

STATE STREET *Happenings*

United Methodist Church

Your Weekly News & Updates

Crossroads Medical Mission Day

On March 23, State Street celebrated our partnership with Crossroads Medical Mission. Founded in 2002 by State Street members and expanding in ways beyond imagination, Crossroads Medical has provided over 54,819 medical visits free of charge to patients through both its mobile clinic (the RV parked in the State Street parking lot) and now a free-standing location in downtown Bristol on the corner of Scott and Lee Streets. Cindy Rockett, one of those State Street legends, is retiring as Executive Director and Erin Faust, who also has State Street connections, has now taken on that role. On staff is also Amy Brown, former State Street staff member, who is serving in development and community relations. If you would like to make a contribution to their efforts, you can make a contribution to the church designated "Crossroads Medical Mission" or also give through their web site at crossroadsmedicalmission.org. An Endowment Fund has been set up in Cindy's honor at Crossroads. [Click the link here](#) and then click on the Crossroads Medical Mission: Cindy Rockett Endowment. This is one way to donate to the endowment. Checks can be mailed to the Holston Foundation with "Cindy Rockett Endowment Fund" in the memo line as well.

Their address is:
Holston Foundation
P.O. Box 900
Alcoa, TN 37701





Crossroads Medical Mission Video

Scout Troop 8 Open House and Reception Honoring Sam Belew

Scout Troop 8 invites you to share in honoring State Street member, Sam Belew, on Sunday, April 6 from 3 to 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The celebration honors the 95th anniversary of the Troop and celebrates Sam's remarkable 37 years of dedicated service as Scoutmaster. During Sam's tenure, over 87 Scouts received their Eagle award and it is likely that Sam hiked over 800 miles on camping trips and other outings with the Scouts. Dutch oven desserts and light refreshments will be served. Business casual attire. No gifts necessary.

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 16: 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.

- April 9 at Trinity UMC, 180 Carter St, Bristol VA featuring Steve Patterson
- April 16 at Addilynn UMC, 3225 Avoca Rd, Bristol, TN featuring Robert Kariuki

Palm Sunday Celebration

Join us for food, fun and fellowship on Palm Sunday!
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and the church will provide the main dish. All are welcome!

When: Sunday, April 13th at 12:00pm

Where: In the Fellowship Hall



Mark Your Calendar! Holy Thursday is April 17!

Recovery at Bristol will host a Potluck supper for our Recovery participants as well as church members beginning at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for this annual tradition before the 7 PM Holy Thursday service in the Sanctuary. Bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert. The church will provide the meats. This is a wonderful way for all of us to come together in Christian Fellowship before we remember the meal that is fundamental to our faith.



[Visit our YouTube Channel](#)



Hop On Over for an Easter Egg Hunt!

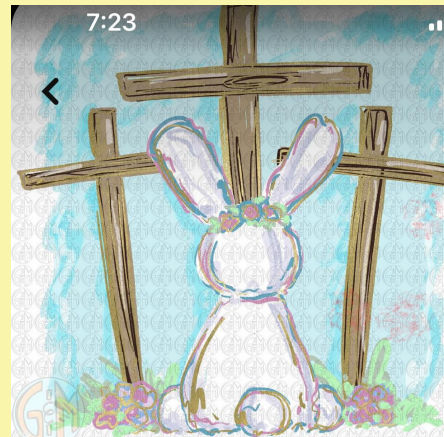
Join us for a day filled with fun, laughter, and lots of colorful eggs! Bring your baskets and best egg-hunting skills as we celebrate Easter with an exciting hunt!!

Date: Tuesday, April 15th

Time: Dinner in Fellowship Hall at 6pm and Egg Hunt Starts at 6:30pm

If you would like to donate candy for the egg hunt there will be a basket in the Narthex until Sunday, April 13th.

We can't wait to see you there for a hopping good time!



Guided Easter Bunny Painting Project - Back by popular demand! Shannon Love is

offering another Guided Painting Project just in time for Easter. The group will meet on Monday, April 7 at 6:00 pm in Room 115. Cost is \$5 to cover the supplies. Sign up by calling or texting Shannon at 423 646-1077. Limited to 12 persons so sign up asap to reserve your spot.

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

April 6, 2025 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Sermon: "Fill Me With Laughter"

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Theme: "Just imagine people laughing

I know some day we will

And even if it's far away

Get me through another day"

-Cover Me in Sunshine by Pink



Thank you State Street UMC!

You are a most fabulous and generous group. The Hospice House Church of the Month garnered approximately 100 gift bags for the home hospice patients, 16 meals for the Hospice House families, and restocked the kitchen shelves. They were extremely appreciative of all we provided for them. Also, the pastors and prayer warriors gave time in prayer & music. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Sarah & Patty,

Your Parish Nurses

Compassion Tree Update

The Compassion Tree is our year round tree that lives in the library where a variety of items are donated to assist the homeless in our area. As the weather improves we are no longer in need of warm clothing. If folks wish to continue donating the following items are in need:

Deodorant 1 oz. stick

Body Powder 1 oz.

Shampoo 2-1 1 oz.



Chapstick
Ground Cloth
Body wipes
Small tents

Any of these items are greatly appreciated.

Dance/Conditioning Class

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.



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.



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.

*****UPDATE*****

Special OAK (Older Adult Council) Outing

The tickets for May OAK activity to the Theatre Bristol to see Steel Magnolias on Sunday, May 11th at 2:30pm, have all been sold, but others may be purchased by calling them at 423-274-8920. We do plan to have lunch at the Shanghai Chinese Restaurant after church, prior to the performance. Those not choosing lunch can meet us at the Cameo Theatre at 2:00pm.



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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F.I.S.H. Club Schedule

- April 8 - Regular Programming
- April 15 - Easter Egg Hunt
- April 22 - Regular Programming
- April 29 - 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

- April 6 - Regular Programming at 3pm
- April 13 - Youth invited to Palm Sunday luncheon
- April 20 - Easter Sunday - on break
- April 27 - Regular Programming at 3pm

March Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood pressure screenings will be available on Sunday April 6th at 9:30am and 12:00pm in the Parish Nurse office (Rm 102) and also on Thursday, April 24th at 6:00pm in the Parish Nurse office (Rm 102).



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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