



Happenings

Your Weekly News & Updates



Church Picnic Sunday, October 9 Begins at Noon on the West Lawn

Covered dish. Meat & beverages will be provided. Meet us on the West Lawn of the church at Noon on Sunday, October 9th. The Children, Youth, and Family Ministries will be having a pumpkin decorating station to kick off the fall season. All are welcome to decorate a pumpkin! If you would like to donate a pumpkin, please contact Josh at josh@state-street.org. There also will be inflatable bounce houses for for the kids! If

you would like to attend the picnic, please register by calling Cheri at the Church Office at 276-669-2101 Ext. 121 or send an email to churchoffice@state-street.org.

New Sermon Series "We Are The Church Together" Through November 23

During a time when there is more talk about divisions than togetherness, differences than unity, brokenness than healing, what does it really mean to be the church? Who are we and who are we called to be as those who seek to follow the Way of Jesus? What difference does the church make?

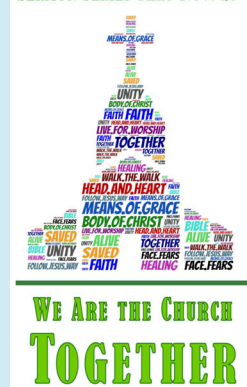
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Sunday, September 25 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading: Ephesians 4:17-24
Sermon: The Church of Head and Heart

"That is not the way you learned Christ!" -Ephesians 4:20

SERMON SERIES THRU NOV. 20TH



STATE STREET ONLINE



9:01 and 11:00 Services Livestreaming on State Street's YouTube Channel
- StateStreetUMC

[YouTube Channel - StateStreetUMC](#)

Or listen to an **audio recording of the sermon**
with Sermon By Phone by calling 276-466-1050.

Recovery at Bristol Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

- Dinner at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall before worship.
- In Person Worship at 7 p.m. (social distancing; masks not required) or join us live on YouTube.
- Support groups meet following worship.
- Transportation to and from Recovery available. If you need a ride, contact the Church Office at 276-669-2101 Ext. 121.
- Childcare provided (upon request).



If you have questions about Recovery, please call 276-669-2101 Ext.123 for Rev. Steve Patterson or Ext.125 for Josh Bass, Coordinator of Children, Youth & Family Ministries.

[Click Here To Connect to Recovery Worship Online](#)



Celebration for Bryan Underwood Sunday, October 9

Sunday, October 9 is Bryan's final Sunday at State Street. There will be a time of recognition in each of the Sunday services. It's also Church Picnic Day so there will be lots of opportunities to express your appreciation for all of Bryan's excellent service and offer your best wishes.

Coordinator of Music and Worship Update

We are very grateful to Donna Fowlkes and Joseph Jessee who will be stepping into music and worship coordinating roles during this transition time. Donna will coordinate the choir and 11:00 worship and Joseph will help lead the Praise Band for 9:01 worship. Applications for the new Coordinator(s) of Music and Worship are being received through October 30. You can help by spreading the word.

[Click here for a copy of the Job Posting](#)

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Search Team Members include: Steve Patterson, Tom Fowlkes, Laura Rasor, Nancy Arnold, Phyllis Crabtree, Ray Feagins, Donna Fowlkes, Joseph Jessee, Jonna Love, Miranda Mingle, Andy Moore and Shirley Musick

Letter of Gratitude

Thank you to everyone for the welcome and love that was shown to my family! BASIC was filled with joy to worship with you all and we were blessed to share our talents! It is my pleasure to be a part of such a wonderful

congregation and not only call State Street my place of employment, but my place to share the love of Christ! God is doing AMAZING things here and I praise him for each of you in my life!



With love,
Josh
Coordinator of Children, Youth & Family
Ministries

September F.I.S.H. Club Activities

F.I.S.H. Club meets Tuesday, September 27th from 5:45 -7:15 p.m., dinner will be served.



Annual F.I.S.H. Christmas Store Donations needed
Fall Cleaning? Don't just throw it all away, donate it to the F.I.S.H. Club for our Annual Christmas Store on December 13. We accept gently used/new items for our kids to give to their siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other adults. Some examples of items are jewelry, toys/games, clothing, household items, and fragrances. For questions or more information, contact Josh at josh@state-street.org



Youth Activities

Youth will meet on Sunday, September 25th from 5-6 p.m. Dinner will be served. Any questions, contact Josh at josh@state-street.org



New Member Sunday This Sunday, September 25

ThisNext Sunday, September 25, we are welcoming some folks who want to become official members of the State Street UMC family. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to live out your walk with Christ, please contact Pastor Laura at pastorlaura@state-street.org or call 276 669-2101 x122.

Monday, September 26 District Day With the Bishop

Our Bishop, Debra Wallace-Padgett, will be in our district and meeting with lay people this Monday, September 26 at Lebanon Memorial UMC. The focus of this time will be sharing about the work of the Holston Invitation Team, discipleship, disaffiliation and continued affiliation in our conference and denomination.

For those of you have made a reservation with the church to get a ride on Monday to District Day, please arrive at Noon. We will return to the church at 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Cheri in the Church Office at 276-669-2101.

Interested in Grooving into Serving?

Please stop by the Children, Youth, and Family Ministries volunteer board at the entrance door in the Narthex to see all of the opportunities to serve! If you are interested in volunteering contact Josh at josh@state-street.org



Trunk or Treat

October 25th at 6:30 p.m.



Children, Youth, and Families are invited to our annual Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot! Come dressed up in your best Halloween costume and be ready to have lots of fun! There will be dinner served, along with lots of fun games to play!

Candy Donation: If you would like to donate candy to the Trunk-or-Treat, we will be accepting bags of pre-wrapped Halloween candy in the Narthex, starting October 9th!

