

STATE STREET *Happenings*

United Methodist Church

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Souper Bowl Sunday

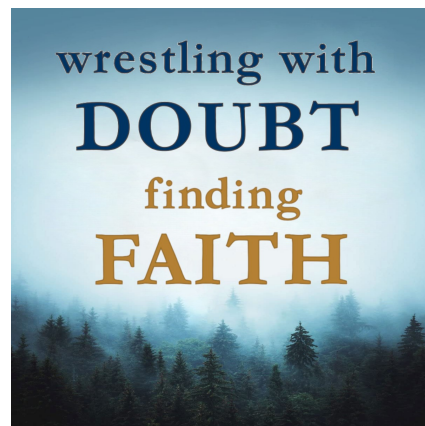
Join the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry for food, fun, and fellowship on Sunday, February 9th at 12noon in the Fellowship Hall! If you would like, bring a side dish or dessert to share! There will be soup and sandwiches provided. You are welcomed to wear your favorite team's color or jersey! A love offering will be taken up to support meals provided by F.I.S.H. Club.

This event is a part of the Souper Bowl of Caring initiative. This program supports local hunger relief and has raised close to \$200,000,000 for food charities across the country. For more information click the button below.

**Tackle
Hunger**

Worship Focus through March 2

Wrestling with Doubt/Finding Faith (using resource by Adam Hamilton) Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? How can we know? This series will seek to strengthen our trust in God in a way that is unafraid of hard questions. Wrestle with doubt and find faith – belief and trust, not certainty; mystery rather than simple answers.



February 9, 2025
5th Sunday after the Epiphany

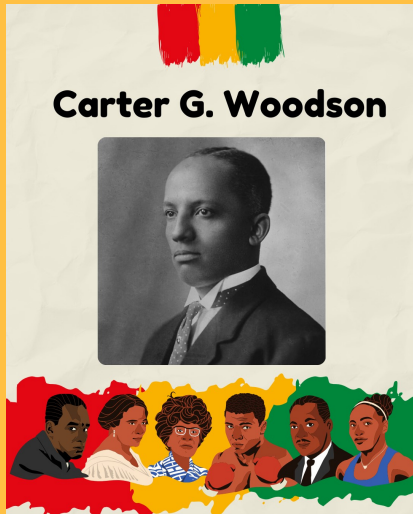
Sermon: "Is Heaven Real?"
Scripture: John 14:1-11

"I cannot prove that the resurrection of Christ occurred,
but I can point to the change that happened in the disciples
once they had seen the risen Christ."

-Adam Hamilton

Holston Conference Ministers' Convocation

Pastor Laura and Pastor Steve will be in Pigeon Forge from February 10 – 12. This annual gathering brings together United Methodist pastors from throughout our region. The theme this year is "Serving Together" with a focus on practical ways to engage the congregation in building the Kingdom of God. In the event of a pastoral emergency, they can still be reached by email or cell phone.



Let's Celebrate Black History Month Together!

Join us this February as we celebrate Black History Month, a time to reflect on the rich history and achievements of African Americans. We especially begin by honoring Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History," whose dedication to preserving and promoting Black history led to the establishment of Negro History Week (now Black History Month). He was the second African American to graduate from Harvard University with his doctorate. His work reminds us of the importance of understanding and celebrating the diverse stories that shape our world.

Stay tuned for upcoming Black History facts and notable figures throughout the month!

The Role of the Church During the Civil Rights Movement

Are you interested in learning more about the response of faith communities during the civil rights movement? Are there ways you are interested in getting involved in the midst of the turbulent times in which we are living? Central Presbyterian Church is hosting a screening of "At the River," a documentary about the Presbyterian (Southern) response to segregation, racism and the civil rights movement in the south. The screening is happening on Sunday, February 16 from 3-5:30 pm in the church's Central Hall. The address is 331 Euclid Ave, Bristol, VA. A conversation will follow. Click on the button below for more information.

[Click here for details](#)

Women's Tuesday Morning Circle Meeting

The Women's Tuesday Morning Circle will meet Tuesday February 11 at 10:30am in the Church Parlor. ALL are welcome! We will continue the study of Esther and we enjoy the fellowship!! Hope to see you then!

More Volunteer Opportunities in the Community

Bristol Faith in Action has several volunteer openings including:

- Receptionist on Fridays, and someone on call for vacancies
- Pantry assistants
- Social media and marketing volunteer – can be remote once we have a plan

- Program assistant to help as needed

If someone wants to volunteer and these positions are not appealing, we will create a position for you! Donations of any non-perishable items are welcome and so appreciated by the neighbors we serve. Particular needs include: peanut butter, crackers, soups, jelly, fruit, rice, canned, meats, pasta sauce, etc. Pretty much everything is very low. For more info, contact DeVonne Phipps at 276 466-8292. Bristol Faith in Action is located at 1556 Euclid Avenue in Bristol, VA.

Offering God's Love to Those In Need

If you've felt compassion for those who might be struggling through these cold days, there are ways you can be the hands and feet of Jesus. Both the Salvation Army and A Place to Be (the Family Promise sponsored Day Center which operates in the Salvation Army building) are looking for volunteers. Training is provided. For Family Promise, the training is being offered on February 25. For more information contact Margaret Feierabend at 423-366-7450. For the Salvation Army, contact Shannon Dowell at 423-558-0494. The Salvation Army is currently seeking volunteers for "White Flag" nights (extreme weather events).

February OAK (Older Adult Kouncil Lunch Outing

The OAK group will partake of some good country "cookin" at Janie's Place on Thursday, Feb. 27th . We will meet at the restaurant @ 11:00am. We will be seated in the lower level and can enter from behind the restaurant on that level. Please sign up by noon on 2/26/25 on the clipboard on the welcome table on Sunday mornings or the bulletin board outside the Parish Nurse office (Rm 102). Please call Patty Killbreath @ 423-646-5577 if there are any questions.



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.

- February 11 - Regular Programming
- February 18 - Volunteer Night
- February 25 - Regular Programming

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)
- Calm Room Volunteers (2)

Volunteer Opportunities

Youth Group Happenings

- February 9 – Invited to Souper Bowl Lunch at 12pm
- February 16 – Regular Programming at 3pm
- February 23 – Regular Programming at 3pm



Church of the Month for Hospice House

Save the date for Church of the Month for Hospice House in March. Gift bags for the home hospice patients and meals are needed. The bags will be distributed on February 9th and 16th in the Narthex. For more information, contact Patty Kilbreath at: 423-646-5577.



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. 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.



February Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood pressure screenings will be available on Thursday, Feb.27th at 6:00pm in the Parish Nurse office.

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).

Beyond Worship

Sundays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. (with dinner option for fellowship afterwards). A gathering with Pastor Laura and Pastor Steve for those seeking more in their faith journey. A place to ask questions, share learnings, speak of life challenges and create community with others. All are welcome.

Kitchen Volunteers Needed

Are you one of those people who has a gift for cleaning kitchens (throwing out old food, wiping down surfaces, checking supply needs, keeping things organized and in their designated places)? Here at State Street you can have the opportunity to use those gifts on a kitchen that is not your own (sometimes even more fun). We are looking for a volunteer kitchen coordinator (and if we have several volunteers, we can make it a kitchen crew so that the work can be shared).

4 volunteers have signed up so far. There's still room for you! Please contact Pastor Laura if you are interested.

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 who 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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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

The Church office is open:

- Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 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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