

STATE STREET *Happenings* United Methodist Church

Your Weekly News & Updates



Church Picnic News

When: Sunday October 1 immediately following the 11:00 service

Where: On the west lawn of the church

Why: Duh, it'll be fun!

Details:

- Bring a covered dish (bags of potato chips are considered a covered dish)
- Chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided
- Covered dishes can be kept warm/cold during the worship services
- Dress appropriately
- Donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of the catering and tent
- Pray for good weather
- And....8:45 & 9:01 attendees can help with any last minute setup & bringing the food from the kitchen, 11:00 attendees can help with cleanup.

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. 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.

**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)

***Sunday, October 1
18th Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday***

Scripture: Matthew 18: 23-34

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Loose the cords of mistakes binding us, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Sermon: "Am I Forgiven?"

Sharing in Communion Sunday

This Sunday (and the first Sunday of every month) is Communion Sunday. If you are joining us online, we encourage you to prepare a communion station at your home with bread (or any kind of grain or cracker) and juice (even water will do) so that we can share in communion together. All are welcome at God's table.



Beyond Worship - Small Group on Sunday

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.

SSUMC Questionnaire

The Small Groups Team at State Street would appreciate your input regarding your interest in the ways for our members to get together in small groups to get to know each other and have some fun. Please **click here** to fill out the questionnaire and submit it to Betty in the church office at: churchoffice@state-street.org or, to David Luther at: davidluther77@gmail.com.

Clinch Mountain Unity and Healing Service

On Sunday, September 24, 130 from the 12 Bristol TN/VA United Methodist churches and others from the area gathered for an evening focused on prayer, healing and unity. 40 of them participated in a combined choir, directed by our own Matt Potterton and accompanied by Randall Egan and Donna Fowlkes. Many stayed for refreshments afterwards, coordinated by Becky Littleton.

To view a recording of the service, **click here**.



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 or at: 276-669-2101, ext. 125.

Oct. 3: Regular Fish Club
Oct. 10: Regular FISH Club
Oct. 17: NO FISH Club
Oct. 24: Trunk or Treat
Oct. 31: NO FISH Club

The F.I.S.H. Club theme this week is **D: delivered**. (Psalms 34:4).

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, or call: 276-669-2101, ext. 125

Upcoming Youth Activities - No Regular Youth on October 1: Youth Attending Church Picnic

Oct 7: continue watching "The Chosen" followed by discussions. For more information please contact: Josh at: josh@state-street.org or at: 276-669-2101, Ext. 125.



Upcoming Bristol TN-VA United Methodist Youth Activity

Sunday, October 15th, United Methodist Youth from Bristol, Virginia and Bristol, Tennessee will gather for a combined youth activity at Stickley Farm. Youth will gather at the barn at 3:00 p.m. for a variety of activities including: a hayride, games and corn maze. Free admission for youth and \$15.00 for adults. Food will be provided. Click on the flyer for address and additional information.

OAK Group September Luncheon

The OAK group is off to Camp Ahistadi in Damascus tomorrow, 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 outside the Parish Nurse Office (Rm 102) on the bulletin board, or call the church office at: 276-669-2101. Call Patty Kilbreath at: 423-646-5577 for further information.



Men's October Prayer Breakfast

The men's prayer breakfast will be held this Tuesday, October 3rd, at 8:30 a.m. All men are welcome.

Note from the Parish Nurse

Free blood pressure screenings are being offered on Thursday, September 28th, at 6:00pm in the Narthex. Screenings will also be offered on Sunday, Oct. 1st at 9:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Nurse Office (Rm 102) and on Thursday, October 26th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Narthex.



ATTENTION!

The Safe Vacs have arrived for use in choking victims. They have been placed with the AED defibrillators on First floor and the basement next to the kitchen. Safe Vacs are equipped with adult & child-size masks.



Communion Week

"I was hungry and you fed me ..." (Mt 25:35) As we are fed by Christ on Communion Sundays, we remember those who are hungry in our community. Current needs for the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry this week include non-perishable food items, especially Ramen noodles, dry mixes for cakes, stuffing, cornbread, etc. Please leave donations at the Welcome Table on Sunday or drop off at the church office during normal business hours. ***Thank you for your generosity!***

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)



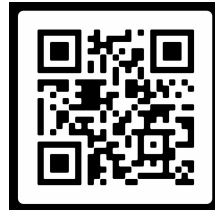
midweek prayer

WEDNESDAYS

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 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 Patterson or Ext.125 for Josh Bass, Coordinator of Children, Youth & Family Ministries

**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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