

# STATE STREET *Happenings* United Methodist Church

## Your Weekly News & Updates



### ***TP Day Volunteers Needed!***

Distribution of 250 free 6-roll packages of toilet paper to all of the residents of Rice Terrace is taking place this **Saturday, October 11**. Volunteers will gather at Reynolds United Methodist Church on Mary Street at 10 am for a brief Sending Forth. This mission outreach involves all of the United Methodist Churches in Bristol TN and VA. The more the merrier. With many hands, we should be finished in an hour. The hope is that this is the start of many opportunities to Love Like Jesus as United Methodists Together. Free t-shirt for those who serve Saturday!



### ***BINGO Night***

***Sunday, October 12th – starting at 4:00pm***

Join the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry for an unforgettable evening of excitement, fellowship, and competition at Bingo Night! Get your dabbers ready and mark your calendars for an evening filled with

anticipation and fun!

If you would like, please bring your favorite appetizer or snack to share with others!

For more information, please contact Josh Bass at:  
[josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org)



PRIZES | SNACKS | FUN

Sunday, October 12th at 4PM  
in the Fellowship Hall



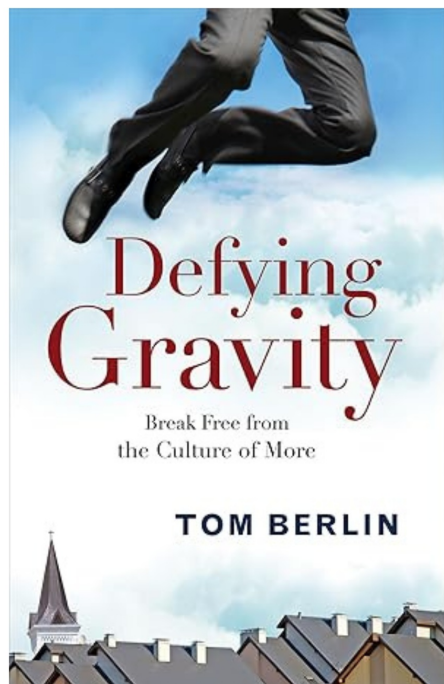
### *Open Door Class Hosts VHS Bearcats*

We want to thank the Open Door Class for providing the pre-game meal for the Virginia High Bearcats Football team and cheerleaders on Friday, October 4. We fed a total of 94 person.



Sunday, October 12, 2025  
18th Sunday After Pentecost





**Scripture:** I Timothy 6:3-10

*"The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal."*

*– I Timothy 6:10*

**Title:** "Financial Gravity"

*"When financial gravity happens, the bulk of our energy is spent navigating the material world. In extreme cases, we lose our freedom."*

*- Rev. Tom Berlin*

### ***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 class is facilitated by Heidi Quick and Beverly Wiginton . If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact either via email at [Heidikquick@gmail.com](mailto:Heidikquick@gmail.com) or, [Beverlycwiginton@gmail.com](mailto:Beverlycwiginton@gmail.com). The next session is on **Thursday, October 9th**. We hope you will consider joining us!!

### ***Apple Butter – Made with Love***

Our friends at Three Springs had a fantastic turnout for their annual Apple Butter event! From early morning stirring to the final jar sealing, it was a joyful day filled with fellowship and laughter! We celebrate their hard work and dedication in keeping this sweet tradition alive. Jars of their famous apple butter are now available for just **\$7 each!** Available on the Welcome Table and in the Church Office.



***Success for Our Recovery Band!***

What an amazing afternoon for *Our Recovery Band* at the **Rhythm and Roots Concert**! Their heartfelt performance filled the air with joy, hope, and good music that had everyone smiling! We're so proud of this group and how they share God's message of recovery and renewal through every song!!

If you missed it—or just want to relive the moment—you can catch their performance on YouTube by clicking on the button below.

Be sure to like, share, and show your support for this incredible ministry that continues to touch hearts both on stage and beyond!

### Recovery Band Concert

### ***October is Pastor Appreciation Month!***

October is set aside for Pastor Appreciation Month. This serves as a reminder that pastors are more than spiritual leaders; they are pillars of strength, wisdom, and compassion within their communities, deserving of heartfelt gratitude and recognition for their selfless service. Pastor Laura and Pastor Steve are amongst the unsung heroes of State Street and continue to give invaluable contributions to the congregation and community that extends beyond the pulpit. And Pastor Ray shares his energy and heart in many ways, even in retirement. Please take a moment this month and show your appreciation to our wonderful pastors while also praying for their continued faithful service to State Street and their ministry as a whole.



