



STATE STREET *Happenings*

United Methodist Church

Your Weekly News & Updates



Dance/Conditioning Class

New small group/conditioning class on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m.– 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Heidi Quick and Beverly Wiginton.

Come and Strike Up Some Fun!!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry is hosting a Bowling Afternoon and we'd love for you to join us for some fun, fellowship, and friendly competition!

When: Sunday, March 23rd, 2025 at 12:30pm

Where: Pins & Friends (700 State St, Bristol, TN 37620)

Please RSVP by Saturday, March 22nd, 2025 to Josh Bass at: josh@state-street.org



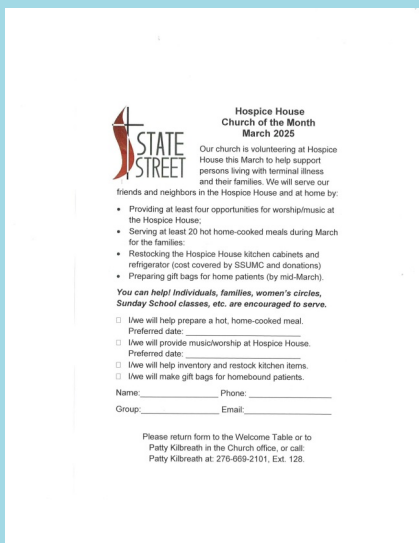
Church of the Month for Hospice House

State Street is supporting Hospice House as Church of the Month 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).

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.

Please click on the photo to view the sign-up form.



Hospice House Church of the Month March 2025

Our church is volunteering at Hospice House this March to help support persons living with terminal illness and their families. 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 (by mid-March).

You can help! Individuals, families, women's circles, Sunday School classes, etc. are encouraged to serve.

I/we will help prepare a hot, home-cooked meal.
Preferred date: _____

I/we will provide music/worship at Hospice House.
Preferred date: _____

I/we will help inventory and restock kitchen items.

I/we will make gift bags for homebound patients.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Group: _____ Email: _____

Please return form to the Welcome Table or to Patty Kilbreath in the Church office, or call Patty Kilbreath at: 276-669-2101, Ext. 128.

Worship Focus through April 20 - Lent, Holy Week and Easter *Steadfast Love: A Lenten Playlist*

Lent is a somber, reflective, internal season designed to make us feel sorry for our sinfulness. It is about our individual journey with Christ, our wandering in the wilderness for these forty days, as Jesus wandered in the wilderness for forty days. But what does all this somberness, all this being sorry, all this repenting, all this introspection have to do with loving? Everything. Just...everything. What if Lent isn't supposed to be an individual exercise? What if our introspection, our confession our examination of the inner being is supposed to be done in community? What if the heart of our Lenten examination is about how we live in community? About how we love? *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.*" - Psalm 51:1

March 16, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

Sermon: "Conceal Me"
Scripture: Luke 13:31-35
Theme: "So pull me up from down below
'Cause I'm underneath the undertow
Come dry me off and hold me close
I need you now, I need you most"
-Head Above Water by Avril Lavigne



United Women in Faith Day Apart

Our own Pastor Laura Razor will be the featured speaker and communion celebrant at the Clinch Mountain District United Women in Faith Day apart. Here are the details:

- **Cost: \$10 pay at the door**
- **Date: Saturday, March 15 (inclement weather date March 22)**
- **Location: Abingdon UMC, Abingdon, Va**
- **Time: 9:30am for registration and fellowship while enjoying coffee and breakfast pastries**
- **10am Worship begins**

A special offering will be given to Trails of Recovery, a group of people who are working to assist with those in our area affected by Hurricane Helene. Participants are also encouraged to bring regular size shampoo, lotion, shower gel, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, and denture cream/adhesive in support of area domestic violence shelters. The event is scheduled to last until 11:00 am.

March OAK (Older Adult Council) Lunch Outing

The OAK group will have a lunch at Eggs Up Grill on March 27th. We'll meet there at 11:30am. They are able to seat us separately in a small room. Please, feel free to bring friends and family to enjoy this lively group of senior adults. Sign up by March 26th at noon on the clipboard on Sundays on the Welcome table or the bulletin board outside the Parish Nurse Office (Rm 102) call Patty Kilbreath for further information.



Hospitality Helpers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Wednesday Lenten lunch that is being hosted by State Street on Wednesday, March 19. We need crock pots of soup (any variety), cookies or brownies (2 doz., must be finger food so no cakes or pies), set up help, serving help, clean up help and greeters. A sign up sheet is available on the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings or you can contact the church office.



Spring Garden Preschool Now Enrolling

Spring Garden is now enrolling for ages 6 mos. – 5 years for our upcoming summer and fall programs.

Spring Garden Preschool in Bristol, VA is a nurturing early childhood education center that provides a safe and engaging environment for young children to learn and grow.

Need Help with Livestreams or Zoom?

If you're not sure how to connect to State Street's worship livestreams or Zoom sessions for Open Door Sunday School or any other study classes, we're here to help! Please reach out, and we'd be happy to guide you through the process. Let us know if you need assistance getting set up so you don't miss out on any of our events. Contact Betty in the church office at 276 669-2101 (leave a voice mail if she doesn't answer) or email her at churchoffice@state-street.org. Our own State Street Geek Squad (currently made up of Dreama Chapman and David Schoeni) will get in touch.

