

STATE STREET *Happenings* United Methodist Church

Your Weekly News & Updates

PENTECOST SUNDAY



June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday

Sermon: "No More Falling Back"

Scripture: Romans 8:14-17 Acts 2:1-21

Theme: "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. . . if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."

-Romans 8:15 and 17

Join us at Road Trip 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

If you would like to register, click the button below:



**VBS Registration
Form**



Youth Group Happenings

- June 8th – Regular Programming at 3pm
- June 15th – No Programming – Father's Day
- June 22nd – Regular Programming at 3pm
- June 29th – Group Fellowship at 3pm

Citizens Cemetery Clean Up Volunteers Needed

Community members are working together to do some clean up work at Citizens Cemetery, an African-American cemetery in the neighborhood of the church. On Saturday, June 7, work will start at 8 and work until 12. There is still *a lot* of work to do weedeating, raking, clearing brush, and generally cleaning up. Here are the details:

- Snacks and cold water provided
- Some tools and safety equipment will be available, PLEASE COME EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT
- Weed-eater gas and string provided, but bring some if you have it
- If you have them, please bring:
 - Gas Weed-eaters, especially if they have a blade equipped
 - Powered hedge trimmers (gas or battery, there's no electricity for cords)
 - Chainsaw
 - Gloves, safety glasses, earplugs/muffs
 - Brush loppers, pruners, leaf rakes, etc.
- Recommended dress: boots (minimum close-toed shoes) and long pants. Short sleeve or long sleeve shirts depending on how you react to brush. The grass is long and shorts are not recommended.

Google maps will get you there if you search "Bristol Citizens Cemetery." Take Piedmont Avenue north from Euclid Ave. When it makes a sharp right and turns into Valley Drive, there is a small road with a "Dead End" sign. Continue up that road and the cemetery is on the right past the houses. You can park on the left side of the street, but please don't block the driveways. You can also park on up the road next to the cemetery. If you plan to attend, contact the church office.

New Member Small Group

Several folks have expressed an interest in becoming official members of State Street UMC. Pastor Laura and Pastor Steve will be offering a Membership Orientation Conversation on

Sunday, June 8 at 5:00 pm. This will be a chance to ask questions about the church and church membership, get to know some new people and learn from one another's faith experiences. Any interested will go to Bella's for dinner afterwards at 6:00 pm. Please contact Pastor Laura if you have questions or need more information. Her email address is pastorlaura@state-street.org.



F.I.S.H. Club Schedule

F.I.S.H. Club is now on summer break. Our regular schedule will resume at the beginning of the new school year in August.

June Blood Pressure Screenings

June blood pressure screenings will be available on Sunday, June 8th at 9:30am and 12noon in the Parish Nurse office. Screenings will also be available on June 26th at 6:00pm.



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).

Spring Garden Preschool is Hiring!

Please pass along to anyone who might be interested. Spring Garden is based at State Street.

Job Title: Preschool Director

How to apply: Email cover letter and resume to springgardennews1@gmail.com.

Are you called to serve God through early childhood education? Are you excited about the opportunity to provide a safe and engaging environment for young children to learn and grow? Then come join our team! At Spring Garden Preschool, we're looking for an enthusiastic, dedicated, full-time Preschool Director to lead our vibrant community. This position includes managing programs and operations, while ensuring a high standard of care, positive, and safe learning environment for the children and the families.

Dance/Conditioning Class Schedule

The Dance/Conditioning Class resumed on May 1st for 6 weeks. Classes will end on Thursday, 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.



June OAK (Older Adult Kouncil) Outing

The OAK Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Thursday, June 19th at 11:30am. The handicap bus will leave at 11:00 am from the church parking lot. Once again we are blessed to have Sarah & Ray hosting it at their lovely home. This is a covered-dish event with meat & beverages provided. Invite family and friends to join us. Sign up by 6/18 at noon in order to give a close count for the meal. We love trying new /different creations! YUMMY! Contact Patty Kilbreath for further information at 423-646-5577.

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.

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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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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