



Happenings

Your Weekly News & Updates

Sunday, March 5

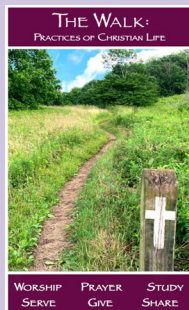
2nd Sunday in Lent

Reading: Psalm 19

Sermon: "Grade A"

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." - Psalm 19:14

Guest Speaker at 11:00 Worship: Rev. Doug Fairbanks



Worship Focus for the Season of Lent

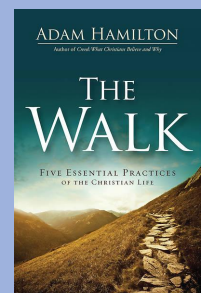
The Walk: Essential Practices of the Christian Life

How do we walk with Christ – daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us what this looks like. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to live this out.

Resource: *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton

Thursdays through March 30 Lenten Bible Study at 11:00 a.m. Room #115

As part of our Lenten worship experience, Pastor Steve is offering a weekly Bible Study using "*The Walk*" by Adam Hamilton. The study meets **on Thursdays at 11 a.m. in Rm. #115 ending March 30**. The book is available from multiple sources with prices ranging from \$11.99-\$13.99. If purchase of the book causes a hardship, funds to purchase a book are available. Contact the Church Office or Pastor Steve if you have questions at 276-669-2101, Ext. 123.



[Click here to join by Zoom](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 859 0726 2070



Lenten Noonday Luncheons Starting Wednesday, March 8

Once again the churches of the Bristol UMC Hub will be sponsoring Lenten Services at noon each Wednesday beginning March 8. Each service will be followed by lunch. The goal is to provide an opportunity to worship over the lunch hour without interfering with daily schedules. An offering to support the Kenya Mission efforts of Rev. Robert Kariuki will be taken. In addition, participants will be asked to donate items needed for the Proverbs 3:27 ministry with our homeless population (A list of needs will be published each week). The schedule for these lunches is below:

- March 8 - State Street UMC, Speaker: Mr. Bill Hall, CLS
- March 15 - Adilynn UMC, Speaker: Rev. Ray Amos Sr.
- March 22 - Reynolds UMC, Speaker: Rev. Doug Fairbanks
- March 29 - John Wesley UMC, Speaker: Rev. Jane Taylor

Lenten Organ Meditation Sunday, March 19 at 4 p.m. Central Presbyterian, 331 Euclid Ave, Bristol, VA

Donna Fowlkes will be participating in an annual event at Central Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 19 at 4 p.m. She will play some of her Lenten favorites as part of the organ series. The public is invited to this 40 minute program.

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 Online
Worship***



STATE STREET ONLINE



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

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Food Pantry Donations Needed

On Communion Sundays, we gather food items for the **Bristol Emergency Food Pantry**. Current needs include non-perishable food items, quarts of milk & fresh fruits and vegetables. As we are fed by Christ, it is a way we remember those who are hungry in our community. Please leave your donation at the Welcome Table during Sunday services or drop off donations at the church office during normal business hours.

Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor Away

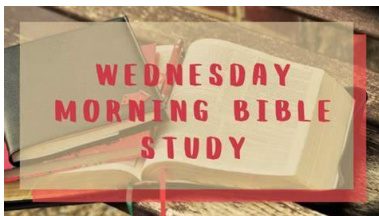
Pastor Laura is taking time away from March 2 - 5. In case of a pastoral emergency, call Pastor Steve at 276-623-3831.

Cheri Zaras Celebration Sunday, March 5

Celebrate Cheri Zaras and her time as Church Office Administrator at State Street. Refreshments will be in the narthex from 9:30 a.m. to noon to allow as many people as possible to express their gratitude to Cheri as well as wish her well in the transition to her new position with Regional Eye Center in Kingsport.



Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study



Anyone wishing to join the Wednesday morning Zoom Bible study is encouraged to do so. We start a new study of Mark on Wednesday, March 15. Call Ray Smith for details at 276-644-3416.

Youth This Sunday, March 5 5-6 p.m.

