

STATE STREET *Happenings*

United Methodist Church

Your Weekly News & Updates

May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday

Acts 10:44-48

Sermon: Can Anyone Withhold?

"The circumcised believers . . . were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles."

-Acts 10:45



THE
EARLY
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IN THE
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ACTS



Be Strong and Courageous

The Youth had an amazing time with other local Bristol UMC Churches during their retreat on May 26-28! They learned and participated in communion together, but also worshiped at Iglesia Del Espiritu Santo Metodista Unida in Sevierville, TN! This was an amazing opportunity where they could worship together with the Hispanic Culture. At the end of the service, everyone joined together in singing "Goodness of God" as the languages of English and Spanish praised the one true God!



Communion Sunday



"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. The Bristol Emergency Food Pantry has been very busy this past month and is in need of most everything including: Dry and boxed goods, canned items and toiletries, cake mixes and canned frosting and particularly Ramen noodles. 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!**

State Street Outdoors

Four people participated in the inaugural State Street Outdoors walk. We walked on the Mendota Trail starting from the Bristol end. The weather was beautiful, saw lots of wildflowers and enjoyed the fellowship. The next Outdoor event is scheduled for Sunday, June 2 at 2:30 pm. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details as we get closer. For more info, contact Pastor Laura at pastorlaura@state-street.org or 276 285-7698.

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>



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.

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.



Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screenings will be available on Sunday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m. & 12:00 a.m. in the Parish Nurse office.

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.



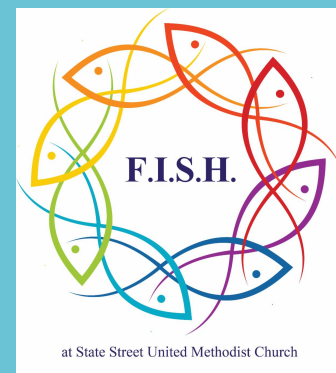
State Street Is Hiring! Help Us Spread the Word!

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.

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 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:

- May 5 - Dinner at Puerto Nuevo 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 - 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 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).



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.

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 HIPAAA violation. Please contact the church office if you are in the hospital and/or would like to request a visit from the pastoral staff.

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 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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