



State Line UMC

December 2022

Without Borders

Hello Church Family,

I hope you are filled with joy and anticipation as we celebrate the birth of our savior throughout the advent season. Each Sunday morning in December we will celebrate with some fun like colorful clothes, ugly sweaters, decorating a church family tree, and more, so don't miss out!

In Matthew 1:20-21 The Lord tells Joseph that his son is to be named Jesus.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and **you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.**"

To us, this doesn't mean much unless we know what the **name** Jesus means. The name Jesus, as we know it, is a transliteration of the Hebrew, through the Greek, and then through the Germanic languages into our modern English. Because of this, we have to go back to the Hebrew and discover that His Hebrew name is Yeshua.

Names in Hebrew were important. Throughout the scriptures they hold an often prophetic voice over the life of the individual. In Jesus case his name translates to "salvation" or "God Saves" Thus, "His name is Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." It begins to make sense when we understand the meaning of the name. But in this name, and in the reason for the giving of the name, there is a veiled hint of His very nature. What He would do with this nature is more than Israel realized. So as we celebrate the birth of Jesus let us remember that when we call out his name it is the name of our Lord and Savior.

So let us all have a Merry Christmas!!!!

~ 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!

9:00 a.m.

All Ages Sunday School Classes

10:00 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Time

SUNDAYS

10:15 a.m.

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



December

7th Ruth Hollister
11th Ezra Himmelberger
19th Curtis Barr
20th Terry Berkley
26th Mary Thomas
29th Ellen Kennedy
29th Jeff Wine



Anniversaries

December

18th Denny & Jackie Simmons
20th Jonathan & Gwenelle Trivette
31st Matt & Bonnie Courtney

Church Calendar



Thursday, December 1 st	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
Friday, December 2 nd	6:00 p.m. Church Christmas Party ~ <i>"The More the Merrier"</i> ~
Thursday, December 8 th	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
Saturday, December 10 th	9:00 a.m. Leadership Retreat at Besore Library
Sunday, December 11 th	2:00 p.m. Free Second Chances Concert at First UMC Greencastle
Monday, December 12 th	1:00 p.m. Pack food for the State Line Inn
Thursday, December 15 th	9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
Saturday, December 17 th	8:00 a.m. – Bake quick breads for the Inn residents 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Cookie Walk at First UMC Greencastle \$4.00 per dozen / Proceeds go to the local Food Pantry
Sunday, December 18 th	11:45 a.m. Outreach to deliver food to State Line Inn
Saturday, December 24 th	7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY!

SUNDAY EVENINGS 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. AFTERSHOCK YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 6th through 12th) Held at First UMC Greencastle

Serving in Worship

	<u>Worship Asst.</u>
December 4	Matt Ellis
December 11	Terry Berkley
December 18	Ellen Avey
December 25	Ellen Kennedy

<u>Ushers</u>
Dixie E. / Rodger K.
Tim B. / Greg B.
Kanan H. / Gary R.
Tim B. / Rodger K.

<u>Nursery</u>
Gwenelle T. / Bonnie C.
Dixie E. / Tabitha H.
Kayla B. / Dixie E.
Gwenelle T. / Terry B.



Outreach Pantry Needs for December

**Please bring in donated items by Sunday, December 11th. **

**Jelly ~ Granola or Cereal Bars ~ Pop Tarts
Pudding Packs**



GET INVOLVED!

1:00 p.m. – Monday, December 12th
Pack bags of food for the Inn.

8:00 a.m.– December 17th – Contact Ellen Avey if you can help bake quick breads for the residents. All baking done together in the church kitchen.

11:45 a.m. – Sunday, December 18th
Help take the food down the ramp from the front door and deliver to the Inn's parking lot.

Volunteers Needed

Please consider if you are able to take on one of these tasks.



- ✓ Change the East Ave sign on a monthly basis and occasionally one more change for a holiday message. Mary has the key and letters organized and ready for this task.
- ✓ Assemble an attractive display on the main bulletin board in entryway near the office each month. You can use resources you find in our storage closet or bring your own.

See Ellen Avey if you have any questions of what is involved.

Christmas Season Celebration Sundays

December 4 th	Bring an ornament to place on our family tree
December 11 th	Wear colorful clothes, hats, and slippers
December 18 th	"Best" ugly sweaters!!!!
December 25 th	Christmas! Church in your PJs



Tithes & Offerings

Week of Nov 6 th :	23 attend	\$1072.00
Week of Nov 13 th :	29 attend	\$2466.00
Week of Nov 20 th :	24 attend	\$788.00
Week of Nov 27 th :	23 attend	\$946.00



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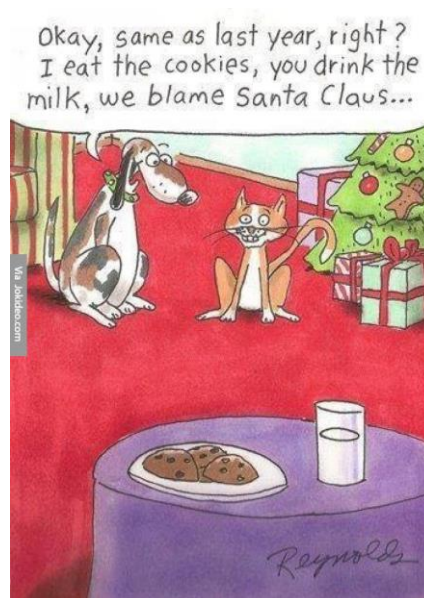
Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

It's been an eventful year here at State Line UMC. Although we saw a slight increase in attendance in 2022 as we moved away from the Covid-19 pandemic, our church home still struggled, and we came very close to closing our doors. God heard our prayers and knew that our mission here is not finished, and so with the help of District Superintendent Cathy Boileau in the form of a grant from the Susquehanna Conference, along with a cooperative ministry with First Church of Greencastle, we were able to hire Pastor Kurtis on a part-time basis when our beloved Pastor Ruth retired. Pastor Kurtis has brought youthful energy and a new perspective to our church home, and we are thankful. We continued to offer Sunday School and Nursery; our ongoing food ministry at State Line Inn persists, although food donations have been dropping off, and we offered a small, but successful, one-day Vacation Bible School this summer.

So as we look toward the end of 2022 and the beginning of a new year, we must acknowledge that this is not a time to rest. God has more for us to do, and we must look to the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 16-20) to see that our purpose is clear. We aren't here merely to have a place for us all to worship together. We are commissioned by Christ to make new disciples. If we do not fulfill that commission, we are not truly a church.

As we reflect on the year past and the one to come, we must each take a hard look at whether we are fulfilling our commitment to State Line UMC. Have you purchased Pop Tarts or peanut butter for the State Line Inn? Have you taken 45 minutes to help pack or distribute food? Have you attended VBS, Sunday School or Bible Study? Have you given faithfully and generously, whether or not you are worshiping in person? And most importantly, have you spread God's word? Have you invited someone to an event or Sunday services? This is the perfect opportunity - when we are already joyfully celebrating the birth of our Savior - to send that Great News out into our community. Tell someone - just one someone - about how wonderful it is that God sent us His son to save us all! Invite them to come hear the Great News **for themselves. That is how we honor Jesus in this season, and how we fulfill God's mission for us.**

*Yours in Christ,
Terry Berkley
Leadership Team Chair*



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