

# STATE STREET *Happenings*

United Methodist Church

## Your Weekly News & Updates



### *Hands-On Mission Buckets*

51 hands-on mission buckets filled with food were blessed during worship on Sunday and delivered to the Clinch Mountain District Office. These buckets will be combined with others from United Methodists in our area and will soon be on their way to sister United Methodist ministries in both Liberia and Zimbabwe. Many thanks to all who filled buckets and supported this mission with your hearts and hands.



**April 21, 2024**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:5-12

Sermon: The Cornerstone

“The stone that was rejected by you, the builders, has become the chief cornerstone.” – Acts 4:11



THE  
**EARLY  
CHURCH**  
IN THE  
**BOOK OF  
ACTS**

***Attention! Please Read!***

To those in the hospitals and/or out-patient facilities. Ballad will no longer give out information to people requesting information regarding patients without the patient's first and last name. This is considered a HIPPA violation.

***State Street Outside***

The inaugural hike/walk for a new State Street small group focused on “outside fun” is happening on Sunday, April 28. Here are the details:

- Sunday, April 28 at 2:30 pm.
- Bristol Trailhead for the Mendota Trail (3460 Island Rd. Bristol, VA – near where Island Rd. crosses under I-81 at Pittstown Rd.; there are small brown directional signs to the trail entrance)
- This will be an out-and-back hike so you can go for as long or as short as you wish. The first ½ mile of the trail is paved and then transitions to gravel and dirt.
- Wear comfortable shoes and bring water to hike with. It's also a bicycle trail if you'd prefer to bike.
- Bring a picnic dinner/snack (that you can leave in the car) and we'll eat together around 5:00 pm. Bring camp chairs (that you can also leave in your car). In case of bad weather, we can go to Bella's for dinner.
- All ages and abilities welcome. Well-behaved dogs are, too – must be on leash and must bring poop bags to clean up after them (Mendota Trail rules).
- Invite others who might be interested



**Please R.S.V.P. (by email or text) with your cell phone number so we know you're coming and also so we can text with any weather adjustments. Pastor Laura's cell phone is: 276 285-7698.**

**Make a reservation  
here**

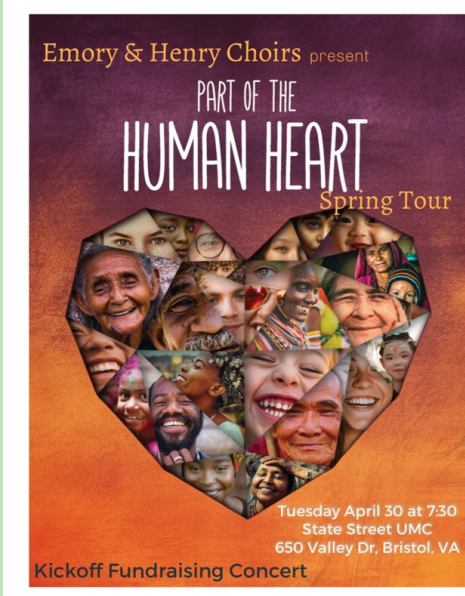
***Emory and Henry Choral Presentation***

Join us on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:30 p.m. in State Street's sanctuary to enjoy Emory & Henry Choirs presentation: "Part of the Human Heart" Spring Tour. Attendees will be transported on a captivating journey across the globe as the Emory & Henry Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and the Community Choir enchant the audience with the rich musical traditions of Brazil, Scotland, Zimbabwe, India, Ireland, Kenya, Israel, and more. This concert serves as a celebration of cultural diversity and a reminder of all the parts of the human



experience we share.

Concert is free. Donations are accepted.



### ***3rd Sunday Lunch Group Invitation, April 21st***

You are invited to join our 3rd Sunday Lunch Group following the 11 AM service this Sunday, April 21st. Please let David Luther know that you would like to attend at:(423) 646-6599 by call or text. You can also email David at: davidluther77@embarqmail.com. We would love to have you with us for lunch that day or any 3rd Sunday that suits you.

### ***Game Night Invitation, Sunday, April 28th, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.***

You are invited to our next quarterly game night at church on Sunday, April 28th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game, or learn a new game brought by another member. We will have snacks and refreshments, but please bring your favorite appetizer if you feel like it. This is not required, though. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall as usual. Our previous Game Nights have been lots of fun. We hope that you will join us for an entertaining get together. Sponsored by the Small Groups Committee.

