

STATE STREET *Happenings* United Methodist Church

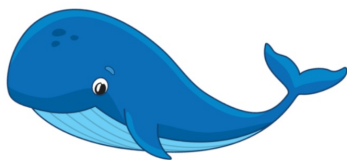
Your Weekly News & Updates

Pastor Laura Away

Pastor Laura is in North Dakota for her nephew's wedding through April 30. In the event of a pastoral need, please contact the church office or you can reach Pastor Steve at 276 623-3831.

REDISCOVERING JONAH

THE SECRET OF GOD'S MERCY



April 27, 2025
2nd Sunday After Easter

Sermon: "Responding to God's Call to Transform the World"

Scripture: Jonah 1:1-3a

Theme: "But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord."

New Worship Series through June 1

Is Jonah a simple "fish story?" In Matthew 12, when asked for a sign about his purpose, Jesus used Jonah's experience as the sign. Rev. Timothy Keller called Jonah the Prodigal Prophet "in who we can see our own struggles to do God's will." During the six Sundays following Easter, using Keller's Rediscovering Jonah: The Secret of God's Mercy as our guide, we will explore the many lessons of Jonah. We will learn about God's grace extended to Gentiles in the Old Testament who were the sworn enemies of God's people. Of these people God said in Jonah 4:11, "And should I not be concerned about Nineveh that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and they thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?" Come and learn not of the smiting God of the Old Testament, but about the caring God pouring out grace and mercy.

Goodbye to Steve Sensenig (Only For Now)

Sunday, April 27 is Steve Sensenig's final Sunday with us until October. He and Victoria Keller share the piano and choral accompanist's duties for 11:00 a.m. worship. Steve spends the

summer serving as the musician at a church in Blowing Rock and Victoria teaches at ETSU (where she is extra busy during the school year) so it works out well. Steve serves from October through April and Victoria from May through September. We look forward to Victoria's return on May 4. State Street is blessed with so many talented musicians.



Evening of Praise and Worship

Come worship with us as our Praise Band leads us in a spirit-filled night of contemporary worship songs and inspirational music. Bring your friends, family, and a lawn chair - all are welcome! Concessions will be available - all proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry of State Street!!

Dance/Conditioning Class Schedule Update!

The Dance/Conditioning Class is taking a 2-week break from 4/8 - 5/1. On May 1st, we will resume for 6 weeks and end on June 5th, 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.

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Special OAK (Older Adult Kouncil) 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.

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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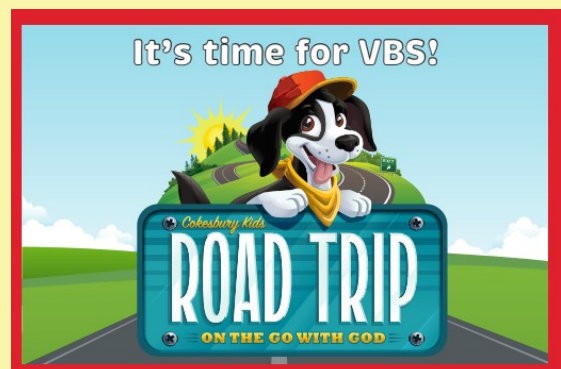
Youth Group Happenings

- April 27 -- Group Fellowship at 3pm
- May 4 – Invited to the Praise Band Concert at 4pm
- May 11 – No Programming - Mother's Day
- May 18 – Regular Programming at 3pm
- May 25 – Group Fellowship at 3pm
- June 1 – No Programming – Annual Conference

Save the Date: VBS 2025

At *Road Trip VBS*, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are on the go with God. They will become Travelers and discover how God is with them wherever they go! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Josh Bass at josh@state-street.org.

Dates: Monday, June 23 - Wednesday, June 25
Times: 5:30pm – 7:30pm



F.I.S.H. Club Schedule

- April 29 - Regular Programming
- May 6 - Regular Programming
- May 13 - Last F.I.S.H.
- May 20 - Volunteer Night



May Blood Pressure Screenings



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

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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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