



# Happenings

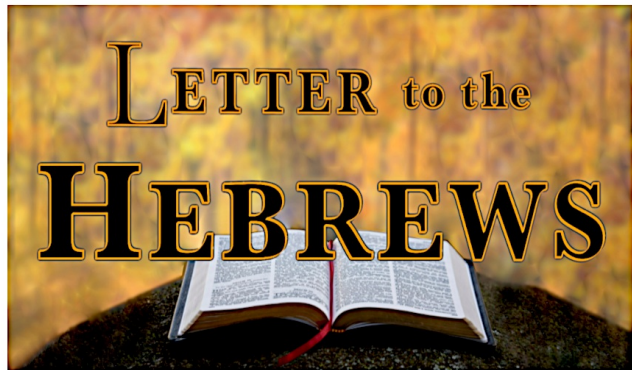
## Your Weekly News & Updates

**October 27, 2024**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Sermon: "For All Time"

Scripture: Hebrews 7:23-28  
*"For the law appoints as high priests humans, who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever."*  
-Hebrews 7:28

**WORSHIP SERIES THRU NOV. 17**



### ***A Chance to Spend Time with Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett***

The Bishop of the Holston Conference will be at Trinity UMC, 320 Carter St., Bristol, VA, on Sunday, October 27 at 5:00 pm. A free dinner will be served with Q&A with the Bishop to follow. Everyone is invited.

### ***Support for Virginia High School Choir and Drama Departments***

Our own Joe Jessee (church member, Director of Contemporary Worship, Section Leader for Choir) directs this group. You can help out our across-the-street neighbors by coming to a spaghetti dinner fundraiser this Saturday, October 26 at 5 pm in the State Street Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will assist with their upcoming spring musical and all-district choir costs. Cost is \$10. Tickets must be reserved in advance (but can pay at the event). Email Joe at [jjessee1@bvps.org](mailto:jjessee1@bvps.org) for tickets.

### ***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)**



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### ***Hurricane Relief and Outreach Update***

You are serving as the hands and feet of Jesus in response to our neighbors whose lives have been devastated by Hurricane Helene. To see current updates, go to [holston.org](http://holston.org).

#### **Current Needs**

- Financial donations are helpful both short and long-term. Donations may be made to the church designated, "Holston Flood Fund." 100% will go for direct assistance to those in need.
  - We still have a few cleaning buckets available at the church to fill with the remaining needed items. While the need for these is currently not as great, the regular supply needs to be refilled so they will be on hand when the next disaster strikes. Hygiene kits are also being accepted.
- Work Teams – Pastor Laura is putting together a list of those who are interested in participating in volunteer work days. The need for volunteers of all abilities will become more and more needed, especially as we move into long-term recovery. Please email [pastorlaura@state-street.org](mailto:pastorlaura@state-street.org) with your email address and cell phone number if you want to be added to the list.

### ***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

### **Youth Group Activities**

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

- October 27: fellowship outing
- November 3: regular programming at 3pm
- November 10: regular programming at 3pm
- November 17: regular programming at 3pm
- November 24: Friendsgiving at 3pm
- Winter Break: month of December



### **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 29: Trunk-or-Treat
- November 5: Delivering meals
- November 12: Regular programming
- November 19: Regular programming
- November 26: Thanksgiving break

**Volunteer Opportunities**



**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](#)



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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