

STATE STREET *Happenings* United Methodist Church

Your Weekly News & Updates

This Sunday - September 21!
One Worship at 10am in the Fellowship Hall

Rhythm and Roots Sunday on September 21
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Special Guest: Duty Free Bluegrass Band, a local favorite who are also performing at the Rhythm & Roots music festival. A good opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to church!



***SSUMC's Recovery Band to Play at
Bristol Rhythm and Roots!***

Recovery at Bristol Band Plays at Rhythm and Roots This Sunday!!!!
This Sunday at the Paramount Theater, our own Recovery at Bristol Band will perform at 11 AM at part of Rhythm and Roots. You can go directly from our Combined Worship Service at 10 AM. You will need Rhythm and Roots tickets to get in the area. :

Hospitality Sunday Reminder

Our monthly Hospitality Sunday will be September 21 in conjunction with the combined worship service at 10 AM. If you would like to provide food this month or in future months, please contact Cheri Patterson at cwinepat1@gmail.com

Beyond Worship

The Beyond Worship Group will not meet this Sunday (September 21) due to Rhythm and Roots. It will not meet next Sunday (September 28) due to the Clinch Mountain District Charge Conference that meets at 3 PM. This group will resume on Sunday October 5. If you are not a part of this group, please considering attending on October 5.

September 21
15th Sunday After Pentecost
Rhythm & Roots Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 79:1-9

Sermon: "For the Glory"

Theme: "Worship is not an escape from the world but a place where we are edified and equipped to love as the people of God in the world."



Reflecting on Our Movie Afternoon

What a meaningful time we shared during our Movie Afternoon as we watched *King of Kings*. This powerful portrayal of the life, ministry, and sacrifice of Jesus reminded us of the depth of God's love and the call to follow Him faithfully. Thank you to everyone who joined us — may this experience continue to strengthen our faith and deepen our gratitude for the King of Kings!



New Member Sunday
on September 28

Several folks are scheduled to become official members of State Street on Sunday, September

28. There's room for you! If you are interested or would like to know more about what that means, please reach out to Pastor Laura. Pastor Laura's email address is pastorlaura@state-street.org. Her cell phone is 276 285-7698.

TP Bristol Day

"On **Saturday, October 11th**, the Bristol TN/VA Missional HUB is joining together to give out **toilet paper** to the Rice Terrace community. TP Bristol Day is a beginning to missional days of simply showing the love of Jesus to people within our community.



Instead of bringing rolls of toilet paper, we are asking for **monetary donations**. Our goal is to provide a package containing 12 rolls of toilet paper per household at an average cost of \$10 per pack. To do this we need to raise at least \$2500. Your gifts will allow us to purchase toilet paper in bulk!

Toilet paper may seem small, but it meets a very real need. Let's work together to stack the rolls high and bless our community with this practical gift of love!"

To contribute, you can make a gift to State Street UMC designated "TP Bristol Day".

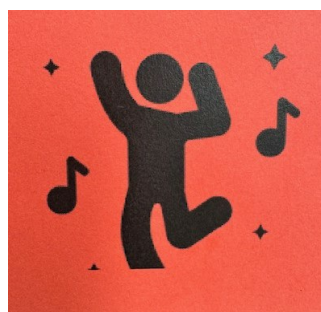
Give Online Through State Street Giving Portal

Thank You to Jonna and Welcome to Mandi!

The 9:01 Praise Band is going through a transition in worship leaders. Jonna Pickard requested to step down after many years of faithful service. Jonna has started a new job in the Education Department at East Tennessee State University and is also active with the Jonesborough Repertory Theatre. We will certainly miss Jonna's presence. But we are blessed that Mandi Regin, a student at Virginia High School, has joined the Praise Band as a worship leader. Mandi has already been singing with the chancel choir for the 11:00 service and is excited to offer her talents as part of the 9:01 Contemporary Service as well.

Read Together/Devotional

During Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett's visit last Sunday, she mentioned the Holston Conference "Read Together" initiative. Daily Bible readings are provided and, in the course of a year, the entire Bible is covered. For more information, and to participate, go to www.holston.org/readtogether.



