

STATE STREET *Happenings*

United Methodist Church

Your Weekly News & Updates

Season of Lent
Toward the Cross: Heart-Shaping Lessons
for Lent and Easter
Resource by Taylor W. Mills

March 17, 2024
5th Sunday of Lent
Scripture: Matthew 10:1-15
Sermon: "Interrupted for Action"



Quote of the Day: "There may be Bible verses about inviting people to worship services, but they don't quickly come to mind. What Jesus did talk about in this text from Matthew 10 was giving his apostles authority and sending them out. To invite people to church? no. To go to other places to proclaim that the kingdom of God has come near and to 'heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with skin diseases, and throw out demons.'" - Taylor Mills

March 17th - Lunch Group Following 11:00 a.m. Service

On Sunday, March 17th, following our 11:00 a.m. service, we will have our 2nd Church Member Lunch at Cheddars Restaurant at Exit 7. If you are not on the members' list for these lunches, just let David Luther know that you would like to attend so he can make the appropriate number of reservations. David's cell number is (423) 646-6599. Either calls or texts are fine.

Reminder! Lent Mission Project - Food Buckets Return this Sunday, March 17!

There is still time! If you are unable to shop and fill a bucket, you can contribute \$50 to fill a bucket. Designate contribution "Mission Buckets".

Buckets should be returned to the church by Sunday, March 17th.

Sunday Small Group Study

February 11th through March 17th - Pastor Laura and Pastor Steve are offering small group opportunities for Lent as we dig deeper into "Toward the Cross: Heart-Shaped Lessons for Lent and Easter."

Two Options (both also available via ZOOM)

Sundays at 10:00 am in Room 115

Sundays at 4:00 pm in the Parlor

ZOOM Link:

Meeting ID: 837 3336 1342

Passcode: 571358

Lenten Luncheon

A great big thank you to all who participated in making our SSUMC Lenten Luncheon a success. To the people who helped setup, prepared food, and the servers and the clean-up crew, it would not have been possible without your help. The Lenten Luncheons are a wonderful way to worship our Lord, to meet fellow Methodists and to enjoy good food and fellowship. Your participation in all areas is greatly appreciated.



State Street Is Hiring! Help Us Spread the Word!

Do you feel called, or know someone who feels called, to mentor youth as they are exploring faith and life values? Do you want to participate in helping youth feel loved and valued? Do you enjoy working as part of a team? Are you looking for hands-on experience in a church and ministry setting? State Street is seeking a Youth Ministry Intern. The Intern will work alongside the Children, Youth, and Family Coordinator in preparing and facilitating all Youth Ministry events, including Sunday mornings, Tuesday F.I.S.H. Club and Sunday Afternoon Youth. Minimum age of 20. For more info, email Josh Bass at josh@state-street.org or call: 276 669-2101 x125.

Special Recovery Pot Luck

As we have in past years, Recovery at Bristol is inviting you to participate in a Pot Luck dinner on Thursday March 28th, beginning at 6:15 p.m. This dinner will proceed the SSUMC Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish or dessert and enjoy fellowship with a group of people who love God and are deeply appreciative of SSUMC for providing a safe place for them to come to worship. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we have idea of who will be attending. See You there!

United Methodist General Conference Coming Soon!

Elected delegates from all over the world will be gathering from April 23 to May 6 in Charlotte, NC. The General Conference is the main legislative decision-making body for the United Methodist Church. This is the first General Conference that has been able to come together since 2019 and the first to meet since a large number of congregations made the decision to leave the denomination. The United Methodist Church is structured very similar to the United

States government with legislative, judicial and executive branches. The General Conference compares to the US Congress. There is a Judicial Council that is similar to the Supreme Court. The executive branch is made up of the Council of Bishops. Also similar to the United States Government, it's complicated.

If you are interested in learning more about General Conference, here are some resources:

- Official General Conference 2024 Web Site <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>
- Official United Methodist News Service <https://www.umnews.org/en/>
- Holston Conference General Conference info <https://www.holston.org/general-conference-2020>

Also, members of Holston Conference's Invitation Team and those who will be representing our Holston Conference at General Conference are hosting a Pre-Conference Briefing on **Saturday, March 16 from 10 am to noon at Gray UMC** and **Sunday, March 17 from 3 to 5 pm at First UMC, Marion, VA** Questions can be submitted ahead of time by email to delegation@holston.org.

