

# STATE STREET *Happenings* United Methodist Church

## Your Weekly News & Updates

### ***Blessings Upon Blessings***

There were many glory sightings as a result of Sunday's World Communion Worship with Rev. Fred and Libby Dearing. Fred shared: "Thank you so much for your wonderful hospitality. It was truly a joyful experience. The services were fantastic. Great worship. Libby sold out of almost everything she brought. She raised \$1528 plus \$400 in donations." Fred took photos of each worship family to share greetings with our sisters and brothers in Uganda and South Sudan. Contributions can still be made to the church designated "South Sudan Mission."



### ***World Communion Sunday Luncheon***

As we continued to gather around the table for World Communion Sunday, we shared in great fellowship and love. Thank you to Fred and Libby Dearing and the State Street family for an enjoyable time at Aubrey's.



**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!**

October is set aside for Pastor Appreciation Month. This serves as a reminder that pastors are more than spiritual leaders; they are pillars of strength, wisdom, and compassion within their communities, deserving of heartfelt gratitude and recognition for their selfless service. Pastor Laura and Pastor Steve are amongst the unsung heroes of State Street and continue to give invaluable contributions to the congregation and community that extends beyond the pulpit. And Pastor Ray shares his energy and heart in many ways, even in retirement. Please take a moment this month and show your appreciation to our wonderful pastors while also praying for their continued faithful service to State Street and their ministry as a whole.



Rev. Laura Rasor



Rev. Steve Patterson



Rev. Ray Smith

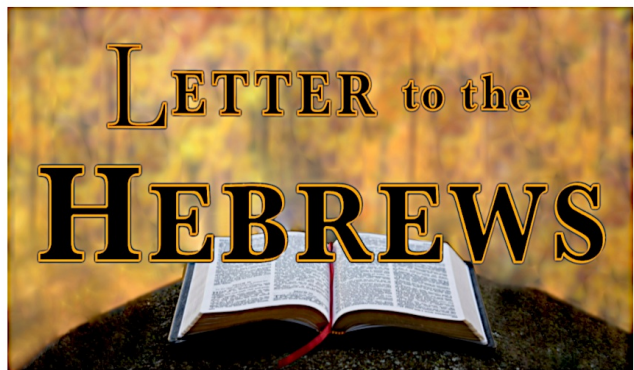
**October 13, 2024**  
**20th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**World Communion Sunday**

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-16  
Sermon: "Nothing Hidden"

"Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword...it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

-Hebrews 4:12

**WORSHIP SERIES THRU NOV. 17**



Sarah and Ray Smith have returned from a 10 day trip to Guatemala where they visited CAIMI Hospital in San Cristobal. They were able to replace the damaged pila behind the hospital where the parents of hospitalized children and hospital employees wash clothing by hand. A pila is a three section sink with a clean water reservoir in the center. Gracie Hines' hand knitted baby hats were well received by the children at the hospital. On the Tuesday that they visited the hospital 18 babies were born there. They took notes on the needs expressed by the staff. They visited the outlying village where they give away shoes each year. The 92 year old village elder there is in declining health and they took time to visit him. A recent flood had drowned all but three of their chickens. They bought them 20 new chickens. At present they must carry their water about half a mile to supply clean water to their home. They agreed to help them install a pipeline to provide clean water near their homes. This trip helped them get projects lined up for next year if God is willing for them to return.



***Hurricane Relief Support  
Keep Up The Good Work!***

State Streeters and others have been actively working to support those affected by Hurricane Helene. Our second delivery of cleaning buckets, hygiene kits and other items were delivered to the district office for distribution. All of these items are going to be needed both short and long-term. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is in it for the long haul. You can keep up with the efforts occurring all throughout the Holston Conference by going to [holston.org](http://holston.org). We continue to be told that the greatest need is financial support and cleaning/hygiene kits. Here's how to help:

Click on the flyers below to view the list of items needed for each kit along with assembly/packing instructions.

