



State Line UMC

September 2019

Without Borders

Message from the Pastor

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Looks like fall is upon us. Fall is a wonderful time of year with the beautiful changing of leaves and the cooler weather. Some people enjoy the relief from the heat as fall sets in. Others begin to dread the long cold dreary winter that follows. Like most things in life there is season for everything and as we wind down we anticipate nature's dormant season as a season of rest for new birth and new growth in the spring. For the church, summer is often that dormant season as people make time to enjoy the beautiful weather and all that summer has to offer.

As we witness the changing of the season we also anticipate changes at that church as Bible study and youth group resumes. We make plans for the last few months of the year before turning our focus to Christmas. Yes, I did say Christmas. Even in midst of constant change, we have a God who is constant and remains faithful through it all. Deuteronomy 31:8 says "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

There have been many changes over the years here at State Line UM Church and God has not forsaken you. This is one of the many promises that God makes throughout the scriptures and as we trust Him, he will continue to guide us. We may not know what tomorrow brings but as we take faithful steps each day we receive the joy and peace of the Lord. Like the old hymns says, "Because He lived, I can face tomorrow." I continue to trust God in all that I do and I look forward to what he has in store for us here at State Line as we seek Him together.

In His Love,

Pastor Steven

Encounter God

Share God's love with our church family and invite friends and neighbors.

Sunday Morning

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Fellowship Time
10:15am Worship

Dedicated Prayer Times are held at 9:00am the first Saturday of the month.

Grow in Faith

You must be intentional in growing your faith and in helping others do the same.

Bible Study with Pastor Ruth will resume Thursday, September 12th at 9:30am.

Faith & Fitness Yoga is held most Thursday evenings at **6:00pm**. Watch the bulletin for updates.

Youth Group meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Serve in Christ's Love

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

Our **Outreach Team** is committed to help those most in need in our community. The entire congregation is gathering food to assist those living at the State Line Inn.

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

Serving in Worship

Church Calendar



September 1st
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis
Acolyte: Cheyenne
Greeters: John C. & Gary R.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

September 8th
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Hunter
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Rob S.
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

September 15th
Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Cheyenne
Greeters: Darlene H. & Angie B.
Nursery: Julia W. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

September 22nd
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter
Greeters: Judy E. & Curtis B.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

September 29th
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Cheyenne
Greeters: Alicia E. & Matt E.
Nursery: Bonnie C. & Tabitha H.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

September 2nd
Labor Day

September 4th
6:30PM – Youth Group
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

September 5th
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

September 7th
9:00AM – Prayer Time

September 11th
6:30PM – Youth Group
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

September 12th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

September 15th
5:00PM – Free Spaghetti Dinner
6:30PM – Worship Service

September 17th
6:30PM – Leadership Team Meeting

September 18th
6:30PM – Youth Group
6:30PM – Outreach Meeting
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

September 19th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

September 25th
6:00PM – Outreach meets to pack & distribute food
6:30PM – Youth Group
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice

September 26th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:00PM – Yoga

Free Spaghetti Dinner

We will host a free spaghetti dinner for our community.

Come help serve or eat & converse with our guests.

5:00PM Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6:30PM Praise Service



"No Gerald, it was NOT Willie Nelson on the road to Damascus."



Anniversaries

September

11 Thomas & Joanne Rozansky
23 Chuck & Ginny Mongan



Birthdays

September

7 Alicia Eby
13 Ginny Mongan
15 Pat Reese
16 Keric Ellis
17 Ed Fiery
17 James Pickett
20 Lincoln Berkley
23 Sherry Rhoe
30 Elizabeth Divel

OUR CALENDAR IS UPDATED WITH TO-THE-MINUTE CHANGES. VISIT WWW.STATELINEUMC.COM

For Fellowship & Community

VBS Sharing Mission: Laundry Love

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Dear Stateline UMC Vacation Bible School,
Members and Friends,

Grace United Church of Christ is so very grateful that you chose Laundry Love as your VBS missions project this year. Enclosed, you will find pictures of what you donated during your week of VBS. There were four laundry baskets of laundry soap, bleach, fabric softener and drier sheets. In addition, you donated \$72.75 in quarters.

