



State Line UMC

October 2022

Without Borders

Be Faithful to our call

Mark 16:15, 'And He (Jesus) said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation."'

Where are you at with getting the Gospel to your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors? Where are you with inviting people to Church services where they'll hear the whole counsel of God? God has called you and I to Go Proclaim the Gospel. Church, we have to make the first step. Over and over we're told in Scripture that evangelizing is part of what the church does.

What telling people the Gospel is about is about being honest with them; loving them enough to let them know the truth. It's about the fact that we've all broken God's law and wrath is being stored up against us for the day of wrath. *For the wages of sin is death.* It's about the fact that people are blinded & dead in their sin, that they love their sin, and that it keeps them a slave. It's about the fact that without death and resurrection of Christ, an eternal Hell awaits them. It's about telling them that if they call out to Jesus Christ, put their faith in Him and the work He did on the cross as well as rising from the dead, and repenting from their sin, they will be saved. It's about encountering the Triune God Who loves them, desires fellowship with them, spending eternity with them, and about people enjoying God and His presence in this life and the next. Your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors need freedom that only Christ can provide and God has chosen you to proclaim the Gospel which will set them free.

We know that we are the mouthpieces for God; this is how He set up the plan for evangelism (*Romans 10*). Now God fully understands the type of culture in which we live and He understands the difficulty of getting the Gospel out, but we need to remember that the results are up to God and not us. God is the One Who saves, not us. However, it *is* up to us to actually pray for the lost, engage in friendships, ask people questions about their thoughts on the afterlife and God, and then give them the Gospel... while not forgetting the love and compassion of Christ. This takes time, effort, and a heart change on our part. The work that we've been commanded to put in is a lot. But we carry the responsibility to share the Good News.

So Pray. Invite. And Share His Gospel. And leave the results to Him. But take the first step. Let's be faithful to our call.

Christ's Blessings to You,
Pastor Kurt

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.

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 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

- 4 Gwenelle Joy Trivette
- 4 Kanan Himmelberger
- 8 Jenni-Lynn Houdeshell
- 13 Jonathan Trivette
- 13 Judy Scott
- 18 Matt Courtney
- 22 Dianne Socks
- 23 Tillie Himmelberger
- 25 Jennifer Houdeshell
- 31 Richard Walck



Anniversaries

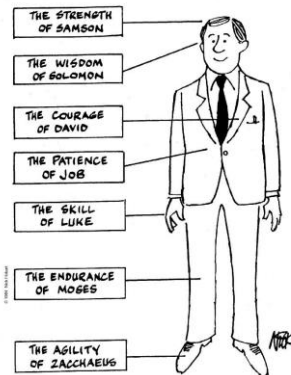


October

24th James & Mary Thomas

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

The Ideal Pastor



*Thank you, Pastor
Kurtis, for diving in
head first to be a
part of this church
family!*

Church Calendar



Sunday, October 2 nd	World Communion Day
Thursday, October 6 th	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis – First UMC
Monday, October 10 th	Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day
Thursday, October 13 th	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis – SLUMC
Saturday, October 15 th	8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Free Pancake Breakfast at First
Sunday, October 16 th	Noisy Collection
Monday, October 17 th	1:00 p.m. Pack food for the Inn
Tuesday, October 18 th	6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday, October 20 th	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis – First UMC
Sunday, October 23 rd	11:45 a.m. Outreach to deliver food to State Line Inn
Thursday, October 27 th	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Kurtis – SLUMC

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, October 16th.



Peanut butter, jelly, pop tarts, cereal

1:00 p.m. – Monday, October 17th

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

11:45 a.m. – Sunday, October 23rd

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



Trunk-or-Treat

First UMC in Greencastle is hosting a Truck-or-Treat for the community during Greencastle's trick-or-treat night.
Thursday, October 27th from 6pm until 8pm.

