

# STATE STREET *Happenings*

United Methodist Church

## Your Weekly News & Updates

### ***New Small Group Starting on Sunday, September 17 Beyond Worship***

Sundays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. (with dinner option for fellowship afterwards)  
A gathering with Pastor Laura and Pastor Steve for those seeking more in their faith journey. A place to ask questions, share learnings, speak of life challenges and create community with others. All are welcome.

CLINCH MOUNTAIN  
DISTRICT INVITES  
YOU TO A TIME OF

*unity and healing*

Worship with the Bristol area  
United Methodist Churches  
as we seek the hope of Christ  
together

- led by area clergy
- combined UMC choir
- Rev. Ray Amos preaching

Sunday, September 24  
6:30 PM  
State Street UMC  
650 Valley Drive  
Bristol, VA

### ***Clinch Mountain Unity and Healing Service***

State Street is the host for a gathering of Bristol area United Methodist Churches focused on unity and healing on Sunday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.. The worship service will also feature a volunteer combined choir directed by our own Matt Potterton. Those interested in singing in the choir should gather at 5:30 to practice. You do not have to be a State Street choir member to join in. Choir robe provided or you can wear dark clothes, whatever you prefer. Volunteers are needed to assist with hospitality and refreshments. Contact the church office if you can help.

Please **click here** if you would like to volunteer to assist with hospitality.

### ***Lord's Prayer in Jesus' Language – Worship and Small Groups through October 15***

The Lord's Prayer is probably the central prayer of the Christian community. It is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they wanted him to teach them how to pray. In the Bible, it is found in both Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:1-4. The version of the Lord's Prayer we are probably most familiar with is an adaptation of the King James Version. What we might not consider is that Jesus would have taught the prayer in the day-to-day language he spoke, which was Aramaic. We will be spending these



weeks exploring the English translation of the Aramaic with the hope of allowing this prayer to take root even deeper in our hearts. Click [here](#) to see the Lord's Prayer in Jesus' Language

### **Sunday Mornings**

8:45 Chapel Worship

9:01 Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

**Small Groups to Go Deeper** – Led by Pastor Laura and Pastor Steve. A space to ask questions, learn more, connect with life experiences, etc.

**Open  
Door ZOOM  
Link**

### **Sunday Mornings from 10:00 – 10:30 am**

Room 115

Hosted by Open Door Sunday School Class (All Are Welcome)

### **Wednesdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. - Chapel**

Hosted by Mid-Week Prayer Gathering (All Are Welcome)

### **Thursdays from 11:00 to noon**

Room 115

### ***Sunday, September 17 16th Sunday After Pentecost***

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-10

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*Create your reign of unity now - Your one desire acts with ours, as in one light so in all forms.*

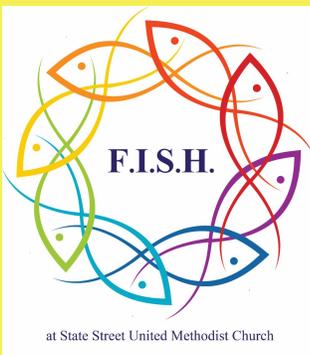
Sermon: No Need to Wait

### ***Church Nursery Positions Available***

Church Nursery Workers are needed. Qualifications include a love for God and God's children. Previous experience in child care preferred. Current positions require minimum age of 16. A background check will be required. Compensation is \$14 per hour. Hours available include: Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tuesday evenings from 5:15 - 7:45 p.m., and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Please send cover letter and resume to: [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org). For more information, call Josh Bass at: 276-669-2101, ext. 125.



**Nursery Volunteers Needed** – While we are looking for additional nursery workers, we could use some church volunteers to assist with hospitality and care for children and their families who attend and/or visit State Street. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office.



## ***Become Submerged in F.I.S.H. Club***

F.I.S.H. Club (Faithful in Serving Him) is our weekday program for children and youth – from preschool all the way through 12th grade. Tuesday nights, at the church, from 5:45p.m.-7:15 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Bass at: [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org) or at: 276-669-2101, ext. 125.

The F.I.S.H. Club theme this week is **C - Capable**. Philippians 4:13.

### ***F.I.S.H. Volunteers Needed:***

We are always seeking volunteers to be a hall monitor, food server, or floater! If you are interested, contact Josh Bass at: [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org), or call: 276-669-2101, ext. 125

### ***Upcoming Youth Activities***

**September 17:** No Youth due to the Bristol races.

**September 24:** Youth will begin watching "The Chosen", with a small study after!

Youth activities are generally Sundays from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

For more information please contact: Josh at [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org) or at: 276-669-2101, Ext. 125.



### ***Spring Garden Preschool News***

Spring Garden Preschool was excited to welcome families back after Summer break. We are now in full session and learning something new each day! We currently have availability in our 3/4 and 4/5 year old classes. Call 276-466-8505 today to inquire!



