



State Line UMC

October 2019

Without Borders

Message from the Pastor

As we experience the changing of the seasons, we make preparations with changing our wardrobes and digging out our warmer clothing. We begin to put away our summer ideas and look to hunker down for the winter. The trees have already begun to shed their leaves and the growing season is coming to an end. Our little corner of the world is beginning to prepare itself for winter hibernation. Rest is an important part of the natural world. Lack of rest can negatively affect our environment or our health. Jesus tells us in Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

I pray that you are able to find rest in the Lord and that your soul may be renewed in order to have the strength and focus to hear from God and take the steps of faith that He is asking you to take. Jesus says in Mark 6:31 "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest". Take time to restore yourself and that can be done easier when you spend time in His presence.

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 is held at 9:30am on Thursdays. Everyone is welcome to participate.

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

- October 6th
Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Hunter
Greeters: John C. & Curtis B.
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- October 13th
Worship Assistant: Matt Ellis
Acolyte: Eli
Greeters: Sherrill C. & Gary R.
Nursery: Julia W. & Dixie E.
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- October 20th
Worship Assistant: Ellen Avey
Acolyte: Hunter
Greeters: Darlene H. & Rob S.
Nursery: Christy G. & Hillary G.
Tech Booth: Jonathan
- October 27th
Worship Assistant: Keric Ellis
Acolyte: Eli
Greeters: Judy E. & Angie B.
Nursery: Tabitha H. & Gwenelle T.
Tech Booth: Jonathan

Church Calendar

- October 2nd
6:30PM – Youth Group
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 3rd
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga
- October 4th
6:00PM – Deeply Rooted Marriage Ministry
- October 5th
9:00AM – Prayer Time
- October 9th
6:30PM – Youth Group
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 10th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga
- October 13th
5:00PM – Pasta & Praise
- October 15th
6:30PM – Leadership Team Meeting
- October 16th
6:30PM – Youth Group
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 17th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga
- October 23rd
6:00PM – Outreach to pack & deliver food to the Inn
6:30PM – Youth Group
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 24th
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga
- October 30th
6:30PM – Youth Group
8:30PM – Praise Band Practice
- October 31st
9:30AM – Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
6:00PM – Faith & Fitness Yoga

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



Anniversaries

- October
- 2 Steven & Shaylene Small
 - 4 Jason & Christine Reiber
 - 9 Brad & Kayla Kershner
 - 14 Ed & Kate Fiery
 - 17 Gary & Angie Baer
 - 24 James & Mary Thomas



Birthdays

- October
- 4 Gwenelle Trivette
 - 8 Jenni-Lynn Houdeshell
 - 13 Jonathan Trivette
 - 13 Judy Scott
 - 18 Matt Courtney
 - 22 Dianne Socks
 - 24 Travis Ware
 - 25 Jennifer Houdeshell
 - 28 Trey Altland
 - 31 Richard Walck

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For Fellowship & Community



Prayer Pals



Prayer Pals are up and running, or should we say praying, for the 2019-20 school year. Ten children are being supported with daily prayer, and relationships between child and adult pals will grow as the year goes on. Many thanks to the adults who wanted to take part this way in the children's lives. Adult pals are Dixie and Matt Ellis, Angie Baer, Bonnie Courtney, Elyssa Hevner, Shaylene Small, Dianne Socks, Gwenelle Trivette and Sherry Rhoe.

Youth Group

The Youth Group has begun meeting again. There have been many evenings of fun and fellowship since July!



Pasta & Praise



Our first **Pasta & Praise** evening was a wonderful success. We served over 60 meals and met new people! Two free community spaghetti meals are scheduled in the coming months, hoping to reach even more new faces – and hoping they stay for the Praise Service and experience God's presence in this place.



Praying For Your Pastor

Part 1 of 3

Pastors specifically need prayer. The Enemy will do whatever he can to destroy the ministry of your pastor. Will you consider **praying for your pastor** in these specific areas?