Hospice House Church of the Month News

The youth group creating Home Hospice gift bags under the direction of Josh Bass. Approximately 100 bags were assembled and delivered to the Hospice House this week. They will be delivered by the care-givers from Ballad Hospice. We are still in need of 9 meals for the families of the Hospice House patients. Thank you so very much for those who have already signed up. We still have several dates still available: March 24, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31. Please call Patty Kilbreath (423-646-5577) to confirm a date that you are able to provide a meal. Information sheets can be found on the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings. Much appreciation is shared by the staff at the Hospice House.




midweek prayer
WEDNESDAYS

Midweek Prayer Gathering Will Meet Every Wednesday at Lenten Noonday Services with Bristol area UMC Churches February 21 – March 27

A half-hour worship service plus free soup and salad lunch. Love Offering received for Bristol area UMC youth events.

- March 20 - First UMC, 322 Vance Dr., Bristol, TN
- March 27 - Beech Grove UMC, 7149 Gate City Highway, Bristol, VA

March OAK (Older Adult) Outing

The Oak Group will meet at the Mad Greek Restaurant on March 28th at 11:30am. They have excellent Greek & Mediterranean food, as well as American favorites. Friends and/or family members are invited. Sign up by 3/27 at noon on the clipboard at the welcome center on Sunday mornings or other times on the bulletin board outside the



Parish Nurse office (Rm 102). OAK (Older Adult Kouncil) is an active group who enjoy fellowship and good food monthly.
Call Patty Kilbreath for information at 423-646-5577.

Upcoming Holy Week and Easter Activities

Opportunities for increasing our focus on God include:

- Palm/Passion Sunday on Sunday, March 24: Congregation-Wide Lunch and Easter Fun/Egg Hunt from noon to 2 pm
- Holy Thursday Worship on Thursday, March 28: Worship at 7:00 pm, Dinner with Recovery at Bristol at 6:15 pm
- Good Friday Requiem on Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm: "Earth Touching Heaven: An Appalachian Requiem" by Robert Campbelle with combined chancel choirs of State Street UMC and Central Presbyterian Church plus orchestra ensemble
- Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 31 at 7:00 am on the West Lawn
- Easter Celebration on Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. One Combined Service.



Palm Sunday Celebration

Join us on Sunday, March 24th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall for a Palm Sunday Celebration! All are welcome!

Join us for food, fun and fellowship! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and the church will provide the main dish.

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.



March Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood Pressure screenings will be available on Thursday, March 28th 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Nurse Office.

We now have the LIFE VAC kits for use on choking victims.



There are two stationed above the AED (defibrillator) boxes on first floor and the basement. These are easy to use and have diagrams for use.

Easter Hydrangea Orders

Easter is approaching and we are preparing for a very special service. If you wish to purchase a white hydrangea in honor, or in memory, of someone you may do so by picking up a form on the welcome table, or by calling Betty in the church office. If paying by check, please note "Easter flowers". The cost is \$18.00. Please get your orders in early, as a limited number of hydrangeas are available. The deadline for orders is Wednesday, March 20.



Call Meredith Massie at: 423-571-4498, or Susie Gordon at: 423-646-1203 with questions, or for more information.

Easter Flower Order Form



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**

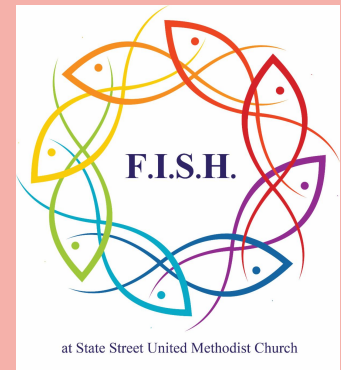


Youth Group Happenings

Youth Group Schedule - Sunday afternoons from
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
March 10: Regular Youth Group Meeting
March 17 - March 31: Youth Group will be on break.
April 7: Final confirmation class.

F.I.S.H. Club Activities

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.



March 19: Regular meeting. T: Thankful-IThess.5:18

March 26: Regular meeting. U:Unique-Deu.14:2

F.I.S.H. Club Volunteer Needed

We're looking for Bus Monitor to ride the bus and interact with the kiddos on the way to and from F.I.S.H.! There are two different shifts: Pickup (4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m.) and Drop-off (7:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m.). It does not have to be a commitment to EVERY week, but it could be once or twice a month! If you are willing and available to volunteer, please contact Josh Bass at: josh@state-street.org or 276-669-2101 (ext.125).



STATE STREET ONLINE



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

YouTube Channel -
StateStreetUMC

To Make a Gift Online

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



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.

CHURCH
OFFICE

**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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