



State Line UMC

September 2021

Without Borders

Message from Pastor Ruth

September – a new beginning and an old end.

So what's new? A new year for students returning to school, to new subjects, new teachers, making new friends. For some it is the beginning of school – kindergarten – for others junior high, middle school, senior year and thinking about what is next.

It is also a new beginning for the church – Hebrews 10:24-25a.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...”

We live in a world of unrest, fear and anger. What is the Taliban going to do? What about Covid-19 and this delta strain? Are our children safe in school? It is a sad state when part of the school curriculum is how to stay safe if there is a shooting.

It is time for Sunday School, Youth groups, fall activities and fun games for both children and adults, and time to study God's Word.

Come and see what God has planned for State Line Church and you!



Pastor Ruth Hollister

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

September

7th Greg Berkley
13th Ginny Mongan
15th Pat Reese
16th Keric Ellis
20th Lincoln Berkley
23rd Sherry Rhoe
30th Beth Divel



Anniversaries

September

11th Tom & Joanne Rozansky
11th Tim & Terry Berkley
23rd Chuck & Ginny Mongan

Serving in Worship

Ushers

Sept 5 Bonnie C. / Ellen A.
Sept 12 Dixie E. / Rodger K.
Sept 19 Tim B. / Gary R.
Sept 26 Bonnie C. / Ellen A.

Worship Asst.

Terry Berkley
Ellen Avey
Ellen Kennedy
Terry Berkley

Tithes & Offerings

Week of August 1st: \$3216.00
Week of August 8th: \$1198
Week of August 15th: \$0.00 (building closed)
Week of August 22nd: \$1119.00
Week of August 29th: \$1461.00



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Memorial Service Rev. Harold Hollister

Saturday, September 11, 2021

11:00 a.m.

State Line UMC

A meal will follow the service. Pastor Ruth asks that you wear a mask to the service to protect the children attending and those unable to get vaccinated.

Pastor Hap served State Line UMC in his long career of service as a United Methodist Pastor. He earned his Masters of Divinity from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH and continued to serve, touching more than 25 churches in his employment and supply service. Highland Park Youth Camp benefited from 50 years of Pastor Hap's love, commitment, kindness and leadership. He is greatly missed by those he reached. Please keep the Hollister family in your prayers.

Guest Pastors

Following Pastor Hap's memorial, Pastor Ruth will take some time off to visit with her family. In her absence, we welcome the following guests.

September 12th – Keith Tombs of The Gideons International

September 19th – Pastor Chris Renner, retired pastor and former Interim Pastor at SLUMC

Grateful to be Able to Give



We received a thank you note from Mike & Robin Straley for the donations gathered for Leah's Legacy on August 8th.

Dear church family -

Mike and I want to express our thanks and gratitude for the invitation to speak at your church. We felt very welcomed and free to speak on a subject that could be hard to listen to - loss of a loved one to addiction.

Thank you also for supporting our foundation with the purchase of 11 books and other items. The love offering was a generous, unexpected gift, and lunch was an added bonus. Thank you for all your love and care in remembrance of our daughter - Leah.

Thank you for giving to Leah's Legacy. Through your generosity, we are able to keep our daughter's memory alive and provide necessities, cheer and love to women living in sober living environments.

Mike & Robin Straley

Adult Fellowship



A new ministry has been created here at SLUMC. Adults are invited to join in faith study and fellowship. The ministry will be kicked off with a meal. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

Friday, September 24 – 5:45 p.m. until 7:15 p.m.

A second, family-friendly, event is planned at the Berkley's home. Bible by the Bonfire.

Saturday, October 16 – 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The Threshold Prayer



God, we lift this to you with our prayer. Please do what we cannot do ourselves. Change what we cannot change ourselves, including you changing us – without limits.

Amen.

August Leadership Team Meeting Highlights

Despite the on-going and widespread Covid cases, State Line UMC is on the upswing with new ministries getting underway, a special event being planned, and improvements being made. The following were part of the August 24 meeting agenda:

- Pastor Ruth is pleased with the increased planning and hope to become a 'full-service' church again. She gave a reminder of the importance of encouraging each other in our daily walks.
- Improvements in the past month have included the replacement of a section of roof above the church office, installation of a grinder pump to rectify a sewer issue, and placement of a new projector as the previous one's life was up. In mid-September, the church's front doors and shutter will be painted.
- Sept. 9 is the last date for payment of authorized items to be covered by the PPP loan. As always, our commitment to give/tithe is vital for our church's financial health.
- Ways are coming up in which you can participate in fellowship and/or spiritual growth. All adults are invited to the first Adult Fellowship meal and gathering on Sept. 24. A meal, Bible Outburst game, and planning will take place. On Sept. 25, an activity day for kids will be held in the parking lot. More details will be coming and **HELPERS WILL BE NEEDED**.
- Approved by the team were sale of some metal cabinets and miscellaneous items at an Aug. 28 yard sale and a \$500 donation from the Helping Hands Fund to Habitat for Humanity based on a request from Mark Story who represents that agency.
- Beginning in September, the Helping Hands/Noisy Collection, will resume. **Save your change** (and currency) to donate and **make a difference** as folks need assistance.
- Some ways you can be involved (watch for more info) include singing in our church choir, serving as a leader for the Sunday morning adult small group (starting in October), and attending future Leadership Team meetings.

Remember that little engine . . . I think I can, I think I can, I think I can . . . our church is that little engine. Everyone's help is needed to power it to keep moving forward . . . ALL ABOARD!

Outreach Pantry Needs for September

Please bring in donations by Sunday, September 19th.

Cereal

Fruit cups

Pork & Beans

Plastic bottles of jelly



Outreach

1:00 p.m – Monday, September 20th

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

5:55 p.m. – Wednesday, September 22nd

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

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