1. **Pray for wisdom for your pastor.** These leaders are often confronted with incredibly challenging situations and decisions. They need **God's wisdom** to continue to be the leader of the church God has called them to be.
2. **Pray for your pastor's protection.** Your pastor will be attacked in so many different ways. Your pastor will be tempted again and again. The **Enemy seeks to destroy**. The Enemy wants your pastor's ministry destroyed.
3. **Pray for your pastor's family.** They too are attacked, criticized and sometimes bullied. They often feel isolated and alone. They need encouragement. They need prayer.
4. **Pray for your pastor to withstand the critics and bullies.** Some of the critics and bullies are overt and aggressive. Others are passive-aggressive. All are painful. And every pastor has them.

Employee Spotlight

Ed Fiery
Building and Grounds

Ed grew up a mile west of Cearfoss, MD, where he was a member of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church. He went to school in Maugansville and Hagerstown, and then trained as an electrician during his 4 years in the U.S. Navy. For 38 years, Ed worked for Allegheny Power, spending his free time fixing things and enjoying time with his children and grandchildren. He and Kate, his beautiful wife of 52 years, like to spend some of the winter in Florida. Ed likes serving the Lord at church, Camp Joy El, Bible Release and Teen Missions in Florida. Ed has been a member of State Line UMC since 1970.



When you see Ed around, please thank him for the work he does maintaining the grounds and building of our spiritual home. Also, Ed has worked hard to quickly transform one bathroom into a much-needed handicapped-accessible restroom. Thanks, Ed!!

CHURCH NEWS

Next Meeting:
October 15th at
6:30pm

Leadership Team Highlights

State Line UMC has lots going on, and that's a good thing! Some topics from the Sept. 17 meeting follow:

- Between 50 and 70 folks dined on spaghetti on Sept. 15, and many stayed for the praise time afterwards. The next Pasta & Praise night will be on Oct. 13. Plan now to attend, help, talk with our guests, and praise God in a relaxed, contemporary atmosphere.
- Unfortunately the parsonage wells are producing very little water. Even with installation of a new well pump (front) and repair of the back pump, measures need to be taken for the taken-for-granted blessing of water on demand. Water delivery to the 1000 gallon above-ground tank is being pursued.
- Needs continue to be great for the State Line Inn residents. Please continue your generous food donations, take one Wednesday evening to help deliver the food, and pray for our friends at the Inn. Backpacks with school supplies were delivered with the groceries in August. The recent cook-out at the Inn served 96 burgers, 80 hot dogs, 150 bags of chips and 3 cases of water! Isn't it wonderful that something this simple can bring joy to our neighbors?
- Advent season approaches. How do we want to celebrate? Who's willing to help make plans for a meaningful worship/fellowship experience? Who wants to represent our church at Heritage Christmas in December? It's a great opportunity to meet people and share the joy of Advent/Christmas. Let's make it happen!
- New welcome folders are in place at both entrances for first-time guests. Please notice new folks in our presence, introduce yourself, help them feel welcome without bombarding them with questions . . . think how you'd want to be welcomed in a new setting.
- Take time to check out our new family/handicap accessible rest room, formerly the men's room off the office hallway. Ed Fiery worked hard and skillfully to make this user-friendly facility. If not already in place, a wall-mount changing table will be part of the improvement. A donation of \$300 from a guest couple was put toward this improvement. Blessings abound!
- Lots of movin' and shakin' going on here! The Seekers Class now meets in the east transept off the sanctuary, the Children's Class occupies the Seekers former space, and the Young Adults Class is reconvening as a formal class.
- Days are getting shorter, so the need for parking lot lighting is getting more important. Both the pole light and walkway overhead light will be fixed/replaced to provide safe walking and driving areas. Also in the parking lot, estimates are being sought to have the cracks filled to prevent future damage to the blacktop surface.
- Couples are invited and encouraged to attend a monthly group get-together to be led by Shaylene Small. Details can be found on the bulletin board by the parking lot entrance.

As always, anyone can attend Leadership Team meetings. The next one will be on Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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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