Trunk Decorators: If you would like to decorate a trunk and distribute candy, please let Josh know! Volunteers are asked to have their car parked and ready by 6:20pm, but can start decorating at 5:30pm!

For more information, please contact Josh Bass at josh@state-street.org

Guatemala Missions

Ray & Sara Smith are collecting twin sheets for CAIMI Hospital in San Cristobal, Guatemala. The sheets can be new or gently used; micro fiber or cotton. There is a box for collections in Rm #115 (Open Door Room). Please turn in your donations by October 27th. We will ship the box to Guatemala by October 31.

*Thank you,
Ray & Sarah Smith*



Thank you!

The Virginia High School Football Team wishes to thank the Church for providing them with their pre-game meal on Friday, September 16.

Thank you to all of the hard working volunteers that helped make this a wonderful night!

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***Next OAK Outing (Older Adult Council)
This Thursday, September 22
Old Mill Restaurant in Damascus, VA***

The OAK (Older Adult Council) group is heading to the Old Mill Restaurant in Damascus on Thursday, September 22. We will also tour the new Appalachian Trail Museum prior to enjoying a delicious meal. We will leave the church at 2:30 p.m. or you can meet us at the restaurant at 4 p.m. Please sign up by Tuesday,

September 20 at noon. Sign-Up sheets are outside the Parish Nurse office (Rm #101) or on the clipboard at the Welcome Table in the narthex on Sunday morning. Call Patty Kilbreath at 423-646-5577 for details.



Circle Gathering

Fifteen members of Circle 3 met on Tuesday, September 13 in the Library for the first time in two years! What a reunion was had by all! Our Bible Lesson was “Bad Girls in the Bible” led by Sarah Smith. We can’t wait to pick up where we left off with Eve in our video for next month.

Don’t eat the beautiful apple! The meeting was followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, Geri Felty prepared her delicious chicken casserole. Please come join us next month!

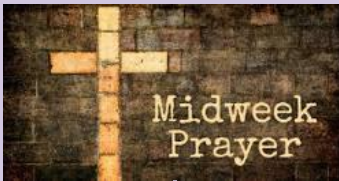
Circle Meeting Information

- Circle 3 meets in the Library at 11 a.m. every second Tuesday of the month from September to May. **The next Circle 3 meeting will be Tuesday, October 11 a.m. in the Library at the Church.** The Bible Study is titled “Bad Girls in the Bible”. We will meet afterwards for lunch in the Fellowship Hall at noon.
- The Dee Flanagan Circle meets in the Parlor at 10:30 a.m. every second Tuesday. **The next Circle 3 meeting will be Tuesday, October 10:30 a.m. in the Library at the Church.** 2nd Tuesday meetings from October through May will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor at the church with lunch to follow.

For more details about the Circle’s, call Cheri in the Church Office at 276-669-2101.

A Note from the Altar & Floral Committee

For placing altar flowers in the chapel and sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone, please call Susie Gordon 423-646-1203 or Meredith Massie 423-571-4498. There are openings for floral arrangements in October.



Mid-Week Prayer Service Wednesdays At Noon - Chapel

A time for shared prayers, reflective moments, and singing. 30 minutes. ZOOM option available (contact the Church Office at 276-669-2101 if interested).

Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast Tuesday, October 4, 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, October 4 at 8:30 a.m. Brief devotion, prayers, conversation, and breakfast will be provided. The cost is \$5. To register call Cheri in the Church Office at 276-669-2101 Ext. 121 or Ray Smith at 276-644-3416. You can also sign up at the Welcome Table on Sundays.



Free blood pressure screenings with the Parish nurse on Thursday, Sept. 29th at 6 p.m. in the Narthex.

Donations Needed through September 30

Thank you to everyone that has already donated generously. We are still collecting needed items for Proverbs 3:27 Mission. Please bring your donated items to the Church Office during business hours or to the Welcome Table during worship services on Sundays. Thank you!



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[Click here for needed items](#)

More about Proverbs 3:27 Mission Center

During the cold months when the temperature dips below freezing during the day, Hunt Memorial UMC opens their church doors to the homeless of Bristol. They provide them with safety and protection from exposure to the weather as well as hot meals as needed and a sack lunch or snacks they can take with them.

Proverbs 3:27 goal is to open their doors on an ongoing daily basis. They would like to provide an address for people so they may obtain an identity or get their identification back. Proverbs 3:27 states, *“Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it’s in your power to help them.”*

Thank you for your support of this mission.

Spring Garden Preschool Enrollment

Fall registration is open. We are currently enrolling children ages 6 weeks through 5 years old. For more information please call our office at 276-669-2101.



Sunday Worship In-Person & Online

SSUMC offers opportunities for worship on Sunday mornings with three different spaces and flavors:

+ 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel – Informal service with traditional hymns.

+ 9:01 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall – Modern service with music led by the Praise Band.

+ 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary – Traditional service with choir and organ.

Godly Play (a worship experience for ages 4 - 5th grade) is offered during 9:01 service.

COVID Aware

As of September 21, COVID levels are listed as MEDIUM in the City of Bristol, VA and Washington County, VA and HIGH in Sullivan County, TN (covidactnow.org). Your respect and care for the health of one another is appreciated. Masks or no masks, all are welcome. No explanation or judgment necessary.

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Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God. - John Wesley's Three Simple Rules

Church Office Hours

Our Church Office Administrator, Cheri Zaras, is on site Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you call and she does not answer or you need assistance at other times, please leave a voicemail and she will get back with you as soon as possible. Email is also a good way to connect. The church office email is churchoffice@state-street.org. The church office phone is 276-669-2101 Ext. 121.

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