

Your Weekly News & Updates

Holy Week and Easter Highlights

State Street was filled with meaningful worship as we moved with Jesus through his last days – from the Last Supper to the Cross – and then celebrated a resurrection faith as one church family on Easter Sunday! Attendance at Thursday’s “Living Last Supper” was 123 in person and at least 50 connecting online. Attendance at the Good Friday Requiem was 118 in person with at least 53 connecting online. Attendance at the Easter Sunrise Service at Three Springs (held insidedue to rain) was 36. Attendance at the One Worship Easter Celebration was 206 in person with at least 36 connecting online. As Pastor Laura remarked on Easter Sunday, “Ya’ll come back now, you hear!”

Enjoy this Holy Week collage of photos and highlights.

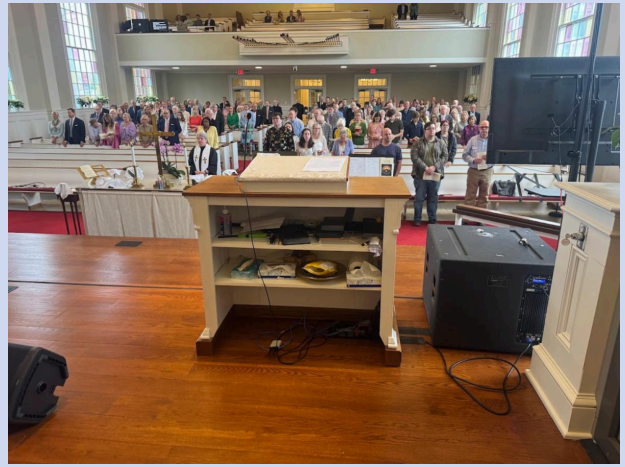


Our Church Office Administrator, Betty Fitton, is surrounded by bulletins.

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Please click the button to get an up close look at a few of the Holy Week logistics







Worship Series Through April 12

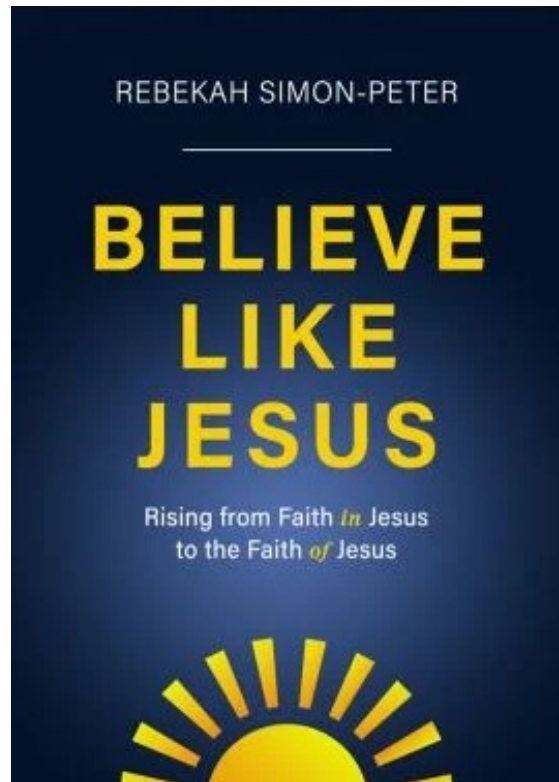
April 12, 2026
1st Sunday After Easter

Sermon: "The Five A's of Apostleship"

Scripture: Mark 6:7-13

"As you practice believing in new ways, with increased faith, together with God, you transform from someone who simply carries these beliefs around in their head as intellectual principles to someone who lives their heart and soul until they become part of your consciousness. And they are transmitted to others in the way you live, love, and lead."

- *Rev. Rebekah Simon-Peter*



Wednesday Prayer Gathering

Do you feel overwhelmed by events in the world or in your own life? Could you use a spiritual reset in the middle of the week? Wednesday Prayer Gathering is a focused time of prayer and reflection. Led by Pastor Laura or one of our other pastors/staff, we sing, reflect on a Psalm for the Week, and lift up prayers for those in our church family and around the world. **We meet in the Chapel each Wednesday from 12:00 to 12:30 pm.** All are welcome! If you are unable to attend in person, Pastor Laura can email you a copy of the liturgy so you can pray in your own space and time. Email her at pastorlaura@state-street.org for more information.

Move 'n' Groove Class Returns!

Move 'n' Groove classes have returned! This session will run through **Thursday, May 7th!** Classes meet on Thursday mornings at 10:30am for our 1-hour class. Dress comfortably

and wear sneakers/tennis shoes. If you have any other questions, please contact Beverly Wiginton by phone (423.741.0145) or email (beverlycwiginton@gmail.com).

Women's Morning Circle Meeting

The April meeting of the Women's Morning Circle will meet on **Tuesday, April 14, beginning at 10:30am**. Lunch reservations will need to be given to Juanita Cox via telephone: 276-791-9014 or email Juanitacox26@gmail.com by Friday, April 10th. The cost for lunch is \$5.00. Sarah Smith will be finishing up our study from Adam Hamilton's series "The Message of Jesus."



April Blood Pressure Screenings

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

Spring Garden Preschool (at State Street) is currently enrolling for their upcoming fall program!

Spring Garden is a Christian based preschool that serves ages 6 weeks to 5 years of age. Please call 276-466-8505 or email springgardennews1@gmail.com for more information. As most private preschools in our area, Spring Garden has provided snacks for all children enrolled in their program by purchasing snacks in bulk and serving to the children. In January 2026, new VDH guidelines require any child care facility in Virginia to serve individually packaged snacks when providing snacks for children enrolled in their program. Unfortunately, the increase in providing individually packaged snacks vs snacks in bulk, for 40 plus children is a cost the preschool is unable to absorb and we have had to ask parents to start providing snacks for their children. While most of our families are able to provide these snacks, we would like to keep snacks here at the preschool for times when parents may forget that extra snack or in a time of need when a family may be experiencing a financial hardship. If you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it!! Some ideas of individually packaged snacks are goldfish, cheezits, vanilla wafers, veggie straws, pirate booty, etc. Please contact Michelle Smith for any questions. 276-466-8505 or springgardennews1@gmail.com.

Youth Group Activity

For questions, contact Josh at josh@state-street.org or at: 276-669-2101 (Ext. 125.)

April 12: 2pm: fellowship outing

April 19: 3pm: dinner, fellowship, lesson, and fun

April 26: 3pm: dinner, fellowship, lesson, and fun

May 3: 3pm: dinner, fellowship, lesson, and fun

May 10: No Programming – Mother's Day

May 17: 3pm: dinner, fellowship, lesson, and fun

May 24: 3pm: dinner, fellowship, lesson, and fun

May 31: No Programming – Annual Conference



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

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

- **Tuesday, April 14:** Regular FISH
- **Tuesday, April 21:** Regular FISH
- **Tuesday, April 28:** Regular FISH

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

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

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.



Sunday Worship In-Person & Online



One worship at 10am on Sunday, April 5th for Easter celebration

Regular worship schedule below resumes on Sunday, April 12th.

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

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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.**

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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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