### ***Open Door Class Serves VHS Football Team and Cheerleaders***

We wish to thank the Open Door Sunday School Class for providing and serving the pre-game meal for the Virginia High football team and cheerleaders on Friday, September 8th. They served 53 players and coaches and 16 cheerleaders.



## **Volunteer Opportunity**

The Proverbs 3:27 Mission, a part of Hunt Memorial UMC, provides meals and support to homeless people in our area as well as assisting people with obtaining housing and jobs. They feed breakfast and lunch on Monday and Friday. They need volunteers to help with the feeding, either individually, or a group from our church could volunteer to feed a meal. They also need daily volunteers to assist with clothing issue, laundry monitoring, and mail monitoring. If you are interested, please contact Linda Oliver (423.416.9399) or Pastor Caroline Hawthorne (423.963.9703). If you have questions you can also contact Pastor Steve



## **Church Picnic News**

Come hang out, have fun, and connect with others at the State Street United Methodist Church picnic! Join us on Sunday, October 1st, at 12 noon on the West Lawn. Bring a covered dish and the church will provide the meat and drinks. Click on the flyer for more information.

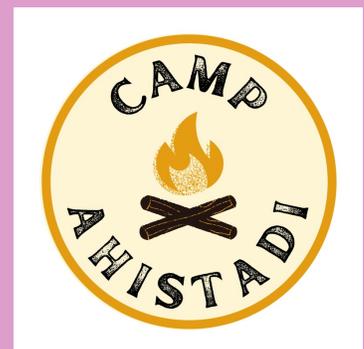
## **Openings for Altar Flower Memorials or Honorariums**

Each Sunday the altar areas in the chapel and sanctuary are blessed with flower arrangements often giving in memory or honor of loved ones. If you are interested in placing an arrangement, contact Susie Gordon at 423 646-1203 or Meredith Massie at 423 571-4498. September 24th, as well as, October 8th and 15th are still available. After the services, volunteers create smaller arrangements that can be shared with homebound or those with special needs.

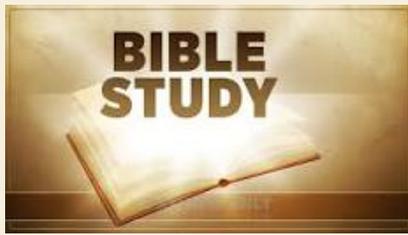


## **OAK Group September Luncheon**

The OAK group is off to Camp Ahistadi in Damascus on Thursday, September 28th at 11:00 am. The bus will leave from the back door for lots of outdoor fun . This will be a boxed lunch for \$10.00 suggested donation. We can rock on the porch, walk around the area, and enjoy the fellowship with nature and each other. Bring guests or family. Sign up by Wednesday, Sept. 27th by noon at the welcome table on Sundays or outside the Parish Nurse Office (Rm 102) on the bulletin board anytime. Call Patty Kilbreath at: 423-646-5577 for further information.



## Wednesday Morning Bible Study



All are invited to join the Wednesday Morning Bible Study, which meets on ZOOM every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. On, Wednesday, September 20th, we will begin a study of the Gospel of John. For more information, please call Ray Smith at 843-907-0706.

### Note from the Parish Nurse

Free blood pressure screenings are being offered on Thursday, September 28th, at 6:00pm in the Narthex.

Please notify the church office if you desire a visit if you, or a loved one, is in the hospital, or have special need for pastoral care. The hospitals do not know if you are connected to State Street, so please let the church office know.



### midweek prayer WEDNESDAYS

### Midweek Prayer Gathering Wednesdays at 12 noon

Mid-Week Prayer Gathering meets every Wednesday at noon for a time of centering ourselves on God and sharing congregational prayers and concerns, reflective moments, and singing. Thirty minutes with a Zoom option available (contact the Office at 276-669-2101 for Zoom info)

### To Make a Gift Online

This QR Code goes directly to the giving page on our website.

Please mark your gift OVER AND ABOVE so that we can track and report back on our success!



RECOVERY  
BRISTOL

### Recovery at Bristol Thursday at 6:15 p.m. ~ 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 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

[Click here to connect to Recovery Online  
Worship](#)



### ***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 traditional hymns.

*Godly Play (a worship experience for ages 4 - 4th grade) is offered at the 9.01 a.m. service, with the exception of Communion Sundays.*



STATE STREET ONLINE



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

**YouTube Channel -  
StateStreetUMC**

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 are Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*** The Church Office email and phone are: churchoffice@state-street.org and 276-669-2101.



**State Street UMC seeks to be a place  
where NO ONE is a STRANGER  
and ALL are ACCEPTED.**

**We certainly are not perfect, but  
have experienced STRENGTH  
found in WALKING WITH GOD.**

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