



State Line UMC

October 2021

Without Borders

Message from Pastor Ruth

The beginning of October always reminds me of my mother quoting a poem by Helen Hunt Jackson "October's Bright Blue Weather".

*"O suns and skies and clouds of June
And flowers of June together
Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather"*

In Genesis 8:22, God promises

*"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night will never cease."*

October is a time of getting busy for the church; summer is over and it's fall. Farmers are busy harvesting their crops, leaves are changing from green to many bright colors, it's time to think about warm clothes as the days are cooler and soon we'll see frost.

In the church, it's time to prepare for church conference. There are forms to fill out, reports to be given; and families' plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas are on the minds of adults and children alike.

At State Line U.M. Church, this year October means beginning again after summer break. We began Sunday School on October 3rd, and Thursday morning we resume Bible study on the second part of John's Gospel to help us to prepare our hearts for all the Lord gives.

October's Bright Blue Weather is one of God's wonders, all we need to do it open our eyes to the beauty of a Harvest moon and all fall; beauty to see God at work caring for this world. Let us praise Him forever!

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

October

4th Gwenelle Trivette
8th Jenni-Lynn Houdeshell
13th Jonathan Trivette
13th Judy Scott
18th Matt Courtney
22nd Dianne Socks
25th Jennifer Houdeshell
31st Dick Walck



Anniversaries

October

4th Jason & Chris Reiber
24th James & Mary Thomas



COVID-19 UPDATE:

Starting Oct. 10, we recommend and encourage everyone to wear a mask when taking part in indoor church activities. The COVID numbers in Franklin County continue to rise. We are thankful to have families with young children in worship and Sunday school. Those children are unable to be vaccinated. Our goal all along is to do our best to keep everyone safe and yet provide meaningful worship. We are not making this mandatory but out of love for our children and others who cannot get vaccinated for health reasons, please keep your mask on during worship and other indoor church activities. Social distancing in the coffee area and worship seating is also recommended. We know this is a sacrifice but indeed a small one to make out of Christian love.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation as we gather in class settings, worship, and fellowship times.

Pastor Ruth and the leadership team

Serving in Worship

Ushers

Oct. 3 Dixie E./Rodger K.
Oct. 10 John C./Gary R.
Oct. 17 Bonnie C./Ellen A.
Oct. 24 Dixie E./Rodger K

Worship Asst.

Ellen Kennedy
Ellen Avey
Terry Berkley
Ellen Avey

Upcoming Dates

Sunday, October 3rd

Sunday School begins again

Sunday, October 10th

Pastor Appreciation Day

Saturday, October 16th

Bible by the Bonfire

Sunday, October 17th

Noisy Collection

Tuesday, October 19th

Leadership Team Meeting

Saturday, October 23rd

Fall Clean-up Day

Sunday, October 24th

Fudge Orders Due

Monday, October 25th

1:00 p.m. Food packing for Outreach

Wednesday, October 27th

5:55 p.m. Deliver food to the State Line Inn



Tithes & Offerings

Week of September 5th : \$4718.00
Week of September 12th: **\$937.00**
Week of September 19th: \$1051.00
Week of September 26th: \$1158.00

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Mail slot at back door
~ OR ~
ONLINE GIVING on the website



Outreach Pantry Needs for October

Please bring in donations by Sunday, October 17th.



Cereal Peanut butter Pop-tarts Plastic bottles of jelly



Adult Fellowship

is holding a family gathering



Bible by the Bonfire

**Saturday, October 16
4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

Please join the fun at the home of Tim & Terry Berkley.

1201 Williamson Road
Greencastle, PA 17225

We will have a meal and a Bible discussion topic. Please sign up to attend and bring an appetizer or side to share. There will be games for kids of all ages. The party will move inside (not the bonfire) in case of rain.



Fall Clean-up Day



Come help beautify our spiritual home.

October 23
7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

We will have two shifts for which to sign-up. 7:00 am - 10:00 am and 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.
Please bring garden tools like shovels, rakes, gloves, etc.
Contact Tim Berkley if you have any questions.

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.*

September Leadership Meeting Highlights

From the September 28 meeting, here are the Top Ten items that may be of interest to you:

1. Pastor Ruth is back with us and greatly appreciates the support and love shown to her and family in the recent weeks.
2. Fudge order forms are ready for pickup on communication table. Everyone's help is needed to take orders for a successful sale.
3. Plan to be a part of Outdoor Work day on Oct. 23. Sign up on communication table.
4. Check out the fresh paint on shutters, doors, pillars outside our church building. Much-needed improvement.
5. Where are our singers? Shari Houdeshell needs your voices to be part of a choir to prepare for Christmas.
6. LETTER TO MEMBERS will be sent in early October. All members are encouraged to read and respond by Nov. 22 using the card enclosure.
7. Our church will not be sponsoring a Thanksgiving dinner this year due to limited number of workers to make it all happen. We hope to offer help to 1st UMC Greencastle if they are involved in this ministry.
8. Adult Fellowship Gathering in October will be held at the Berkley home. Sign up on communication table.
9. An adult and a children/youth Sunday School class are up and running providing an opportunity for all ages at 9:00 am each Sunday.
10. The time has expired for use of our second PPP loan, used for salaries and utilities particularly. Our faithful giving is vital not only in thanks to God for our blessings but to meet expenses and offer ministry opportunities.



1:00 p.m. – Monday, October 25th

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

5:55 p.m. – Wednesday, October 27th

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

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