

# STATE STREET *Happenings*

United Methodist Church

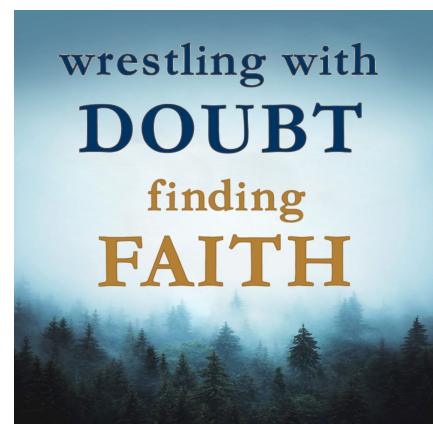
## Your Weekly News & Updates

### **Scouting Sunday Observed**

SSUMC will observe Scouting Sunday this week on Sunday, February 16th. Scouts from Troop 8 and Pack 8 will serve as greeters at the 901 Service. Scouts meet at SSUMC each Monday evening. SSUMC has a long partnership with Scouting. We welcome them as they worship with us this week.

### **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 16, 2025 6th Sunday after the Epiphany**

Sermon: "When Prayers Go Unanswered"  
Scripture: Luke 22:39-46

"Sometimes I thank God for unanswered prayers."  
-Garth Brooks

### **Sunday, December 16th - Lunch at Perkins Restaurant Following 11am Service**

On Sunday, February 16th, immediately following our 11 AM service, we will have our Sunday Church Member & Guest Lunch at the Perkins Restaurant at 102 Bristol East Rd., Bristol, VA (at Exit 7). If you are not on the members' list for these lunches and would like to attend, just let David Luther know so that he can add your name to the participation list. If you know you can come on Sunday, February 16th, please text or email David so he will have an idea of our group size for reservation purposes. If you have not made a reservation but find that you can come at the last minute, please join us. We will have room. David's cell number is (423) 646-6599. Either calls or texts are fine. Or you can email him at DavidLuther77@embarqmail.com.

## **Let's Celebrate Black History Month Together!**



**Bishop Leontine Turpeau  
Current Kelly**

Join us this February as we celebrate Black History Month, a time to reflect on the rich history and achievements of African Americans. This week, we are reflecting on our United Methodist roots with Bishop Leontine Turpeau Current Kelly. She was a spiritual mother that was raised and served in various Methodist communities! In 1984, while a member of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the Western Jurisdiction elected her bishop. She became only the second female bishop in the history of The United Methodist Church, and the first African American female bishop of any major denomination in the world.

Bishop Leontine Turpeau Current Kelly.

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](#)

### ***New Women's Bible Study***

A new women's Bible study will begin today, Wednesday, February 12th in Room 115 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Using the resource "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table: It's Time to Win the Battle of Your Mind" by Louie Giglio, discover how to break free from the chains of negative thinking and experience true freedom from unhealthy thoughts and emotions. The Enemy is constantly seeking to fill your mind with destructive and harmful thoughts—whether of fear, worry, insecurity, anxiety, temptation, envy. It's all too easy for Satan to manipulate his way into a seat at the table intended for only you and Jesus, and to try making himself at home in your mind. It's an ongoing battle, but one you can win! In *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table*, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio shares practical ways to overcome the Enemy's lies and instead find peace and security in any challenging circumstance or situation. By drawing from Psalm 23 as a framework, he offers biblical insight on how to . . .

- Cancel the lies that will wreck your life.
- Take empowering steps to live fully alive in Christ.
- Stop the spiral of shame, temptation, and insecurity.
- Restore peace and rest in your life.
- Embrace the true purpose behind your journey through challenging circumstances.
- Break free from the endless cycle of destructive thinking.

You can find freedom from the war inside your mind—if you allow Jesus, the Good Shepherd,

to lead the battle. Learn how to find encouragement, hope, and strength no matter what valleys you face. It's time to reject the lies and listen to the truth. We will be using the workbook.

### ***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 Council) 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 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 16 – Regular Programming at 3pm
- February 23 – Regular Programming at 3pm

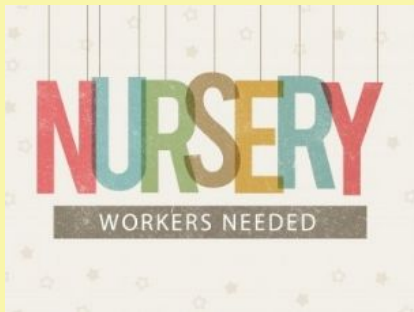


### **Church of the Month for Hospice House**

Save the date for Church of the Month for Hospice House in March. We will serve our friends and neighbors in the Hospice House and at home by:

- Providing at least four opportunities for worship/music at the Hospice House.
- Serving at least 20 hot, home-cooked meals during March for the families.
- Restocking the Hospice House kitchen cabinets and refrigerator (cost covered by SSUMC and donations).
- Preparing gift bags for home patients. The bags will be distributed on Sunday, February 16th in the Narthex.

For more information and to sign up, please see the Hospice House Church of the Month March 2025 form on the Welcome Table. Please return forms to the Welcome Table, or 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](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.



### **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.

### ***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 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

**Visit our YouTube  
Channel**



### ***To Make a Gift Online***

This QR Code goes directly to the giving page on our website.

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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