Youth will meet this Sunday from 5-6 p.m. Any questions, please reach out to Josh at 276-669-2101, Coordinator of Children, Youth & Family Ministries.



F.I.S.H. Club



F.I.S.H. Club will not meet until April. F.I.S.H. Club is our weekday program for children & youth and meets on Tuesdays from 5:45 - 7:15 p.m. Dinner is always provided. Call Josh Bass, Coordinator of Children, Youth & Family Ministries at 276-669-2101, Ext. 125.

Easter Hydrangea Orders

Easter is approaching and we are preparing for a very special service. If you are interested in placing an order for a hydrangea in memory or honor of someone, the cost this year is \$18 each. We are only able to get a limited number, so get your orders in early. You may pick up a form at the church or place an order online. If paying by check, please note "Easter flowers." The order deadline will be Friday, March 31st. If you have questions, please contact Susie Gordon, 423-646-1203 or Meredith Massie, 423-571-4498.



[**Click Here to Place Your Order**](#)

Hospice House Church of the Month March 2023

Hospice House zip bags are due this Friday, March 3. We are in need of more meals to be taken. Call Patty Kilbreath 423-646-5577 or sign up online to select a day.



[**Click Here To Sign Up Online**](#)



Oak Luncheon Fun!

Our Older Adult group (OAK) shared a scrumptious meal together at The Red

Pepper Indian Restaurant last week.



Thirteen people consumed a buffet of unique favors. Our wait staff gave us undivided attention. All replied they'd come again!



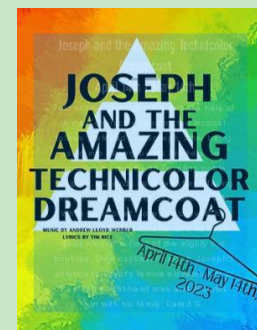
Oak Group (Older Adults) Luncheon Thursday, March 22 Gourmet & Company

OAK (Older Adults) group activity for March is lunch at Gourmet Company in Johnson City. The bus will leave at 10:30 a.m. by the

front doors under the portico. Sign up on Sunday morning on the Welcome Table or outside the Parish Nurse Office on the bulletin board by March 22 at noon. Contact Patty Kilbreath at 423-646-5577 for further information.

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Oak Group (Older Adults)
Thursday, April 27
Wohlfart Haus Dinner Theater



Oak Group is going to the Wohlfart Haus Dinner Theater in Wytheville on Thursday, April 27 for the matinee at Noon. We will see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". The bus will leave at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$66.84 for the play and dinner. This must be paid in advance by April 16. Reservations have been made for 15 people. Contact Patty Kilbreath for information at 423-646-5577.

March Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood Pressure screenings will be:

- Sunday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m. and Noon in the Parish Nurse office (Rm# 102)
- Thursday, March 23 at 6 p.m. in the Narthex



Thank You!

The Open Door Sunday School Class served Sharing Christ Mission a ham supper on February 25. Gerri and Bill Felty cooked and 14 volunteers served and cleaned up. A total of 86 were given supper and bag lunches. Many thanks to all who participated.



Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast
Tuesday, March 7 at 8:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, March 7 at 8:30 a.m.** Brief devotion, prayers, conversation & breakfast will be provided. The cost is \$5 donation is suggested. No sign-up is required.

Mid-Week Prayer Service
Wednesdays At Noon - Chapel

A time for shared prayers, reflective moments, and singing. 30 minutes. ZOOM option available (contact the Office at 276-669-2101 if interested). Lenten Luncheons take place of the prayer gathering from **March 8-29**.



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 worship with traditional hymns.

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

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



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

COVID Aware

As of March 1, COVID levels are listed as Low in Sullivan County, TN, Washington County, VA & Bristol City, VA (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 – Starting Monday, March 6

The church office will be open from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday only**. These hours will be in effect until the new church office staff member is in place. While the search is underway, volunteers will be in the office during those hours to answer the phone and assist with light office tasks. David Schoeni

will be coordinating communications and computer-related tasks remotely (bulletins, newsletter, email, etc.). The church office email address remains **churchoffice@state-street.org**.

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