Movin' & Groovin' Classes

Since this past spring SSUMC has offered a "Move 'n' Groove" class for seniors on Thursday mornings from 10:30am-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The classes run for six weeks. The movements can always be modified to adapt to your ability or any pre-existing condition....the music ranges from easy-listening to country to golden oldies....and most importantly we all have a great time! The class is facilitated by Heidi Quick (Heidikquick@gmail.com) and Beverly Wiginton (Beverlycwiginton@gmail.com). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact either via email. The next session is on **Thursday**.

F.I.S.H. Club News

Do you have a heart for kids and youth? Have you felt called to serve in Children and Youth Ministry?

F.I.S.H. (Faithful In Serving Him) Club is an outreach ministry where we provide transportation to the church for children and youth in our area. Participants receive dinner and enjoy activities/discussions designed to explore God's love, Christian character, and promote fellowship.

F.I.S.H. Club meets on Tuesday evenings at 6pm.

This year, our focus will be on Big Bad Bible Bullies with the theme verse being, "Love God! Love People!" from Matthew 22:37-39.

We are NEEDING volunteers who are willing to have fun and show God's love through actions and words. Click on the button below to see opportunities.



Volunteer Opportunities

Open Door Class to Serve VHS Athletes

The Open Door Sunday School Class will provide the pre-game meal for the Virginia High Football Team and Cheerleaders on **Friday, October 3rd**. Persons wishing to assist are asked to give financial donations to Greg Cochran or Butch Flannagan.



September Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood pressure screenings will be offered on **Thursday, September 7** at 6pm in the Parish Nurse Office (Rm 102).

Youth Group Happenings

- **September 21**: Fellowship outing at 3:00pm.
- **September 28**: Regular programming at 3:00pm.



September OAK (Older Adult Council) Lunch Outing



The OAK group is making a trip to Chilhowie for lunch at the Riverfront Café on **Thursday, September 25th**. The handicap bus will leave at 11:00am. We've been told the food is terrific!. Please sign up by Sept 24th at noon on the clip board on the Welcome table on Sundays or the Bulletin board next to the Parish Nurse office (Rm 102) Feel free to bring

Children, Youth & Family Ministries: Upcoming Events!

The Children, Youth, and Family Team has an exciting season ahead — and we can't wait to share it with you! Whether it's faith formation, fun outings, or family connection, there's something for everyone.

- Movie Time - **Sunday, September 14th at 1:30pm**
- Bingo NIGHT - **Sunday, October 12th at 4-6pm**
- Trunk-or-Treat - **Tuesday, October 28th**
- Waffle Bar - **Sunday, November 9th at 10am**
- Movie Night/Tree Lighting - **Sunday, November 23rd at 10am**
- Speedway in Lights - **Sunday, December 7th at 5:00pm**

We believe growing in faith is something we do *together*. These events are designed to nurture relationships, deepen discipleship, and create lasting memories.

Questions? Contact Josh Bass at: josh@state-street.org - we'd love to help you get plugged in.

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).

Looking for a Place to Serve?

Recovery at Bristol needs your help. We have lost some of our key volunteers and are in need of folks willing to help with meal set-up, clean-up, and being Christ's presence to our guests. If you are interested come join us at 6 PM each Thursday and see how Christ is at work each week here at SSUMC. You can also see Pastor Steve or Josh.



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.

Visit our YouTube
Channel

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.

Psalm 14: A Prayer of Lament, and Faith

On Sunday September 14 using Psalm 14 as our guide, we joined in the Bible-based practice of lament. The lament voiced our concern about the violence we see in our own country and around the world, we lamented the oppression of the poor and others in our society. We lamented the rhetoric that divides us and has made conversation about the grace of God expressed in the Psalm harder and harder to share with one another. We lamented the self-focus in our world that God described in the Psalm. The lament closed with the plea Come, Lord Jesus, Come sung by Mandi Regin. We offer this reflection as an opportunity to continue to turn to God in the midst of our grief, anger and confusion. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

-Pastors Laura Rasor and Steve Patterson, State Street United Methodist Church

Click the button below to see A Prayer of Lament, and Faith.

View Prayer Here



Sunday Worship In-Person & Online

Sunday, September 21 there will be one Worship

at 10am in the Fellowship Hall
Regular Schedule Resumes on September 28

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.



To Make a Gift Online

This QR Code goes directly to the giving page on our website.



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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