



Happenings

Your Weekly News & Updates

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Sermon: What Is To Prevent Me?

“Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?.” – Acts 8:36



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

Attention! Please Read!

To those in the hospitals and/or out-patient facilities. Ballard 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. Please contact the church office if you are in the hospital and/or would like to request a visit from the pastoral staff.

State Street Archives Assistance Needed

If anyone has a 1985 Church Directory they would be willing to donate to the Archives it would be greatly appreciated. Please place in the Archives Canvas box in the copy room, or leave with Betty in the church office. Thank you.



May Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast is Tuesday, May 7, at 8:30 a.m. All men are welcome. The menu includes: eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, biscuits, gravy, mixed fruit, juice and coffee.

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.

State Street Outside

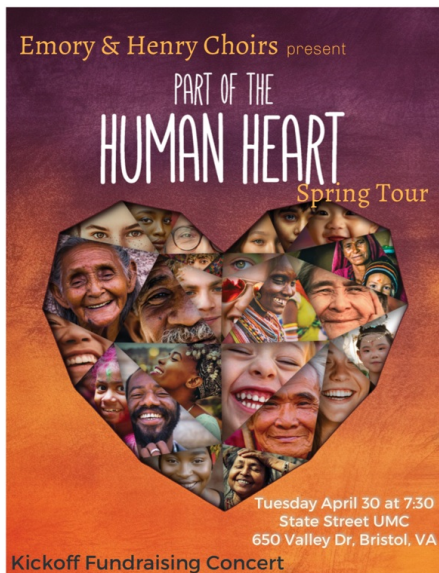
The inaugural hike/walk for a new State Street small group focused on “outside fun” is happening on Sunday, April 28. Here are the details:

- 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.

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

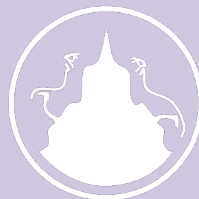
church, churches throughout Holston and the United Methodist Church can more faithfully “be still and know that I am God.” For more information about General Conference and to follow the events (portions of the Conference will be live-streamed), check out the following links:

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

United Methodist News Service

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

May OAK (Older Adult Outing) All Reservations Filled



BARTER THEATRE

All reservations have been filled for the May OAK Barter Theater outing. However, if anyone is still interested in attending that May 23rd performance of "Grandma Gatewood Took A Walk", tickets are available for purchase at the box office at Barter Theater.

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 or call: 276 669-2101 x125.

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

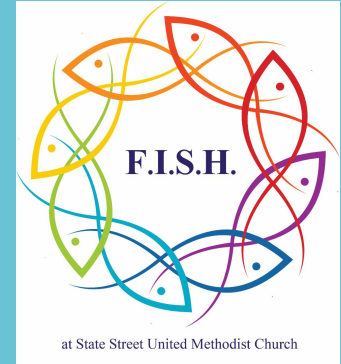
If you would like to be a camp volunteer, please contact Josh at: josh@state-street.org, or at: 276-669-2101, ext. 125



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

- April 30th - Regular F.I.S.H. Club at 5:45 p.m.
- May 7 - Regular F.I.S.H. Club at 5:45 p.m.
- May 14 - Last F.I.S.H. Club of the season 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 or 276-669-2101 (ext.125).



Upcoming Youth Events

Youth schedule:

- April 26th -28th –Youth Retreat to Gatlinburg
- May 5 - Regular Youth program at 3:00 p.m.
- May 12 - Youth will not meet – Mother's Day
- May 19 - Regular Youth program at 3:00 p.m.
- May 26 - Regular Youth program at 3:00 p.m.

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

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.



Proverbs 3:27 Mission Center Needs Volunteers

Proverbs 3:27 Mission Center is in need of volunteers on Mondays and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We need volunteers in the kitchen to cook and serve meals, work in our clothing closet, and to assist with laundry and showers. All you need to do is show up! For more information, please contact Pastor Caroline Hawthorne at:

caroline_hawthorne@msn.com or at: (276) 821-3023. Proverbs

3:27 Mission Center is a ministry of Hunt Memorial UMC, 902 Harmeling Street, Bristol, VA 24201.



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](#)

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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