**Rev. Laura Rasor**  
Lead Pastor



**Rev. Steve Patterson**  
Associate Pastor



**Rev. Ray Smith**

### ***Women's Morning Circle***

Women's Morning Circle on **Tuesday, October 14th** in the Church Parlor from 10:30 am till 12noon. A luncheon with a cost of \$5.00 will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Our Bible Study leader, Sarah Smith, will introduce the upcoming study "The Message of Jesus" by Adam Hamilton. Mark your calendars for **Women's Morning Circle** on **Tuesday, October 14th**. All ladies are welcome, and we hope to see you there.

### ***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.

- 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 4pm**
- 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](mailto:josh@state-street.org) - we'd love to help you get plugged in.



### ***Bristol Together in Worship***

Bristol faith communities are gathering to worship together. The first gathering is scheduled for **Sunday, October 19 at 6:00 pm** at **First Presbyterian Church, 701 Florida Avenue, Bristol, TN**. **Featured preacher is Reverend Dwayne Mabry from Lee Street Baptist Church in Bristol, VA**. **A free-will offering will be taken to support Family Promise, Bristol**. Light refreshments will follow. The quarterly worship will rotate among participating faith communities and preaching leadership will also be shared among participating pastors. Music is provided by the

host congregation. Each worship will also feature a different local ministry that serves those in need. Current participating congregations include Central Presbyterian, Emmanuel Episcopal, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Hood Memorial AME Zion, Lee Street Baptist, Redeemer Lutheran, and State Street United Methodist. All are welcome!

### **OAK (Older Adult Kouncil) is on the road again!!**

We will be Traveling to The Kitchen at Grace Meadow Farms in Jonesborough on October 23rd at 3:00pm. This is family-style eating at it's best. Please, sign up by noon on the 22nd on the welcome table on Sundays or the bulletin board outside the Parish Nurse office (Rm 102). Call Patty Kilbreath @ 423-646-5577 for further information.



### ***Community Hymn Sing Festival Sunday, October 26th at 3pm***

Join a variety of Community choirs on **Sunday, October 26th, at 3:00 p.m.**, for an evening of joyful singing as we raise support for Isaiah 117 House, a ministry providing safe, loving care for children entering foster care. Come lift your voice, celebrate community, and give hope through song!

### ***Trunk or Treat Tuesday, October 28th starting at 6:30pm***

Children, Youth, and Families are invited to our annual Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot! Come dressed up in your best Halloween costume and be ready to have lots of fun! There will be dinner served, along with lots of fun games to play!

**Candy Donation:** If you would like to donate candy to the Trunk-or-Treat, we will be accepting bags of pre-wrapped Halloween candy in the Narthex, starting **October 5th!**

**Trunk Decorators:** If you would like to decorate a trunk



and distribute candy, please let Josh know by **October 26th!** Volunteers are asked to have their car parked and ready by 6:20pm, but can start decorating at 5:30pm! **For more information, please contact Josh Bass at: [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org)**



***Click on the flyer to learn more!***

### ***Men's Prayer Breakfast***

Thanks to all the men who attended the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, October 7th. There were 23 in attendance.



### ***Youth Group Happenings***

- **Sunday, October 12:** Youth will join CYF team for BINGO Night at 4:00pm.
- **Sunday, October 19:** No Programming
- **Sunday, October 26:** No Programming

### ***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 is 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**



### ***October Blood Pressure Screenings***

Blood pressure screenings will be offered on Sunday, October 12th at 9:30am and 12:00pm in the Parish Nurse Office (Rm. 102). Screenings will also be available on Thursday, October 23rd at 6pm in the Parish Nurse Office (Rm 102).

### ***Club 52***

**Club 52 is an opportunity to invest in the spiritual development of the Youth of State Street United Methodist Church!**

The pledge is for only \$1 a week for the next year (that's a total commitment of \$52)! Please consider becoming a member of Club 52 and supporting the future of youth ministry. To make a pledge, you can give by check or online by indicating "Club 52" with your payment. For any other questions, please contact Josh Bass at: [josh@state-street.org](mailto:josh@state-street.org).



### ***Beyond Worship***

Every Sunday at 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor, a small group gathers to share their journey of faith together. Pastor Steve and Pastor Laura are often present. All questions are welcome.

### ***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).



### ***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



### ***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.*

### ***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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