

## A STORY OF RENEWAL

*“So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.”*

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

**With age comes wisdom.** I will beg the forgiveness of Pastor Ruth, as this letter addresses her wisdom as Pastor at State Line at the age of 80. ~ ~ In 2021, when Pastor Ruth was leading this church, many things changed in her life. She graciously came out of retirement to lead us through very difficult times. The church faced almost certain closure. She also lost her faith-filled husband, Pastor Hap. Despite heartbreak and challenges, she had faith that God would see this congregation through all the changes to come.

In 2021, a sad little poinsettia was remaining from the Christmas service. It was scraggly. It didn't take immediately to office life. However, Pastor Ruth kept this plant in her office. She was certain it was providing an example of our congregation's persistence and renewal, which she knew depended on our faith in Jesus Christ.

The Little Poinsettia that Could – did! It has lost its leaves several times. Most recently, it was clearly in need of repotting. After making its transition to the new pot, it lost all but three leaves. That was four months ago. This is how it looks now, beautiful and full!



This church has so much to offer a local community desperately in need of knowing the love of Jesus. Life ebbs and flows, but God offers that constant renewal that keeps us going. He will challenge us to find our way in the dim light by guiding us. Listen to him. Take the time to see how he is calling you to be his disciple. As Pastor Ruth knows, He is always with us. He wants his church to thrive, grow, and share His message in the years to come.

*Mary Thomas*

State Line UNITED Treasurer

JOIN US!

SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

All Ages Sunday School Classes

Coffee & Fellowship Time

Worship

*Our Mission*  
*Our Vision*

*To make new disciples of Jesus Christ*  
*To invite and reach out to our neighbors to encounter God, grow in faith and serve in Christ's love*



### Birthdays

#### September

- 15<sup>th</sup> Pat Reese
- 16<sup>th</sup> Keric Ellis
- 21<sup>st</sup> Ashlyn Koons
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sherry Rhoe
- 30<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Divel



### Anniversaries



#### September

- 11<sup>th</sup> Tim & Terry Berkley



BACK TO SCHOOL

Monday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Labor Day
Thursday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study off campus
Sunday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 a.m. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Snack
Tuesday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study off campus
Monday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m. Pack food for the State Line Inn
Thursday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study off campus
Sunday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30 a.m. Deliver food to the State Line Inn
Thursday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study off campus

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## Save the Date

Thursday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth begins again!
Friday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m. Truck-or-Treat – Get your design juices flowing!
Saturday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Meal

## OUTREACH - Get Involved!

1:00 p.m. – Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – Pack bags of food for the Inn.

11:30 a.m. – Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Food distribution at the State Line Inn



### Outreach Pantry Needs for April



PopTarts, Cereal, Ramen Noodles  
Cup of Noodles

### School Supply Drive

Waynesboro Community & Human Services distributed **345 backpacks** and other school supplies to local families! Nearly \$5,000 was received from the community to help provide additional supplies for the drive. They extend their thanks to State Line United for supporting this important annual mission.

### August Leadership Notes

The Leadership Team met on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The following are highlights from the meeting.

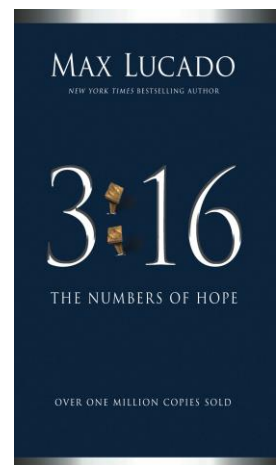
- VBS was a great success! We are thankful for the volunteers and congregational support.
- Gwenelle Trivette has volunteered to be a first point of contact for maintenance issues with the building.
- The roofer and AC company are ready to move on the new roof and replacement of the broken AC unit currently on the flat portion of roof. Close to completion of the loan process with Everence Credit Union.
- The team is excited about the prospect of a Soup Contest fundraiser. We are asking for commitments from the congregation to make soups before confirming the events & setting a date.
- 5 Large Print Bibles will be ordered to become additional pew Bibles.
- Pastor Don will attend the “Light in the Darkness” fundraising dinner Sept. 5 for the Hagerstown Area pregnancy Clinic.

### Thursday Evening Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – John Allison Public House

It's never the wrong time to participate in Bible Study! The current study is of **John 3:16**. Sometimes life appears to fall to pieces and can seem irreparable. We've all had our fair share of disappointments, loss, or hardships. But for every challenge there is a breathtaking promise: It's going to be okay. How can we know? Because God so loved the world.

**This Bible Study continues to thrive. Consider joining one Thursday evening to see why!**



#### *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.*

## Tithes & Offerings

Week of August 4 <sup>th</sup> :	29 attend	\$1869.00
Week of August 11 <sup>th</sup> :	22 attend	\$1396.00
Week of August 18 <sup>th</sup> :	25 attend	\$1116.00
Week of August 25 <sup>th</sup> :	20 attend	\$310.00



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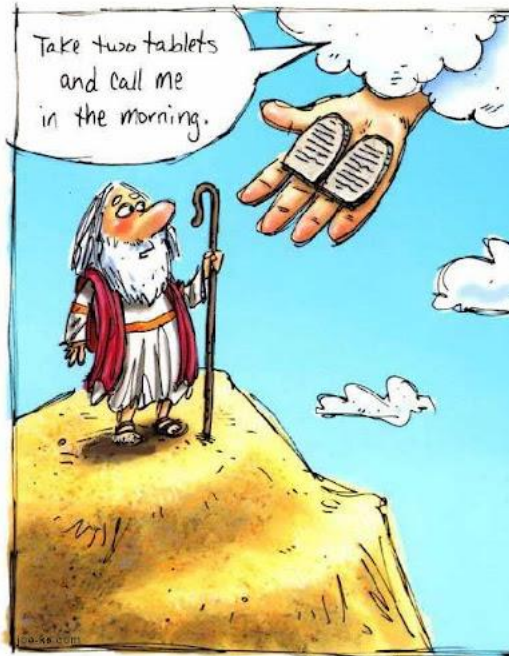
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### Serving in Worship

#### Worship Assistant

September 1 Elyssa Hevner  
 September 8 Ellen Kennedy  
 September 15 Matt Ellis  
 September 22 Ellen Kennedy  
 September 29 Shari Houdeshell

#### Usher

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 Rodger Kennedy  
 Bonnie Courtney  
 Gary Rhoe  
 Rodger Kennedy

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