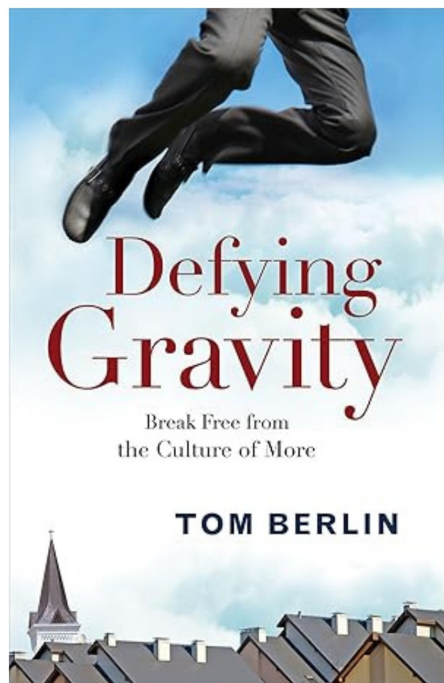


STATE STREET *Happenings* United Methodist Church

Heat is Back On at the Church!

The boiler repair is now complete and the heat in the church building is currently functioning. Thanks to everyone for your patience and positive spirit. You practiced hospitality on Sunday with warm hearts and shared blankets.

Your Weekly News & Updates



Sunday, November 2, 2025
21st Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints' Celebration
Communion Sunday

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

"There is still a vision for the appointed time; it testifies to the end; it does not deceive. If it delays, wait for it; for it is surely coming; it will not be late." -Habakkuk 2:3

Sermon: "For All the Saints: Stewards of Faith"

All Saints' Celebration

This Sunday we will be remembering and honoring all those who have died in the past year. We will lift up the 21 names of church family members as well as provide an opportunity for each of us to add our own remembrances. The time of remembrance is taking place in all 3 services.

Gravitational Witness

Each Sunday as part of this sermon series, we will hear testimonies and stories from folks in the church and their reflections on the "pull" of God on their lives. This past Sunday our speaker was Mary Darcy. Click the button below to watch the video.

[Watch Video Here](#)

Communion Sunday

It is a tradition at State Street to support food pantries and other emergency service programs on Communion Sundays. All of our local pantries have shared that the number of people seeking food assistance has been rapidly increasing. As you grocery shop this week, pick up a few extra things and bring them to the church this Sunday. They will be delivered to the Emergency Food Pantry. Here are some helpful tips:

- Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
- Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
- Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
- They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
- Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
- Sugar and flour are treats.
- They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
- They rarely get fresh meat.
- Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
- Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
- They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
- Butter or margarine is nice too.
- Eggs are a real commodity.
- Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
- Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
- Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
- Don't forget toilet paper. Imagine having to live without it.

State Street is Updating Their Records!

This Sunday, November 2nd, our Office Administrator, Betty Fitton, will be available after each of our Sunday services to update/correct any contact details we have on file for you. If your name, address, phone number, or email addresses need changing, please stop by and update your information.

"Table" or Treat Success!





Thank you to everyone who came out and made our "Table"-or-Treat such a fun and festive evening! Even though the weather moved us indoors, the smiles, costumes, and creativity shone brighter than ever. We're so grateful for all our volunteers and families, and who helped make the night a huge success. What a wonderful reminder of the joy and warmth of our church community!

If you would like to see pictures from the evening, please click the following link:

**Photos from "Table" or
Treat**



Hymn Sing Festival was a Success!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Hymn Sing Festival! It was a beautiful evening filled with music, fellowship, and community spirit. Through your generosity, we raised \$1611 to support Isaiah 117 House, helping provide comfort and care to children in need.

If you missed the event or want to relive the music, you can click on the button to watch it below.

Hymn Sing Festival

We're so grateful for everyone who sang, attended, and gave so generously — thank you for making this year another wonderful success!



OAK (Older Adult Kouncil) at Grace Meadows Farms

The OAK group had a marvelous dinner at the Grace Meadows Farms on Oct 23rd. The 22 members had numerous entrees & sides made to perfection. We'll be back!!



Movin' & Groovin' Classes to Resume Thursday, October 30!

Move 'n' Groove classes are back! The next session will resume on **Thursday, October 30** and run through **Thursday, December 11**. (Note: The class will NOT meet on Thanksgiving morning.) If you have any questions, contact Beverly Wiginton (Beverlycwiginton@gmail.com) or Heidi Quick (Heidikquick@gmail.com). Join us and have a great



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

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.

- Waffle Bar - **Sunday, November 9th at 10am**
- Pins & Friends w/Bristol TN/VA UM Churches - **Sunday, November 16 at 5pm**
- 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 - 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.



midweek prayer

WEDNESDAYS

Youth Group Happenings



- **Sunday, November 2:** Regular Programming 3pm
- **Sunday, November 9:** Fellowship Event at 3pm
- **Sunday, November 16:** Pins & Friends w/Bristol TN/VA UM Churches at 5pm
- **Sunday, November 23:** Movie afternoon and tree lighting at 4pm
- **Sunday, November 30:** No programming

November Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on Tuesday, November 4th at 8:30 a.m. We serve the best \$5.00 breakfast in Bristol. Butch Flannagan will speak about his recent trip to Ireland.

November OAK (Older Adult Kouncil) Luncheon

The OAK group will have a lunch at 620 State on November 20th. The bus will leave at 11:00am from the church. You may meet us there at 11:30am. Please, indicate if you are driving or riding the bus. They have many varieties of food, including Asian & Americana. Friends & family are always welcome. Sign up by Nov 19th at noon. The sign up is at the welcome table on Sundays or other times on the bulletin board outside the Parish Nurse Office. Call Patty Kilbreath for further information at: 423-646-5577.



November Blood pressure screenings

Blood Pressure Screenings will be available on Sunday, Nov 9th at 9:30 am and 12:00pm in the Parish Nurse Office (Rm 102). Screenings will also be available on Thursday, Nov 20th at 6:00pm 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.





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



Recovery at Bristol Thursdays 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**

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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