*****UPDATE*****

Special OAK (Older Adult Council) Outing

The OAK group is making arrangements to see "Steel Magnolias" at the newly purchased Cameo Theater. Fifteen seats have been bought for \$12/seniors. The date is Sunday, May 11th at 2:30pm. As plans proceed, we'll meet for lunch nearby prior to the show. Those not choosing lunch can meet us at the Cameo Theatre at 2:00pm. Patty Kilbreath has the tickets & reservation list. Contact her @ 423-646-5577 or on the church number 276-669-2102 Ext. 128 for further details to follow.

*****The OAK group has had great response to the play Steel Magnolias. All tickets are sold, but others can order individual tickets by calling Theatre Bristol at: 423-274-8920.**

The Seasons of Lent and Easter

We focus on walking with Jesus to the cross and sharing in the joy of a resurrected life.

- **Wednesdays from March 12 – April 23: Lenten Noonday Lunch**
- Noon at Bristol area United Methodist Churches (see locations below)
- Brief time of worship and fellowship featuring Bristol area pastors and reflecting on Jesus' Seven Last Words from the Cross
- Soup and sandwich lunch provided.

Sunday, April 13 – Friday, April 18: Holy Week

- Sunday, April 13: Palm/Passion Sunday with Fellowship Lunch
- Thursday, April 17: Holy Thursday (Remembering the Last Supper) 5:00 pm Worship at

Three Springs UMC 5:30 pm Covered Dish Supper with Recovery at State Street 7:00 pm Worship at State Street

- Friday, April 18: Good Friday 7:00 pm Faure Requiem featuring combined choirs and orchestra from area churches

Sunday, April 20: Easter Celebration!

- 6:45 am: Easter Sunrise with Breakfast at Three Springs UMC
- 10:00 am: Worship as One Family at State Street UMC (one service)

Wednesday Lenten Lunches: An Offering of the United Methodist Churches of Bristol VA/TN

Strengthen your focus during this Lenten season by joining with others for food, fellowship and faith connections. Gatherings take place at noon every Wednesday from March 12 through April 16 with area pastors providing reflections on the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. A light soup and sandwich lunch is provided. Free will offerings support mission efforts in the community.

- March 12 at First Bristol UMC, 322 Vance Dr., Bristol, TN featuring Rev. Ray Amos, Jr.
- March 19 at State Street UMC featuring Pastor Laura
- March 26 at Reynolds Memorial UMC, 327 W Mary St., Bristol VA featuring Caroline Hawthorne
- April 2 at Three Springs UMC, 6610 Reedy Creek Rd, Bristol, VA featuring Robert Kariuki
- April 9 at Trinity UMC, 180 Carter St, Bristol VA featuring Steve Patterson
- April 16 at Addilynn UMC, 3225 Avoca Rd, Bristol, TN featuring Clayton Farmer

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](#)

Easter Flower Orders



Easter is April 20, 2025, and we are preparing for a very special service. Fill out this form and bring it to the church office with your choice method of payment. If paying by check, please note "Easter flowers". The cost is \$18.00. Please get your orders in early, as a limited number of hydrangeas are available. The deadline for orders is Wednesday, April 11. If you would like to order online, contact Betty in the church office at 276-669-2101, ext. 121.

Please contact Susie Gordon at: 423-646-1203, Catherine Brillhart at: 276-591-6952, or Meredith Massie at: 423-571-4498 with questions.

Given By: _____

Phone : _____

Number Hydrangeas Ordered: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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Volunteer Musicians Needed

The 8:45 am traditional service meets in the Chapel each Sunday. It is a dedicated bunch, many of whom have participated in that service for years. The music for the service is provided by volunteers. Most play the piano, but an organ is available and Pastor Laura plays her guitar. We are looking for additional volunteers. The service has a small church feel (usually 15-20 people) and members are very gracious. Music includes three hymns and opportunities to play as people gather, during the offering and as people depart. Hymns can be selected in consultation based on familiarity and comfort level. If you like music and would like to offer that gift so that others can share in worship, please contact Pastor Laura. Most serve once a month but there is flexibility based on your availability and interest. The service lasts from 8:45 am to 9:30 am.

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.

F.I.S.H. Club Schedule

- March 18 – Volunteer Night
- March 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



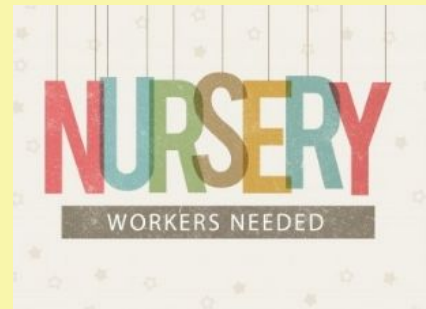
Youth Group Happenings

- March 16 – No Programming at 3pm
- March 23 – Regular Programming at 3pm
- March 30 – Regular Programming at 3pm

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.



March Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood pressure screenings will be available on Thursday, March 27th at 6:00pm in the Parish Nurse Office (Rm 102).

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.



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

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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