighting racism a visible reality.
- We covenant to use whatever privilege we have to work with and for people of color to overcome systems of institutional racism that continue to deny them equal access to a more bountiful life offered to white citizens.
- We covenant to show courage and to devise loving ways to counter the daily acts of racism and exclusion many of us regularly witness, including within our Cabinet and within our social circles.
- We covenant to use the influence of our office to encourage pastors and laity under our charge to work against racism and to welcome people of all races, cultures and ethnicities by providing them full equality, value and voice within our congregations and within the body of Christ.

This covenant is made in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior . . . and in keeping with our pledge to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

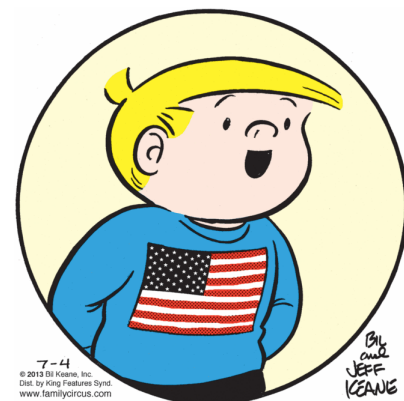
JUNE LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Leadership team met June 21 for a regularly scheduled meeting. Discussion included the following topics:

- The possibility for partnership with a new school for the use of our building starting in 2023. Much more exploration is needed before this is voted on by Leadership. More to come.
- Waynesboro Community & Human Services is looking for help with backpacks and supplies for children in need this coming school year. Look for lists of requested donations to help with this drive.
- A generous gift was given to the Outreach Team for their efforts from a member of the community. A note of thanks was provided by the Leadership Team.
- New toilets have been installed in the basement to help with the plumbing issues. The broken switch on the grinder pump will be fixed. This should correct the issues of back-up.
- A church profile was completed and passed to the District Superintendent for the process of obtaining a new pastoral assignment.
- The ability to pay the suggested salary of a part-time pastor was discussed and forwarded to the District Superintendent.



"IF I POST THIS ON KING GEORGE'S WALL, YOU'RE ALL GOING TO LIKE IT RIGHT?"



"This is my favorite shirt 'cause it has our country's logo on it."

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