



Happenings

Your Weekly News & Updates

United Methodist General Conference

Information and details continue to emerge following the recent completion of the 2020 Postponed General Conference. The Holston Conference Communications Team has shared a debrief document and the General Conference has also provided a Recap Video. You can also go to holston.org and umcnews.org for more details as well. Pastor Laura and Pastor Steve remain available if you would like to set up an appointment with them or ask them to come and speak with your group or ministry area. Feel free to reach out to them.

**General Conference
Debrief**

**General Conference Video
Recap**

**May 12, 2024
7th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Sermon: Prayer's Power

"Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen." -Acts1:24



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

9:01 Worship Fellowship on Sunday, May 12

All who are part of the 9:01 Sunday Worship family are invited to stay after the service this Sunday, May 12 for a brief time of fellowship. Pastor Steve and Pastor Laura will be present. Donut holes and coffee/juice provided. This will be a chance to get to know one another and share ideas for possible mission and small group interests.

All are welcome!

Graduates



Please contact Josh Bass (josh@state-street.org), if you have a student graduating from high school, trade school, college, or graduate school by May 23.

90th Birthday Celebration for Carolyn Williams

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. Please RSVP to hostesses: Roxann Coulthard at: 423-502-1038 or, Susan Long at: 276-494-9925 by May 18th. Your presence and a card will be treasured. Please, no gifts.

To view a larger version of the invitation, please click on the photo.



OAK group lunch at 128 Pecan in Abingdon on May 23rd at 11:30

Prior to the Barter play, "Grandma Gatewood Took a Walk", we will share lunch, including those who didn't purchase the theater tickets, at 128 Pecan, in Abingdon. Please sign up by noon on May 22nd, on the clipboard at the welcome table on Sundays, or outside the Parish Nurse Office. Call Patty Kilbreath for more information: 423-646-6577.

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.

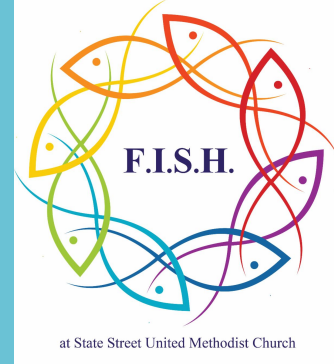
F.I.S.H. Club Activities

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.

- 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:

- May 12 - Youth will not meet - Mother's Day
- May 19 - Regular Youth program at 3:00 p.m.
- May 26 - Youth will not meet - Memorial Day

Beyond Worship

Every Sunday at 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor, a small group gathers to share their 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



Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screenings will be available on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Nurse office (Room 102).

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.



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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