If you prefer to mail your donation, you can make a contribution to State Street UMC designated "Holston Flood Fund" or send your check to:

Holston Conference of The United Methodist Church  
Attn: Flood Relief Fund  
P.O. Box 850  
Alcoa, TN, 37701



### Hygiene Kit

(Estimated cost: \$12.00 per Kit)

#### Hygiene Kit Materials

- **One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)**  
No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels.
- **One washcloth**  
No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels.
- **One comb**  
Must be sturdy with at least 4- 7 inches of teeth.  
No pocket combs or picks.  
Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 4-7 inches of teeth.
- **One toenail or fingernail clipper**  
No emery boards or metal nail files.
- **Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)**  
No Ivory or Jergen's soap.  
Do not remove from packaging.
- **One adult toothbrush**  
Do not remove from packaging.  
Personal advertising not acceptable.
- **10 adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches)**  
Common household bandages acceptable.
- **One one-gallon size re-sealable bag**

\*Do not add toothpaste when assembling kits>



### Cleaning Kit

(Estimated cost: \$75.00 per Kit)

#### Cleaning Kit Materials

- **One five-gallon round bucket with lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)**  
No screw lids  
May be used, but must be free from all residual product  
Advertisement on the outside acceptable.
- **One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent**
- **One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner**  
No spray cleaners
- **One 16-34 oz. bottle liquid dish soap**
- **One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener**
- **One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10 -20 wipes also acceptable)**  
Pump spray bottles must have protective covers.
- **One scrub brush**  
With or without handle
- **18 re-usable cleaning wipes**  
No terrycloth, microfiber, or paper towels  
**Remove from packaging**
- **Five scouring pads**  
No stainless steel or pads with soap in them  
**Remove from packaging**
- **36-50 clothespins**
- **One 50 – 100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)**
- **24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes)**  
**Remove from packaging**
- **Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)**  
No surgical masks
- **Two pairs kitchen gloves**  
Durable for multiple uses  
**Remove from packaging**
- **One pair work gloves**  
Cotton with leather palm or all leather

You can also contribute online at: [Holston Flood Relief Fund.](#)

## Trunk or Treat October 29th starting at 6:30 p.m.

Children, Youth, and Families are invited to our annual Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot! Come dressed up in your best Halloween costume and be ready to have lots of fun! There will be dinner served, along with lots of fun games to play!

**Candy Donation:** If you would like to donate candy to the Trunk-or-Treat, we will be accepting bags of pre-wrapped Halloween candy in the Narthex, starting **October 6th!**

**Trunk Decorators:** If you would like to decorate a trunk and distribute candy, please let Josh know by **October 22nd!** Volunteers are asked to have their car parked and ready by 6:20 p.m., but can start decorating at 5:30 p.m.!

For more information, please contact Josh Bass at: [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org)

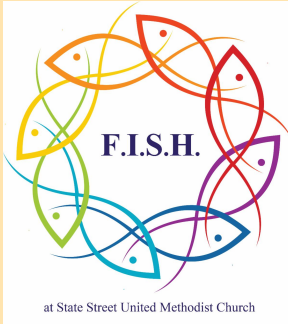


## Youth Group Activities

Youth Group meets on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dinner is provided.

- October 13 – regular programming
- October 20 – regular programming

- October 2 – fellowship outing



### **F.I.S.H. Club Schedule**

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 that meets on Tuesday nights, at the church, from 5:45p.m.-7:15 p.m.

- October 15 - Volunteer Night
- October 22 - Regular Programming
- October 24 - Trunk-or-Treat
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### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to have fun and show God's love through their actions and words. See the list below to see the opportunities available and click the button to see details about the positions.

- Bus/Van Chaperones (2)
- Group Assistants (4)
- Meal Volunteers (2)
- Calm Room Volunteers (2)

**Volunteer  
Opportunities**



### ***Blood Pressure Screenings***

Blood pressure screenings will be available in the Parish Nurse office on Thursday, October 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Nurse office.

### ***October OAK (Older Adult Council) Luncheon Outing***

OAK Group will ride to Grace Meadows Farm on Thursday, October 24th at 3:00pm for a family - style dinner. Please, sign up by Wednesday, October 23rd at noon on the welcome table on Sunday mornings, or on the bulletin board anytime outside the Parish Nurse office. A driver will take us to the entrance. Call Patty Kilbreath at: 423-646-5577 for further information.





***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](#)



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.



***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.*



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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