



Happenings

Your Weekly News & Updates

January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:10-18

"Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose."

- I Corinthians 1:10

Sermon: "Knit Together"

Resurrection 2026 - January 23rd - 25th

Resurrection 2026 is on its way! The Youth of State Street and Three Springs are really excited!! Resurrection is an awesome annual event of worship and spiritual growth for youth and youth mentors. It takes place each year in Pigeon Forge, TN. If you would like to sponsor a child, please give \$100 (if you are writing a check, please put "Resurrection" in the memo).

Those attending from State Street and Three Springs include:

Pastor Steve
Josh
Mary
Mark
Kathy
Angie
Miranda
Mark

Braylen
Chris
Xander
T-Lia
Addison
Daniya
*Bre
*Laniya

F.I.S.H. Club News and Opportunities

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F.I.S.H. (Faithful In Serving Him) Club meets on Tuesdays at 6-7pm, during the school year. It 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.

This spring, F.I.S.H. Club will explore Bullies of the Bible, helping children learn how faith, courage, and God's love guide us in standing up to fear, pride, and misuse of power. Through stories like Herod and the Wise Men, Moses and Pharaoh, and Saul Becomes Paul, kids will discover both the harm bullying causes and the hope of God's transforming grace—especially during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

- January 27th - Herod and the Wise Men: Regular Programming
- February 3rd - Herod and the Wise Men: Regular Programming
- February 10th - Herod and the Wise Men: Regular Programming
- February 17th - Volunteer Night



Click the buttons below to see Volunteer Opportunities and the entire Spring Schedule.

F.I.S.H. Club Schedule and Volunteer Opportunities

Souper Bowl Sunday

Join us on Sunday, February 8, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for a warm and welcoming time of fellowship as we gather around the table to share soup and sandwiches. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert—or simply come ready to enjoy a meal and good company. As part of this tradition, we will receive a Souper Bowl offering to support the meals served through FISH Club, our Tuesday night children and youth ministry. Together, we can turn an ordinary Sunday into an opportunity to show God's love in practical and meaningful ways. Come hungry—for soup, for fellowship, and for the chance to make a difference.

A Chance to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus with the Unhoused

There are two opportunities coming soon to learn more about ways you can offer support to our neighbors who have no home. **A Warming Shelter Planning Exercise** is scheduled for Thursday, January 22 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (lunch provided) at the Sullivan County Regional Health Department, 154 Blountville Bypass, Blountville, TN. Email mbelcher@sullivanhealth.org to register.

Family Promise/APlace To Be is offering a volunteer recruitment training on Friday, January 23 from 2 to 4 pm at The Summit Companies, 1227 Volunteer Parkway in Bristol, TN. Email info@familypromiseofbristol.org to register.

Move 'n' Groove Returns

Move 'n' Groove returns on **Thursday, February 5** and will run for its first 6-week session of the new year through **Thursday, March 12**. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at **10:30am** for our 1-hour class. Dress comfortably and wear sneakers/tennis shoes. We warm up in the chairs with stretching, move on to dancing in the chairs, floor moves, focus areas work, line dances, and finish with some seated cool-down moves. Music ranges from golden oldies, country hits, R & B, etc. to music suggested by the members. As long as the song has a beat, we can move to it! Move 'n' Groove is an opportunity to have a great time of fun and fellowship while also reaping the cognitive, social/emotional, and physical benefits that occur while we Move 'n' Groove! Ask someone you know who is already attending, they are the ones who can tell you what we do! If you have any other questions, please contact Beverly Wiginton by phone (423.741.0145) or email (beverlycwiginton@gmail.com).

NOTE: Regarding inclement weather changes during these winter months, Move 'n' Groove classes will follow the same schedule as the Bristol, VA City Schools' decision. Announcements are made on WCYB.

Hospice House "Church of the Month"

HEADS UP for the Hospice House " Church of the Month". Once again, we will adopt the Hospice House for March. On Feb 8th and 15th we will distribute zip bags for filling up with needed items for the home-bound hospice folks. Also, we'll need individuals or teams to provide meals, restock the kitchen, and/or share the gift of music. Please, Contact Patty Kilbreath for further information at: 423-646-5577.



Recovery at Bristol News

Recovery at Bristol meets each week on Thursdays. Dinner at 6.15pm, worship at 7.00pm, small groups to follow. Transportation and child care provided by request. Contact Pastor Steve. Recovery offers an additional worship opportunity each week. Recovery at Bristol is a place you can come and help in many ways to show the love of God to people trying to change their lives. Come at 6:00pm. Have a meal. Look around. God may have something special in mind for you.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood pressure screenings will be available on **Thursday, January 22** at 6:00pm in the Parish Nurse Office (Rm. 102)

January OAK (Older Adult Kouncil) Luncheon

The OAK group will be having our monthly lunch at "Mas Tequila" Mexican Restaurant on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026 at 11:30am. We will meet there for some very special authentic Mexican food. Please join us there across from the Bristol, VA Library. Bring family and/or friends to enjoy good food and conversation. Call Patty Kilbreath at: 423-646-5577 for further information.

Guided Valentine's Day Painting Project

Back by popular demand! Shannon Love is offering another Guided Painting Project just in time for Valentine's Day. The group will meet on Monday, February 2nd from 5:30-7:00pm in Room 115. Cost is \$5 to cover the supplies. Sign up by calling or texting Shannon at 423 646-1077. Limited to 12 persons so sign up asap to reserve your spot.



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.

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STATE STREET ONLINE



**9:01 and 11:00 Services Livestreaming on State Street's 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*

**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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