

STATE STREET *Happenings* United Methodist Church

Your Weekly News & Updates

Get Your Registration in for Mission U at State Street: July 18-19!

Mission U is an annual event sponsored by the Holston Conference United Women in Faith. Each year there is a different study topic. This year's topic is 'Practicing Hope Together'. Bishop Wallace-Padgett will be with us for closing worship on Saturday morning! This is a great opportunity to meet our Bishop if you haven't already. State Street's Praise Band will be providing music for the worship services. The event runs from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm on Friday and 9:00 am to noon on Saturday. Mission U is open to ALL adults (men and women), youth and children. There is also a virtual option. Please register asap in order to reserve your spot. Click on the button below to register online. Mission U brochures are available on the Welcome Table. For more information, contact Cheri Patterson at 423-306-3842.

Mission U Registration

Mission U in Service

All are also invited to participate in the Mission U service opportunity. Items are being collected for distribution by Holston Conference's Disaster Response Teams to support families rebuilding from Hurricane Helene. You can bring any of these items to the church office:

- Laundry Baskets
- Washcloths
- Towels
- Dishtowels
- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener sheets
- Dishwashing liquid
- Spray cleaner with or without bleach
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Inspirational wall plaques

Let's Practice Hope Together! See you there!

New Member Welcome at SSUMC

Welcome to the newest member of our State Street family! Allen Hodges was baptized and became a professing member on July 3 during the Recovery worship service. This is more than just a moment - it's a meaningful step forward on the journey of healing and hope.



Mark Your Calendars! ***Church Picnic and One Worship on July 27th***



Our annual picnic is scheduled for July 27th, immediately following a combined worship service which will be held at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

The picnic follows at around 11:30 am. There will be a large tent on the West Lawn (thanks to the generosity of Communities in Schools). Meat and drink provided. Bring a side dish and/or dessert. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Our One Worship will be informal. Wear your picnic clothes.

Also, the Worship Team is taking suggestions for songs for that day. There's a Suggestion Box on the Welcome Table. Suggestions for both contemporary and traditional welcome.

July 13, 2025 **Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

Steadfast Love **Made Real**

Sermon: "Steadfast Love Made Real: The Great Commandment

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself."

-Luke 10:27



Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Do you like to bring a smile to someone's face? Are you drawn to help those who feel isolated and alone to know they are loved? We have an opportunity for you to serve. State Street's Meals on Wheels program is looking for some more volunteer delivery drivers. Deliveries are

made on every third Thursday of the month starting at 11:00 am. Meals and addresses are provided. Average is usually about 5 deliveries within a concentrated area in the Bristol community. Next delivery is Thursday, July 17. If interested, contact Pat Buckles, our Meals on Wheels Coordinator, at **423-963-4761**.

Back to School Clothing Giveaway – Communities In Schools

Communities In Schools of Appalachian Highlands is providing students an opportunity to participate in a Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway. With the help of local individuals, businesses, groups, and churches, students in need will receive new school clothes for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year.

There are two ways to help:

1. Shop for a Student – Sponsors “adopting” a student, or students, must write their name and information on the sign-out sheet, and pick a preference sheet from the Narthex. The preference sheet will indicate the child’s sizes, style, and color preferences so “adopters” can then shop for the student. Each student should receive the following items: 2 tops; 2 pairs of pants or shorts; 1 pack of socks; and 1 pack of underwear. Please spend approximately \$125 per student. Once the items are purchased, please place them in one large bag and return them back to Josh Bass by August 3, 2025.
2. Sponsor a student by making a monetary donation of \$125 – In addition to students receiving clothes that sponsors have purchased, high school students may have the opportunity to be taken shopping to purchase their own school clothes. This allows us to meet our students' needs, ensuring that they get exactly what they need.. Donations can be made online at <http://cisofah.org/backtoschool/> or by mailing a check.

For any other questions, please contact Josh Bass at josh@state-street.org

Back to Movin' & Groovin' Classes!

Our 4-week class will run through July 17th. Class time runs from 10:30 a.m.– 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Heidi Quick and Beverly Wiginton.



Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Summer Fun!

There are lots of fun dates that everyone can play a part in the CYF Ministry!

- July 20th - The Children will be sponsoring a lemonade stand under the portico for the Isaiah 117 House. All donations will go to this organization to support the Washington County site.
- July 20th - Come make a splash with the CYF Team at Steele Creek at 1:00 p.m.



Youth Group Happenings

- July 13th – Regular Programming at 3pm
- July 20th – CYF Event at Steele Creek at 1pm
- July 27th – Church Picnic at 12pm

July Blood Pressure Screenings

July blood pressure screenings will be available on Sunday, July 13 at 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon in the Parish Nurse Office (Rm. 102). Screenings are also available on Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Nurse Office (Rm. 102).



CORRECTION!

July OAK (Older Adult Kouncil) Lunch Outing

The OAK Group will be traveling to the Hickory Tree Diner in Bluff City on July 24th. We will depart from the Church by way of the handicap accessible bus at 11:00am. If driving meet us at 11:30am. This is true Southern cuisine at a reasonable price. Friends or family are welcome. Call Patty Kilbreath for further information at: 423-646-5577.

Community School Prayer Walk

On Sunday, August 3 at 4:00 p.m. SSUMC will partner with our greater Bristol TN/VA United Methodist Churches to pray over at local schools! Groups from each church will gather at various Bristol area schools to lift up the students, teachers, and staff in prayer as they begin a new school year in a moment of simultaneous time of prayer. If you would like to participate, or are willing to lead a prayer group (prayer & liturgy will be provided) at a specific school, please contact Pastor Laura or Pastor Steve.

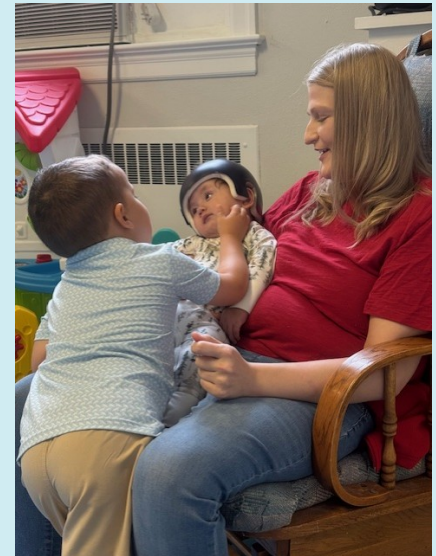


Join Our Nursery Team!

Our nursery volunteers are a vital part of our church family, creating a loving, safe, and welcoming space for our youngest members each week. Their care allows parents to fully participate in worship, knowing their children are well cared for.

We currently have an average of 6 children that hang out in the nursery every week! We're currently looking for more helping hands to join this joyful and rewarding ministry. Whether you can serve once a month or more regularly, your presence makes a big difference! If you love little ones and want to help plant seeds of faith, we'd love to have you on the team.

Contact Joshua Bass at josh@state-street.org to learn more or sign up.



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).

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.



Beyond Worship

This Sunday afternoon Small Group with Pastor Laura and Pastor Steve is taking a break for the summer. Beyond Worship will resume in the Fall.



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.



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**

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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