

STATE STREET *Happenings*

United Methodist Church

Your Weekly News & Updates

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. There will be lemonade and refreshments available. This will be offered during all three services. All donations will go to this organization to support the Washington County site. If you are writing a check, please make it out to State Street UMC and designate it to Isaiah 117 House.
- July 20th - Come make a splash with the CYF Team at Steele Creek! Children, Youth and Family team will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the back parking lot. Then, we will head over to the Splash Pad. For more information or questions, contact Josh Bass at: josh@state-street.org.

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.



Welcome!



Communities In Schools®

Appalachian Highlands

State Street Offers Hospitality to Communities in Schools of Appalachian Highlands

State Street is the site host next week: July 21-25, for the Back to School Summit for Communities in Schools of Appalachian Highlands. Communities in Schools is a national network of on site resource specialists who work to address children's unmet needs and provide the one-on-one support in keeping kids in school and helping them succeed in life. Workshops have included topics like: Mental Health De-escalation, School Support Teams, Family Engagement Best Practices, Accessing Mental Health Resources and Trauma Informed Care. In gratitude for State Street's generosity in sharing our space, Communities in Schools has provided stipends for the staff who have been working extra hours, making a donation to the church and also are paying to keep the tent they have been using up for Sunday's Church Picnic. Our own Alex Littleton and Becky Littleton are part of the Communities in Schools staff. Good work, State Street. You are modeling generosity by sharing space for the benefit of the community.

July 20, 2025
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Steadfast Love Made Real

Sermon: "Steadfast Love Made Real: The Distraction of Many Tasks"

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Theme: "But the Lord answered her, "Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed-indeed only one."

-Luke 10:41-42



Sunday, July 20th - Lunch at Perkin's Restaurant Following 11:00 a.m. service

This Sunday, July 20th, immediately following our 11 AM service, we will have our 3rd Sunday Church Member & Guest Lunch at Perkin's Restaurant at 102 Bristol View Drive, Bristol, VA (Exit 7). If you know you can come on Sunday, July 20th, please text or email David so he will have an idea of our group size for reservation purposes. If you have not made a reservation but find that you can come at the last minute, please come on. We will have room. David's cell number is (423) 646-6599. Either calls or texts are fine. Or you can email him at DavidLuther77@embarqmail.com.

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

Movin' & Groovin' Classes are Taking a Break!

Our 4-week class will end tomorrow, Thursday, 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. Classes will resume at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 4th.



Youth Group Happenings

- July 20th: CYF Event at Steele Creek at 1pm
- July 27th: Church Picnic at 11:30 a.m.
- August 3rd: Regular programming as well as participating in the Community School Prayer Walk
- August 9: Attending Tweetsie Trail Jams
- August 10: On break
- August 17: Regular Programming
- August 24: Regular Programming
- August 31: Group Fellowship

July Blood Pressure Screenings

July blood pressure screenings will be available on Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Nurse Office (Rm. 102).



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 3rd, SSUMC will partner with our greater Bristol TN/VA United Methodist Churches to pray over our local schools! Prayer groups will meet at 4:00 p.m. at First UMC for a short sending forth service. Groups from each church will then travel to various Bristol area schools to lift up the students, teachers, and staff in prayer as they begin a new school year. 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. A sign-up sheet is available on the Welcome Table.



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***



midweek prayer

WEDNESDAYS

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

Visit our YouTube Channel



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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

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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.***

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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