### ***Prayers for United Methodist General Conference***

The primary decision-making body for the United Methodist Church, designated as the postponed 2020 General Conference, is meeting April 23 – May 3 in Charlotte, NC. Voting delegates from around the world will be considering over 1,000 different petitions and proposals. The theme for the Conference is “And Know That I Am God” from Psalm 46. Our Bishop and those representing our Holston Annual Conference have invited all of us to prayerfully read and meditate on this scripture passage reflecting on ways that you, your local church, churches throughout Holston and the United Methodist Church can more faithfully “be still and know that I am God.” Delegate members from our Annual Conference (6 lay and 6 clergy are voting delegates along with their alternates) include: Amanda Onks, Rev. Amy Sumrall, Anne Travis, Becky Hall, Rev. Caleb Frazier, Rev. David Graybeal, Dawson Kitts, Del Holley, Donna Mosby, Rev. Dr. Josh Kilbourne, Rev. Kim Goddard, Rev. Kristen Buckhart, Rev. Lauri Jo Cranford, Rev. Dr. Mark Flynn, Rev. Mary Thompson, Nate Roark, Rev. Paul Seay, Rev. Dr. Randy Frye, Reagan Kelly, Rev. Sarah Varnell, Rev. Sharon Bowers, and Rev. Wil Cantrell.

For more information about General Conference and to follow the events (portions of the Conference will be live-streamed), click on the following links:

Holston Annual Conference News Service

<https://www.holston.org/news>

United Methodist News Service

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>

## Compassion Tree

Throughout the year, State Street encourages donations of items needed for our homeless neighbors. With the weather warming, those needs are shifting. Doug Murray, State Street member who works with the Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homeless, offers the following list:

The hygiene items that we need more of these days are:

- Deodorant – small size
- Chap stick
- Shaving cream – small size
- Razor blades
- Wet wipes to clean up with
- Soap bars – small
- Tooth paste and brush
- Lotion – small size
- Comb
- Hair Shampoo – small size

Please note that when folks are buying item's they must fit into a quart plastic bag to hand out.

Thank you for everything that SSUMC does to make life better for folks in need.



### **Save the Date!! 90th Birthday Celebration for Carolyn Williams**

Save the date! On Saturday, June 1st, lifelong member, Carolyn Williams will be celebrating her 90th birthday. Join us from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and wish Carolyn a very happy birthday.

### **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](mailto:josh@state-street.org) or call: 276 669-2101 x125.

### **April Blood Pressure Screenings**

Blood Pressure screenings will be available on Thursday, April 25 at 6:00p.m. in the Parish Nurse Office from 6:00 – 7:00p.m.



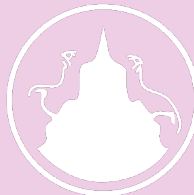


### **April OAK (Older Adult) Outing**

OAK group will travel to Janie's Restaurant on Thursday, April 25th for good country cook'in. It is on Bluff City Hwy in Bristol, TN. We'd love to see some new faces and friends who enjoy fellowship with those over 50. (Younger ones accepted with open arms). Meet us at 11:30am. Call Patty Kilbreath for further information.

### **May OAK (Older Adult Outing)**

The OAK group is sponsoring a Barter Theater and lunch event on May 23rd. We have reserved seats at the Smith Theater for the the play "Grandma Gatewood Took A Walk". It's based on a book about a 65 year old woman who hiked the Appalachian Trail. Prior to the play, we'll meet for lunch at 128 Pecan in Abingdon at 11:30am. A driver will transport us to both locations. Due to Barter's policy, we must pay \$24.00, a month in advance, to honor the reservation. Please, sign up and pay by April 22nd. For more information call Patty Kilbreath @ 276-669-2101, Ext.128, or 423-646-5577. We still have 4 more reservation spots available.



**BARTER  
THEATRE**

### **Save the Date!!**

**Join us for Camp Firelight VBS: A Summer Camp Adventure with God!**

**June 24th-26th - 5:30-7:30pm**

At Camp Firelight VBS, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time on their summer camp adventure with God. They will become Campers and discover how to put their trust in God in every situation.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

### **VBS Volunteers Needed**

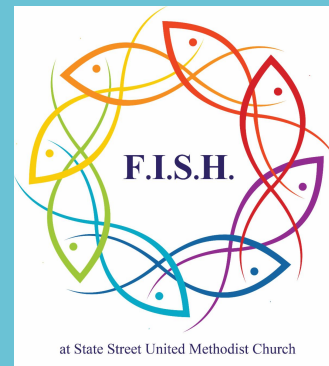
If you would like to be a camp volunteer, please contact Josh at: [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org), or at: 276-669-2101, ext. 125



### **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](mailto:josh@state-street.org) or at: 276-669-2101, ext. 125.

- April 23rd – Regular F.I.S.H. Club at 5:45 p.m.
- April 30th – Regular F.I.S.H. Club at 5:45 p.m.



### **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](mailto:josh@state-street.org) or 276-669-2101 (ext.125).



### ***Upcoming Youth Events***

- April 21st – Regular Youth Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
- April 26th-28th – Youth Retreat to Gatlinburg

### ***Beyond Worship***

Every Sunday at 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor, a small group gathers to share their faith journey of faith together. Pastor Steve and Pastor Laura are often present. All questions are welcome.

### ***Mid-week 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**



**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 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

### ***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.



**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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