



State Line UMC

November 2021

Without Borders

Message from Pastor Ruth

November's chilly nights, leaves falling from trees, farmers harvesting corn, and frost on wind shields of our cars cause us to realize winter is coming soon.

Trick-or-treat & Halloween parties are behind us – except for all the candy and the pumpkins sitting on the steps with their funny faces and memories of the children making them. Christmas is ahead of us, but now is the time for Thanksgiving.

The Psalmist wrote in Psalms 106:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." In I Thessalonians 5:18, Paul writes to the church "In everything give thanks."

The reporters' news about Thanksgiving 2021 is not about families gathering to give God thanks, but who's playing football, Black Friday sales, and that dinner is going to cost more.

Let us take time this year to remember all that God has given us, especially in a world full of turmoil, greed, hate, and a world pandemic.

We believe in our God who loves us in the good time and the hard times. The first Thanksgiving was a time of sharing and thanking God for keeping them through the first very hard winter in our country.

This is still our Father's Wold – let us take time to give thanks to our Awesome God. To quote Bill Gaither,

*"We are rich in hope and that,
my friends, is worth celebrating."*

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



November

1st Jacob Scheide
13th Joanne Walck
14th Shari Houdeshell
27th Matt Ellis

Serving in Worship

Ushers

Nov. 7 Bonnie C./Ellen A.
Nov. 14 Dixie E./Rodger K.
Nov. 21 Tim B. / Gary R.
Nov. 28 Bonnie C. / Tim B.

Worship Asst.

Ellen Kennedy
Ellen Avey
Ellen Kennedy
Terry Berkley



Anniversaries

November

13th Ernie & Shari Houdeshell

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, November 2 nd	Election Day
Sunday, November 7 th	Fall Back – Daylight Savings Time Ends
Saturday, November 7 th	4:00 p.m. – Church Conference
Monday, November 15 th	1:00 p.m. – Pack food for the Inn
Monday, November 15 th	Movie: Journey with Jesus 7:00 p.m. Valley Mall, Hagerstown
Tuesday, November 16 th	Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday, November 17 th	5:55 p.m. – Deliver food to the Inn
Friday, November 19 th	Adult Fellowship – Float Decorating
Saturday, November 20 th	9:21 a.m. – Greencastle Christmas Parade
Thursday, November 25 th	Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, November 28 th	Hanging of the Greens at Worship



Tithes & Offerings

Week of October 3rd: \$4160.00
Week of October 10th: **\$668.00**
Week of October 17th: **\$860.00**
Week of October 24th: \$1303.00
Week of October 31st: **\$579.00**

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ONLINE GIVING on the website



Outreach Pantry Needs for October

Please bring in donations by Sunday, November 14th.



Cereal

Pork & Beans

Canned Pastas



Adult Fellowship

Friday, November 19th
5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

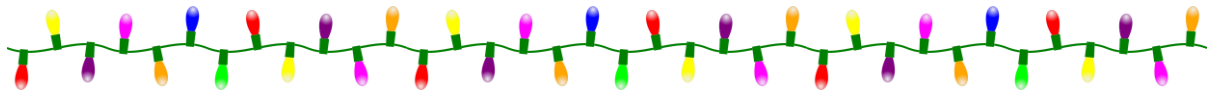


The group will meet at the church for a light meal and decorating a float for the Greencastle Christmas parade. Please sign-up and bring an appetizer or dessert that is "finger food".

Let Terry Berkley know if you will walk along with the float to represent the church.

Membership Letter

All State Line UMC members, whether active in the life of the church or sidelined since the pandemic began, have received an important letter and response card via mail, the goal being to update members' planned level of commitment/involvement in the coming calendar year. Please prayerfully consider your responses, indicate on the card, and return it to church by November 21st via mail. With few involved in church ministries and worship this past year, the response will aid the leadership team in discerning the ministry plan for 2022. Your help by replying promptly is much appreciated.



CHRISTMAS SHARING PARTY

December 10, 2021
6:00 P.M.

So, here we are again . . . another year almost to the end.

With so much uneasy things in the world, let's not think about ourselves but about those around us who may not have as much. This year instead of bringing a gift to exchange, let's bring the 'littles' a gift. The PMI Pregnancy Resource Center (Greencastle) would love for us to share with them the following:

Diapers
Wipes
Walmart or Target gift cards
New toys for ages through 18 months

We will still have great food, fellowship, and of course dessert. More information will be given in weekly bulletins and through weekly email announcements. Contact Sherry Rhoe with any questions you may have.

October Leadership Meeting Highlights

Planning and decision-making carried out at the October 19 meeting are highlighted here. Contact a team member for additional details or answers to any questions you may have.

- ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to attend our annual church conference at 4 pm on Nov. 7 with Rev. Chuck Sprenkle presiding. Chuck has worked with our team to navigate the past difficult months, especially prior to Pastor Ruth's appointment.
- Our Shares of Ministry (formerly referred to as Apportionments) have not been paid for the past year as our giving has been below the amount needed to meet all needs. Since the two PPP loans granted helped us get back on our feet somewhat, the team voted to submit \$5000 of the roughly \$15,000 we are responsible for. With our sustained faith and prayers, we trust that God will continue to guide us in these challenging times.
- Pastor Ruth's salary for 2022 was voted on. Pastoral compensation info will be part of the church conference packet.
- Be sure to notice the new look of the recently painted surfaces outdoors including the front entrance and shutters. With the outdoor work done on Oct. 23, our church home has a more inviting appearance.
- The Outreach Team is alive and well! Everyone's support of the food ministry and fudge sale is greatly appreciated. A total of 5 poultry items will be donated to Waynesboro Human Services for Thanksgiving distribution.
- Mark your calendar - Christmas Sharing dinner and activities will be held on Dec. 10 starting at 6 pm. Watch for more details in the weekly announcements emails and bulletin. The traditional gift swap game will be replaced with a different but similar activity. Curious? Attend! Instead of a gift to swap, please bring baby wipes, diapers, new toys for up to 18-month babies, and/or Walmart or Target gift cards to be given to the pregnancy center in Greencastle. See Sherry Rhoe for more info.
- Adult Fellowship Nov. 19 activity - build a float for the Greencastle Christmas Parade on the next day. Anyone can help, young and old(er), to make this a success. Watch for details from Terry and Tim Berkley who are organizing this effort.
- A choir will be practicing to share their talents in the Christmas season. Contact Shari Houdeshell to be a part of this great way to serve in worship.



1:00 p.m. – Monday, November 15th

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

5:55 p.m. – Wednesday, November 17th

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

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