



State Line UMC

December 2020

# Without Borders

## *Message from the Pastor*

Here we are in the last month of 2020. Lots of things have changed this year and will continue to change as we look forward to 2021. Most of you know that my family and I will finish our time here at State Line UMC on December 27<sup>th</sup>. We are thankful for our time here at State Line and will be looking to see what God will use you for as you continue to seek His guidance. There is still much uncertainty about COVID and many churches have returned to online worship. We are not planning to return to online worship at this time but will leave the option open to return if the need arises. As of the time of me writing this (Dec 3.) we are still planning to have a Christmas Eve service. If you plan on having others join us for Christmas Eve we ask that you let us know so we can have "extra" seating ready for your family.

As we continue through this season of Advent, we must remain expectant for God to continue to guide us as we keep a watchful eye waiting for Jesus to return. We must be ready at all times for the return of our Lord and Savior, and we have a duty to help others to know why they must be ready also. This is the true purpose of gatherings; we want to help others to come to know that saving grace that was presented to us as a baby in a manger over 2000 years ago. May we continue to find and share the Joy of Christmas with the world around us.

*Thank you,  
Pastor Steven and Family*



*Encounter God*

Share God's love with our church family and invite friends and neighbors.

*Grow in Faith*

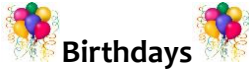
You must be intentional in growing your faith and in helping others do the same.

*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**

#### **December**

7	Ruth Hollister
9	Christy Garner
19	Sarah Beth Garner
19	Curtis Barr
20	Terry Berkley
20	Harry Kelley
26	Mary Thomas
29	Connor Socks
29	Ellen Kennedy
29	Jeffrey Wine
29	Connie Barr



### **Anniversaries**

#### **December**

18	Norman "Denny" & Jacqueline Simmons
20	Jonathan & Gwenelle Trivette
31	Matt & Bonnie Courtney

#### **Elves Needed!**

Help wanted: a few elves needed to bake (from mixes) mini-loaves of quick bread for Dec delivery to Inn residents. All supplies provided. Baking on afternoon of Dec 13. Tell Ellen Avey if you can be elf for a day.



#### **Important Dates**

Sunday, 12/13/2020 – Elves to bake  
Quickbreads for Inn residents  
See Ellen Avey for details

Tuesday, 12/15/2020 – 6:30 pm  
Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, 12/16/2020 – 5:50 pm  
Outreach pack & deliver food

Thursday, 12/24/2020 – 7:00 pm  
Christmas Eve Service



**Worship videos can also be found at the top of the church website in simple links.**

# For Fellowship & Community

## Tithes & Offerings

Week of November 1<sup>st</sup>: \$2029.00

Week of November 8<sup>th</sup>: \$1799.00

Week of November 15<sup>th</sup>: \$1502.00

Week of November 22<sup>nd</sup>: \$1664.00

Week of November 29<sup>th</sup>: \$582.00



If you would like to send any tithes or offerings, they can be mailed to:

State Line United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 277  
State Line, PA 17263

