

# STATE STREET *Happenings*

United Methodist Church

## Your Weekly News & Updates

### Advent Schedule

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**

3 opportunities:

Tuesday, December 24th:

**Noon** at State Street

**5:00 pm** at Three Springs

6610 Reedy Creek Road

Bristol, VA 24201

**7:00 pm** at State Street

#### **One Service Sunday, December 29**

One Worship at 10 am in the sanctuary  
Carol Sing (by request)

### Advent Noonday Luncheon at State Street

52 people from State Street and other area churches gathered today for the last Advent Noonday Luncheon of the season. Great fellowship was enjoyed by all.



**December 22, 2024**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**

Sermon: "Emmanuel"

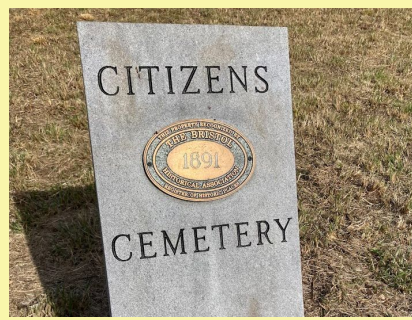
"I have often noted that it isn't that we don't understand peace intellectually, rather we don't understand how we have peace in the midst of all that we go through. That is the power of Emmanuel, a peace in the midst of our storms and a constant source of comfort and strength."

-Olu Brown



### Robert Clark Historical Marker

On December 14, fifteen State Streeters joined a crowd of almost 200 to dedicate an historical marker in the neighborhood of the church at Citizen's Cemetery, which is located near the intersection of Piedmont and Valley Drives. Robert Clark was a 20 year old Black American who in 1891 was lynched in front of a crowd of cheering onlookers. Several of his ancestors were in attendance. We pray that the marker will not be vandalized and also that it may serve as a reminder for all of us to be people who stand up for anyone who is not treated with dignity or compassion.



### Can You Find Hope?

Each Sunday during Advent, this Baby Jesus ornament will be making its way around the narthex trees. The first person to find the ornament each Sunday receives a prize. One winner per worship service (8:45, 9:01 and 11:00). Must be presented to Pastor Laura or Pastor Steve to receive the prize.



### ***Happy Birthday Jesus!***



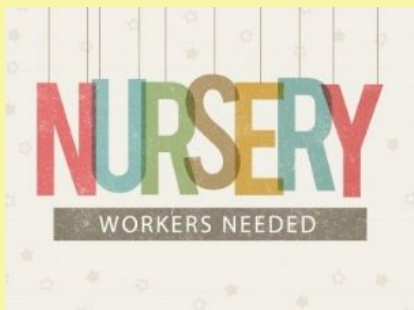
Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Sunday, December 22nd, at 10:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Click on the attached flyer for all the details! There will be snacks and fun! Hope to see everyone there. If you or your child would like to bring a gift to celebrate the birth of Jesus, please bring items to be placed under the compassion tree. The church is collecting items for the homeless.

- blankets
- mittens
- gloves
- toboggans

Please RSVP to Josh Bass at: [josh @state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org) by Friday, December 20th!

### ***Poinsettia Pickup***

A reminder for those who ordered memorial/honorarium poinsettias; please pick up your poinsettia(s) after the Christmas Eve Worship Service, at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



### ***Church Nursery Positions Available***

Church Nursery Workers are needed at State Street United Methodist Church in Bristol, VA. Qualifications include a love for God and God's children. Previous experience in child care preferred. Current positions require minimum age of 18. A background check will be required. Compensation is \$15 per hour. Hours available include:

Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tuesday evenings from 5:15 - 7:45 p.m., and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Please send cover letter and resume to: [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org). For more information, call Josh Bass at: 276-669-2101, ext. 125.

## **Nursery Volunteers Needed**

While we are looking for additional nursery workers, we could use some church volunteers to assist with hospitality and care for children and their families who attend and/or visit State Street. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office.



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

The OAK group will be meeting at The Cracker Barrel near exit 7 on Thursday, January 23rd at 11:30 am. Feel free to bring friends or families to share our first lunch of the new year. Please sign up by January 22nd at noon. Sign-up sheets are on the welcome table on Sunday mornings and outside the Parish Nurse Office on the bulletin board. For further information call Patty Kilbreath at 423-646-5577.

### **Blood Pressure screenings**

Blood Pressure screenings will be available on Sunday, January 12th at 9:30am and 12:00pm in the Parish Nurse Office ( Rm 102 ). Screenings will also be available on Thursday, Jan 23 at 6:00pm in the Parish Nurse Office



### **Recovery at Bristol Thursday at 6:15 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall**

Recovery at Bristol is a place for fellowship, worship, and healing. It is a worship opportunity open to everyone. It is a place to gather and bask in the unconditional love of Christ. There is a meal provided, a praise service and short groups offered after the service. This is a place for anyone has been wounded by life to come and feel welcomed.

- Dinner at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall before worship.
- In-Person Worship at 7 p.m. or live on YouTube.
- Support groups meet following worship.
- Transportation to and from Recovery available. If you need a ride, contact the Church Office.
- 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

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### **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.*



STATE STREET ONLINE



**9:01 and 11:00 Services Livestreaming on State Street's YouTube Channel  
- StateStreetUMC**

**YouTube Channel -  
StateStreetUMC**

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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