



State Line UMC

September 2022

Without Borders

From the Pastor...

Hello dear friends,

I am overjoyed that God has partnered us in ministry. We have only just begun to get to know each other but you already feel like family, and I can only thank you for the love you have shown my family and I so far. I am excited as we have an opportunity to share in the plan God has for State Line United Methodist Church. The road to growth and abundance is before us, but it will be difficult and we must rely on God and one another for the journey.

I know everyone has had joys and sorrows, hope and discouragement along your journey and here at State Line, but I hope to walk alongside you as we seek God and his will. We may look to do some new and different things as we engage and minister to a new generation in a post-pandemic world. I ask as we continue in ministry together we may be open to the “new” and “different” as the Holy Spirit leads us through this next Chapter.

This world will give us so many unknowns—whether that’s love/relationship, health, status, where we call home, or the future of our Church. There are moments you can’t plan for, whether that has to do with your loved ones, your decisions, or how moments play out around you. In those moments we can fold, we can be anxious, we can give up, we can live with regret or fear, *or we can trust God.*

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” — John 14:27 (NIV)

Let your faith in the Father be bigger than any fear or uncertainty.

Even when times are tough, even when you’re unsure where to go, even when you’re filled with doubt, know that God has a plan. Know that God isn’t just going to leave us in the dust. This world might not always make sense, and our prayers might not be answered in the way we hope, but that doesn’t mean He’s ignoring us. Perhaps an unanswered prayer is a blessing we never knew we needed. Perhaps a closed door is an opened one down the road. Perhaps the pain we feel is a powerful lesson in strength. Perhaps we simply need a reminder that we serve an all-powerful God and he is in control.

Pastor Kurtis Himmelberger

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
15th Pat Reese
16th Keric Ellis
16th Pastor Kurtis
20th Lincoln Berkley
23rd Sherry Rhoe
30th Elizabeth Divel



Anniversaries

September

11th Tim & Terry Berkley

Church Calendar



Monday, September 5th

Labor Day

Thursday, September 8th

9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth

6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis – **First UMC**

Tuesday, September 13th

6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting

Thursday, September 15th

9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth

6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis – **State Line UMC**

Saturday, September 17th

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Free Pancake Breakfast at First UMC

Sunday, September 18th

Noisy Collection

Monday, September 19th

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

Thursday, September 22nd

9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth

6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis – **First UMC**

Sunday, September 25th

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

Thursday, September 29th

9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth

6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis – **State Line UMC**

SUNDAY EVENINGS 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. AFTERSHOCK YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 6th through 12th)
Held at First UMC Greencastle



Outreach Pantry Needs for September



Please bring in donations by Sunday, September 18th.

Peanut butter, jelly, pop tarts, 4-packs applesauce, 4-packs pudding

1:00 p.m. – Monday, September 19th

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

11:45 a.m. – Sunday, September 25th

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

Welcome, Pastor Kurtis!

Greetings fellow parishioners,

As you all know, our church home has for some time been through (and is still navigating) a "rough patch." But through prayer, God's great mercy and blessing, your commitment, and the hard work and dedication of many, a path has been made for State Line UMC to continue our mission to make new disciples for Jesus Christ.

It gives me particular pleasure to share that God has heard our prayers! Kurtis Himmelberger is our official pastor in a 1/4-time capacity, and he will continue to develop a cooperative ministry between First UMC Greencastle and State Line UMC. Pastor Kurtis' youthful energy, combined with this cooperative ministry, will be a blessing to both churches; our support of it is vital so that we, along with First UMC, can move past the "rough patch" we've been in, and grow. More details will follow, but in the meantime please help me in warmly welcoming Pastor Kurtis.

*Terry Berkley
Leadership Team Chair*



Tithes & Offerings

Week of August 7 th :	\$2409.00
Week of August 14 th :	\$893.00
Week of August 21 st :	\$728.00
Week of August 28 th :	\$1066.09



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Serving in Worship

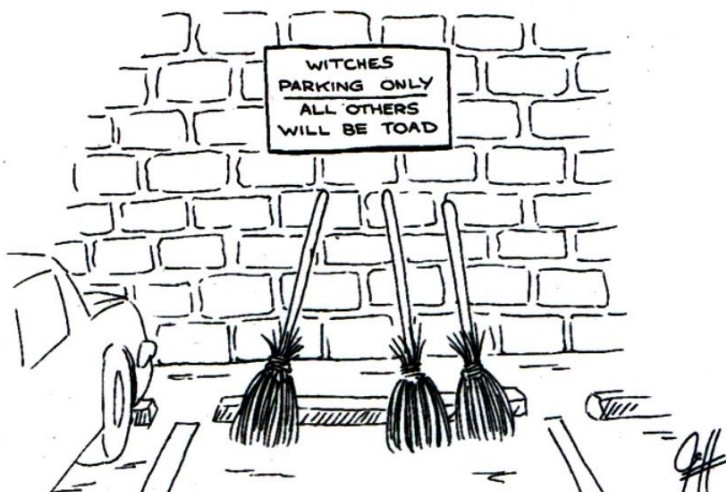
<u>Worship Asst.</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
September 4 Ellen Avey	Dixie E. / Gary R.	Terry / Kayla
September 11 Matt Ellis	Bonnie C. / Rodger K.	Gwenelle / Tabitha
September 18 Terry Berkley	Tim B. / Ellen A.	Bonnie C. / Dixie E.
September 25 Terry Berkley	Dixie E. / Gary R.	Gwenelle / Tabitha

August Leadership Notes

The Leadership Team met on Tuesday, August 16th. The following are key notes from the discussions. If you have questions about anything, please contact Terry Berkley, our Leadership Team Chair.

- Further discussion was held on the potential rental of space to a private school provider. We left the meeting with more research to be completed to continue to explore this opportunity.
- Terry Berkley led a discussion reviewing the Simplified Structure of the church leadership, staff and volunteers, which was originally implemented several years ago.
- The Leadership will have a planning retreat this fall, in part, to plan for activities and ministries in 2023, giving organizers ample time to prepare for events.
- VBS was a successful one-day event. Celebrations of success and opportunities for improvement were discussed and will be incorporated going into other programs.
- The Outreach team received a Thank You note from the Waynesboro Community and Human Services for the donation of school supplies and funds to their annual drive by our congregation.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 6:30 P.M.



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