



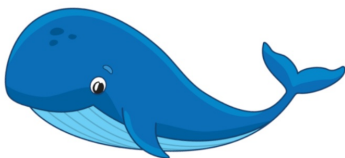
STATE STREET *Happenings*

United Methodist Church

Your Weekly News & Updates

REDISCOVERING JONAH

THE SECRET OF GOD'S MERCY



May 4, 2025
Third Sunday After Easter
Communion Sunday

Sermon: "A God of My Making?"

Scripture: Jonah 2:1-10

Theme: "I called to the Lord in my distress
and he answered me..."

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 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.

Change for Children Campaign

Throughout the month of May, we are excited to support the Holston Conference **Change for Children** campaign. This offering is collected annually and cultivates faith through Children's Ministry Grants awarded throughout the Holston Conference. This year, F.I.S.H. Club as a recipient of one of

those grants to continue providing nutritious meals every week. Every coin collected helps bring hope, support, and brighter futures to children in need right here in our community and around the Conference.

Here's how you can participate:

- **Bring Your Change:** Look around your home, car, or workplace and bring in any spare change you find. Drop it off in the buckets marked "Change for Children" in the Narthex.
- **Family Challenge:** Get the whole family involved! See how much change you can collect together by the end of the month.



Cultivating faith through Children's Ministry in Holston Conference

Let's work together to fill our jars—and the hearts of children—with hope and love this May. Your generosity can help sow seeds of ministry that will grow for years to come.

Thank you for being a part of this beautiful mission!



Featuring
STATE STREET PRAISE BAND

Sunday, May 4, 2025 @ 4pm
In the main parking lot (behind the church)
650 Valley Dr., Bristol, VA 24201

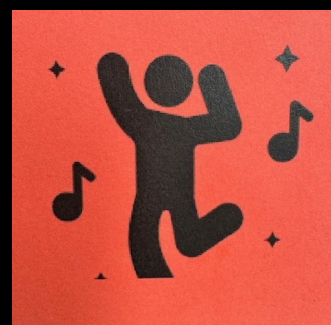
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Evening of Praise and Worship: Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m.

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

The Dance/Conditioning Class will resume on May 1st for 6 weeks. Classes will end on June 5th. Class time runs from 10:30 a.m.– 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Heidi Quick and Beverly Wiginton.



May Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast for May will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at 8:30 a.m. The menu is: Eggs (2 kinds) bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, grits, fruit, juice and coffee. All men are welcome to attend. Sid Oakley will lead the program.

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



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.

May OAK (Older Adult Kouncil) Outing Sunday, May 11 at 2:30 p.m.

The OAK group will have lunch at the Shanghai Chinese Restaurant on May 11 after the 11:00 a.m. service, prior to the play Steel Magnolias at the Cameo Theater. Although all the tickets for the play are sold, others can join us for lunch. We'd love to have you. Please indicate if you are driving or riding on the bus. The bus will only leave after the play. Call Patty Kilbreath for further information at 423-646-5577.

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

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Channel**



Youth Group Happenings

- 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

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

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

May Blood Pressure Screenings

May blood pressure screenings will be on Sunday, May 4th at 9:30am & 12:00pm in the Parish Nurse office. Screenings will also be available on Thursday, May 15th at 6:00pm in the Parish Nurse office.



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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