



State Line UMC

August 2020

Without Borders

Message from the Pastor

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it out on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:3-6

There is still so much uncertainty about what is going on with COVID. It is the right thing to do as we continue to err on the side of caution. We are meeting for worship in an outdoor space where we can spread out and where we can sing. I know this is not what we want as we long for days when we were able to gather in our building. Until we can be more sure that we can gather without spreading COVID to others, we will continue to find alternative ways to gather for worship. As the leadership team met this week, we discussed what it would look like if we were to go back to our building. The maximum number for gathering inside is currently 25 people and we would be asked to keep masks on the entire time we are inside and not so sing. Ushering people in and out of the building along with the other requirements just does not seem to be the best option for worship at this time.

These are not easy discussions to have as a leadership team knowing we are all longing to be back together with our church family. One thing that has continued throughout this pandemic is our food outreach to the motel. If you would like to be involved with something that we are doing as a church please let me know. We are in need of able bodies to help with this food delivery once a month.

We continue to post our weekly services online with a live video from the park each week on Facebook and an edited clip of only the sermon and children's message is put on YouTube. This is a way for you to participate with worship from home if you do not feel safe to come to the park in person.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns or if you would like a phone call from me personally. The leadership team has split up the list of church attenders to call periodically. I am not able to call each person because there are too many and I would not have time to do anything else if I just called each of you. You could email me or the church office or tell the person that is calling you that you would appreciate it if I would contact you. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. School continues for me and I am still doing sermon preparations and Mary and I are attempting to prepare the building for when we can eventually return.

Just an update on a few things... The parking lot has been sealed and will have lines painted any day now. This was paid for out of the improvement funds. We received a substantial donation from an estate that will cover most of the cost to replace the sidewalk at the front (roadside) entrance of the church with hand railings. Both of these were things we were looking at doing before the pandemic.

Please continue to keep the leadership in your prayers and as you find the time, call others and check in on them.

*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



August

- 15 Madison Ellis
- 16 Tina Barr
- 19 Joanne Rozansky
- 24 Red Reese
- 27 Bob Gregory
- 29 Laura Hollister



Anniversaries

August

- 7 Harry & Pat Kelley
- 27 Curtis & Tina Barr
- 31 John & Sherrill Courtney

If any small groups would like to reconvene, please speak with Pastor Steven.

And Now,

May the Lord torment you.

May the Lord keep before you the faces of the hungry, the lonely, the rejected and the despised.

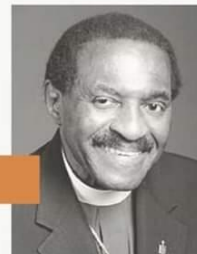
May the Lord afflict you with pain for the hurt, the wounded, the oppressed, the abused, the victims of violence.

May God grace you with agony, a burning thirst for justice and righteousness.

May the Lord give you courage and strength and compassion to make ours a better world, to make your community a better community, to make your church a better church.

And may you do your best to make it so, and after you have done your best, may the Lord grant you *peace.*

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AT 1996 GENERAL CONFERENCE, DENVER, COLORADO



Worship videos can also be found at the top of the church website in simple links.

For Fellowship & Community

Tithes & Offerings

Week of July 5 th :	\$3664.00
Week of July 12 th :	\$1770.00
Week of July 19 th :	\$ 390.00
Week of July 26 th :	\$1405.00



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

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The need for groceries for the monthly delivery to State Line Inn continues, perhaps now more than ever. By all means, take care of your family's needs. But if you can graciously provide a few things to help others, it will be so much appreciated. There but by the grace of God go we.

A tote or two will be placed near the main (parking lot) entrance to the church for your convenience in dropping off items from the following list:

- ramen
- heat & eat food (pasta such as spaghetti & meatballs, beef stew, hearty soup . . . look around and pick up what you'd like to enjoy for a quick meal)
- applesauce/fruit in individual servings
- pop tarts

Thank you in advance for helping to keep this vital ministry going.



Deeply Rooted Marriage Ministry

We are continually re-evaluating the ministries that are on hold. We are tentatively planning to restart the Deeply Rooted Marriage Ministry in September. Blessed are the flexible, for they will not break.

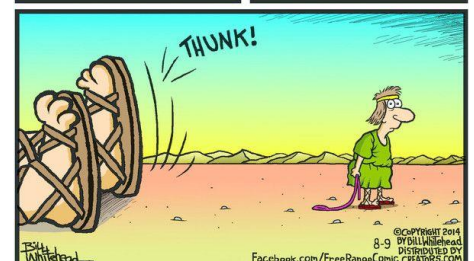
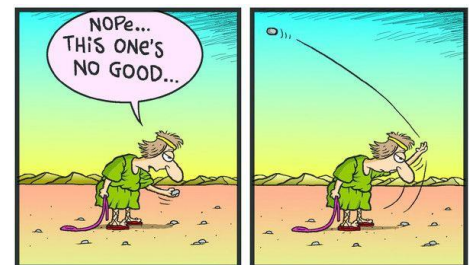
God's Children

August would have been our month for reaching out to children in our community to guide them to a deeper understanding of faithfulness and God's love for them.



Please pray for the children in our community in August. Pray for...

- Connection to Our Lord
- Love of themselves and others
- Guidance to live a faithful life
- Grace to accept God's guidance
- Continuing education in the Word



Our Church Family

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The Leland of Laurel Run
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Leadership Team Meeting Highlights

The Leadership Team met on July 28. Following devotions by Ellen Kennedy, prayer by Pastor Steven, and the singing of the spirit song, the following were discussed and decided upon:

- After sharing current Covid 19 data along with the pros and cons of meeting in/outdoors for worship, it was decided to continue outdoor worship through Labor Day Sunday, September 6. We will continue to meet at 10 AM with Greencastle First UMC but the location will be at the band shell at Jerome R. King Playground in Greencastle. A video of the service will be available online after worship concludes.
- Four bids were submitted to replace the sidewalk to the street side church entrance and install handrails to comply with ADA requirements. Houser's Concrete and Renovation will be making the improvements. The majority of this project will be covered by a memorial gift given to the church. If you would like to donate toward this effort, you can submit a check marked for Concrete Work on the memo line.
- Outreach continues with the monthly sharing of food at the State Line Inn. A few more folks could be used to transport, set up the food, and return supplies to church each month. Residents come by tables to 'shop' for what they can make use of.
- Painting of lines on the parking lot should be completed by August 2.
- Concerns voiced by individual team members included the need for encouragement of each other to keep keepin' on through current challenging times and the water supply issues at the parsonage.

The team meets next on Tues., Aug. 18. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

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