Three opportunities to participate

#1 Donate Candy – Bring bagged, individually wrapped candy or snacks to church through October 23rd.

#2 Decorate and Participate - We would love to have some State Line church family represented at the event. You decorate the back of your car. Bring a chair. Sit and hand out candy to hundreds of kids. This event reaches a huge community population. Some ideas... **SIGN-UP TODAY!**



#3 Help with Treat Prep - Are you an adult who can cut and glue? If so, you're invited to help turn Little Debbie oatmeal cakes into scarecrows for Trunk or Treat night. Bring your scissors and beverage/snack for yourself on Sat., Oct. 8 at 9:00 a.m. to help with this simple craft. Hope to be done by noon but stay as long as you can. Direct any questions to Ellen Avey.

Serving in Worship

	<u>Worship Asst.</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
October 2	Ellen Kennedy	Bonnie C. / Rodger K.	Dixie E. / Gwenelle T.
October 9	Matt Ellis	Dixie E. / Gary R.	Bonnie C. / Tabitha H.
October 16	Terry Berkley	Tim B. / Ellen A. Dixie E. / Gwenelle T.	
October 23	Ellen Avey	Kanan H. / Rodger K.	Gwenelle T. / Kayla B.
October 30	Ellen Kennedy	Dixie E. / Gary R.	Bonnie C. / Tabitha H.

SAVE THE DATE!



Church Christmas Party
Friday, Dec. 2nd

Tithes & Offerings

Week of Sept 4 th :	33 attend	\$2312.00
Week of Sept 11 th :	32 attend	\$1504.00
Week of Sept 18 th :	38 attend	\$1925.00
Week of Sept 25 th :	23 attend	\$632.00



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Fellow Congregants,

Your leadership team is already looking toward the transition into 2023. Current members are Matt Courtney, Ellen Avey, Ellen Kennedy, Gwenelle Trivette, Kayla Berkley, Shari Houdeshell, Gary Rhoe and myself. Elyssa Hevner very recently retired from leadership team, and leaving us at the end of 2022 are Ellen Avey, Ellen Kennedy and Gwenelle Trivette. Therefore, Pastor Kurtis has been working to form a nominations committee in order to select leadership team members to replace those whose terms are expiring and to round us out to a full nine members.

A 2023 planning retreat is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 9 am - 2 pm at the Lillian S. Besore Library; lunch will be provided. Leadership team members should plan to be in attendance. Additionally, ministry chairpersons will need to attend for a portion of the day to discuss planning for your particular ministry. All persons should have available at the planning retreat their ideas for next year and their calendar to schedule events.

In previous leadership meetings, and in collaboration with District Superintendent Cathy Boileau, we determined that State Line UMC's focus moving forward will be children and families; we believe that gearing many events and ministries in that direction will be impactful in the community and will help us grow as a church family. Of course that does not mean we will be neglecting other existing ministries.

I am excited at the new prospects ahead for us here at State Line UMC; if you have ideas about events or ministries and would like to help achieve them, please contact one of the leadership team members so that it can be discussed at the planning retreat.

Terry Berkley
Leadership Team Chair

September Leadership Notes

The Leadership Team met on Tuesday, September 13th. The following are key notes from the discussions. If you have questions about anything, please contact Terry Berkley, our Leadership Team Chair.

- Cathy Boileau met via Zoom to discuss details of Pastor Kurtis' quarter-time placement at State Line UMC and the plans for cooperative ministry between SLUMC and First UMC.
- After discussing finances, the Leadership team voted to pay 1/3 of SLUMC's Shares of Ministry to the Susquehanna Conference before the end of the year. This totals \$5,000.00. Leadership appreciates all the efforts the Conference has made to help us stay open as a church family.
- The nursery team will be reviewing forms and formalizing the process of signing children in and out of the nursery each Sunday for safety.
- Adult Fellowship is planning a Bible-based escape room event. More to come on the date of the event.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH AT 6:30 P.M.



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