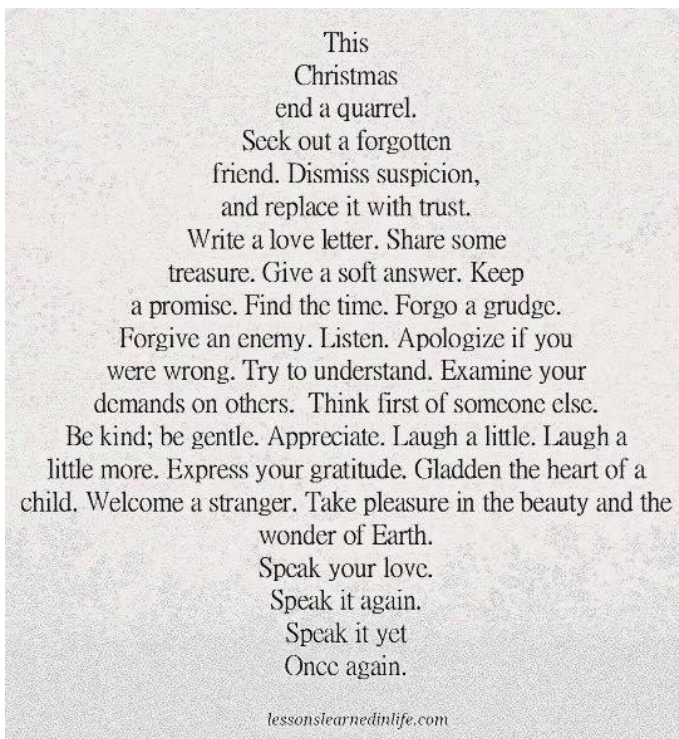
## Important Announcement

On Wednesday evening, 12/2/2020, the church leadership met via online conference call to talk about the Bishop's recommendation to cease all activities in the building at least until January 1st. We feel that this action could be detrimental to the survival of the State Line UMC. At this time we will continue to meet in person for Sunday worship with the understanding that if there is a COVID incident within our congregation, we will reassess returning to online worship. This will be addressed on a week to week basis until further notice.

As of now we will have Christmas Eve service at 7pm with the understanding that masks must stay on and we must social distance from everyone not within our family circle. Please let Pastor Steven or someone on Leadership team know if you are planning to bring people for Christmas Eve service so we can set up extra space to accommodate.

Please be patient and understanding of the procedures that are put in place and do your part to keep everyone safe and healthy.

1. Please stay home if there is even a hint of not feeling well, or you have been around someone who is sick.
2. Hand sanitize as you enter the sanctuary! EVERYONE should use sanitizer as you enter sanctuary.
3. Keep at least 6 feet away from all others at all times (except family groups of course)
4. Please exit the building as soon as possible after worship so the space can be sanitized.
5. Understand that this can change at any time.



## Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Our community Thanksgiving dinner may have been much different from years past, but it was a total success. Thank you to all who helped make it possible to deliver about 100 meals to those who might not have a chance to share a turkey dinner with family.



## Our Church Family

Mrs. Margaret Davis  
P.O. Box 51  
State Line, PA 17263

Mr. Paul Smith  
The Leland of Laurel Run  
20 West Main Street  
Waynesboro, PA 17268



**OUTREACH FOOD NEEDS:** Our pantry and Mother Hubbard's cupboard are similarly bare! Help is needed to fill our monthly delivery to our friends at State Line Motel/Inn. With gratitude for our many blessings, let's restock our shelves with the following:

**heat & eat food such as soup, baked beans, pastas**  
**individual portions of applesauce, fruit, pudding**

**pop tarts, breakfast bars, oatmeal in individual servings**  
**peanut butter                      jelly                      ramen in flat packs**

We fill 36-40 bags monthly. The need is real. The recipients look forward to and are thankful for our deliveries. An inspirational reading is included in each bag. Please help us continue this much-needed ministry.

PLEASE - NO GLASS CONTAINERS

### Leadership Team Meeting Highlights

The Leadership Team met Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

- Terry Berkley has agreed to fill the position of Financial Secretary.
- Finances were discussed. We do not have enough funds to meet all monthly obligations. No apportionments have been paid to the Conference for at least 5 months. We are behind by several months on health insurance and pension contributions for the pastor. Focus will be placed on payroll and utility bills.
- Advent classes are being offered but the leadership team will be keeping an eye on the COVID spike and adjusting if necessary.
- An organizer is needed for our Outreach Team. This volunteer would hang flyers, get information to the congregation about the needs of the State Line Inn residents, gather volunteers to pack and deliver food to the Inn, coordinate receiving food deliveries from suppliers as available, and speaking on Sunday asking for volunteers. If you are interested in assuming this position, please speak with Pastor Steven.
- Ed Fiery has patched the roof that was leaking above the Pastor's office.
- In the spring, the handicap entrance sign will be moved to a more visible location and grass seed will be planted.
- Discussed the possibility of selling of the parish house. Market analysis is being done to help make an informed decision.
- Worship assistants are needed to help with the Worship service to include reading scripture, joys and concerns.

The next leadership team meeting is on December 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend.



### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSIONS!

**Ladies Fellowship leaders recently made donations to the New Hope Shelter and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Proceeds from past fundraisers made this possible. Thank you for your support.**

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