Thank you so much for your generous gifts.

Blessings in Christ—
Grace UCC, Greencastle

Betsy R. Shoemaker
Jean Rice
Nancy Myers
Kathy Hoover
Nick Egan
Kate Kennedy
Cathy Shoemaker
Beth Kennedy
Del Homer
John B...
Cleo M...
Michelle Grinnick
Tammy Hockenberry
Paul St...
Marg + Jeff Stoffer
Cathy Keifer



Thank you

Pastors Ruth and Hap Hollister would like to thank their church family for all the kind cards of sympathy they received this summer with the passing of their close family members.

Outreach Opportunity

The Outreach Team has been doing some amazing good for our local community!

Come be a part of a truly important and immediately impactful mission.

These are the ways you can help!

1. Attend the Outreach Team Meeting on September 18th at 6:30pm.
2. Donate food to the monthly delivery, helping those who reside at the State Line Inn.
3. Help with packing and delivery of the food, usually held the last Wednesday evening of each month.
4. Help with a meal! Throughout the year, free meals are offered to the community. Help serve food at a cookout or come fellowship with those we are serving.
5. Join the team to discuss any outreach actions you feel would benefit our community and contribute to our mission.

“To Make New Disciples of Jesus Christ”

CHURCH NEWS

Next Meeting:
Sept. 17th at
6:30pm

Leadership Team Highlights

The Leadership Team met on August 20. A variety of topics were discussed and decisions were made. Following are some which may interest you.

*In the 'new people' category are Connie and Charlie (not a couple). A number of State Line Inn residents are interested in coming to worship if transportation can be provided. Here's a simple way to serve if you are able to pick up/take home a few folks. New members (who are not new to our church family) are Greg and Kayla Berkley, parents of Lincoln. We are blessed to have them all with us.

*Pastor Steven will have leadership development as his seminary focus and will bring that focus to our church and team.

*Worship assistants, band members, and acolyte are asked to meet in the office promptly at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday for the prayer huddle. This allows time for those folks to mingle with others during coffee fellowship time.

*Fall activities getting underway include a potential Bible study for couples, Pastor Ruth's Bible study, youth fellowship and the first free spaghetti dinner and praise night.

*Communication of church news was discussed. Announcements of 'all things church' are made in the weekly announcements via email and Sunday bulletin, monthly newsletters, church Facebook posts, church website and verbally prior to worship. We ask that each person tune in to what's happening in the way(s) that each finds best.

*Owning property is not without the unexpected. An example is the parsonage needing the installation of a new well pump after there was no water to be had. Other upkeep chores include the spraying (with future filling to come) of weedy cracks in the parking lot and the addition of a new downspout to handle runoff from the church roof.

*The budget was reviewed; we are still struggling to keep income and outflow even or possibly get a bit ahead. On the positive side, roughly \$3200 has been graciously given to repay the funds borrowed for AC replacement at the church.

*Clear your calendar for Sept. 15 at 5:00 to participate in the first free community spaghetti dinner with casual praise to follow at 6:30. Needed are folks to help cook, serve, clean up, EAT, and CONVERSE with folks from the community.

*Three openings on the leadership team need to be filled. A nominations team of 4 church members will be convened for this purpose. More info will follow soon.

*Our faithful financial servant, Linda Junkins, is stepping down from the position held since 2005. We are actively seeking a treasurer (handles bills/payroll, a variety of required financial reports) and a financial secretary (responsible for counting/recording/depositing offering weekly). Many thanks to Linda for her faithful, accurate, and timely service for about 15 years!

*Estimates to have the front doors replaced (originally part of our building improvement plan) will be gathered with work hopefully being done as soon as feasible dependent on cost and funds available. Several members will be working to transform the upstairs men's room to a family/unisex bathroom so it is handicap accessible. A \$300 donation from Hannah Sledge's grandparents gives some funds to start with. Changes will be minimal; it is hoped a wall-mount changing table can be included along with new door handles, a lock, and new signage. For more details, see a team member.

Sunday Worship: 10:15AM
Fellowship Time: 10:00AM
All-Ages Sunday School: 9:00AM
Office Hours: 9:00AM-2:00PM
Tuesday & Thursday

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