

"Sometimes we need a kick..."

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[When I was] appointed as the pastor of the State Line (PA) United Methodist Church. As a way to get to know the people, the history, and the hopes of the church, I hosted "Pizza with the Pastor" gatherings at the parsonage. After we ate, I passed around a bag containing the Holy Listening stones. Each person randomly picked out a stone, and I asked them to share how the symbol on the stone reminded them of the State Line UMC. It was interesting to hear how the same stone invoked different comments from different people. One person's tree was another person's volcano and another's "man walking with his head in the clouds." The most interesting comment was on the stone with a footprint symbol. This is how one person related it to the church. "Sometimes we need a kick in the butt to get going!"