



Happenings

Your Weekly News & Updates

**!!!Remember Easter Celebration is
One Worship at 10:00am!!!
Bring a friend!!!**

Worship Series Through April 12

**April, 5 2026
Easter Sunday
Communion Sunday**

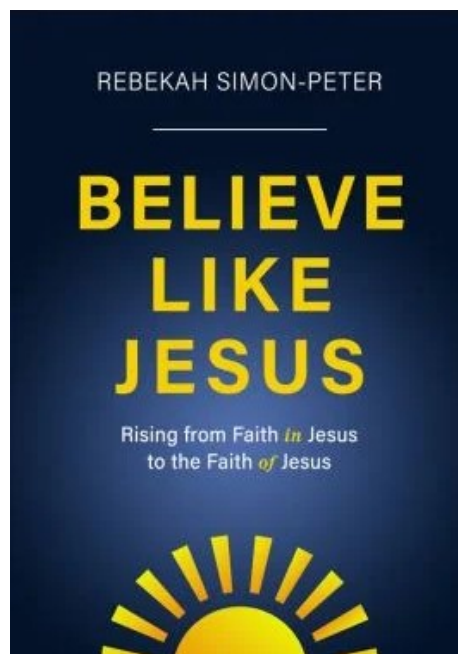
Sermon: "Believe That Resurrection is Real"

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Now is the time to up your faith in a positive future.

Yes, bad things happen. Jesus is tried and, in a parody of justice, crucified. But he is also resurrected. What opens more possibilities for us than that? The Lord is risen. Worldly powers do not have the final say.

- Rev. Rebekah Simon-Peter



Holy Week

+Thursday, April 2 Holy Thursday (From the Last Supper to the Cross)

6:00 pm Traditional Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Worship at Three Springs UMC, 6610 Reedy Creek Rd.

6:00 pm Recovery Fellowship Dinner

7:00 pm "The Living Last Supper: A Dramatic Musical Experience for Holy Week" offered by chancel choir and readers. State Street UMC



+Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm Good Friday Requiem

"Lux Aerterna by Morten Lauridsen" featuring chancel choir, community choir and orchestra.

+Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday

7:30 am Easter Sunrise with Breakfast at Three Springs UMC, 6610 Reedy Creek Rd.

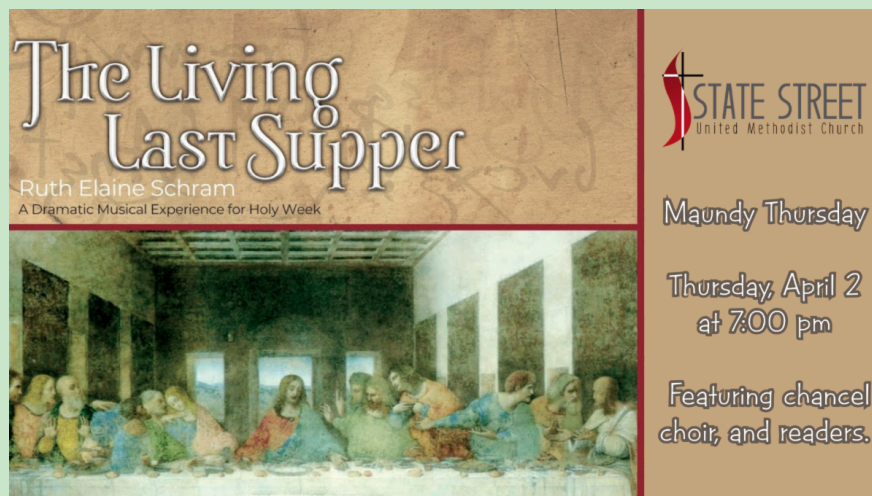
**10:00 am One Worship at State Street featuring
Praise Band and chancel choir**

11:00 am Easter Celebration at Three Springs UMC



Maundy Thursday Pot Luck

Each year church members are invited to share a meal with our Recovery Community before the Maundy Thursday service. This year we will gather on **Thursday, April 2 at 6 PM**. The church is providing meat and drinks. You are asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert. This is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship before we worship together at 7 PM. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Steve or Josh Bass.



The Living Last Supper

The Living Last Supper: A Dramatic Musical Experience for Holy Week" will be performed here on **Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, at 7:00pm**, in the Sanctuary. The production will feature the chancel choir, and readers.

Cast members are:

- Table Preparer No. 1: Nancy Arnold
- Table Preparer No. 2: Susan Murray
- Jesus Christ: Juan Higueta (the husband of our pianist, Victoria Keller)
- Simon Peter: Pete Buhls
- Andrew: Derek Evans
- James the Lesser: Doug Murray
- James the son of Zebedee: Josh Bass
- Matthew: Sid Oakley
- Simon the Zealot: Johnny Thompson
- Bartholomew: Greg Cochran
- Phillip: Ray Feagins
- Thaddaeus: Tom Fowlkes
- John: Klyne Lauderback
- Thomas: Randall Egan
- Judas Iscariot: Barry Hopper

Our choir will be singing and the service will end with Holy Communion being served.

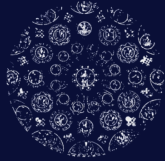


Morten Lauridsen
LUX AETERNA

Good Friday
Requiem

Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm

Featuring chancel choir,
community choir, and
orchestra.



Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna

Join us on **Good Friday, April 3rd, at 7:00 pm**, for Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna, featuring our chancel choir, community choir and orchestra.



Easter Sunrise Service - April 5

Three Springs UMC

7:30am With Breakfast

6610 Reedy Creek Road



Easter Celebration

Sunday - April 5

One Worship at 10 am

Final update from the Hospice House Church of the Month

We have an outstanding & generous church family. We have given amazing love to the patients and families cared for at the Hospice House throughout the month. All were grateful for our promotion. 21 meals, 2 music presentations, 2 stockings of the kitchen, and 72 gift bags for the home hospice patients were provided. Kudos to all the folks who made all of this possible. May God be honored in the love you shared. Thank you.

Move 'n' Groove Class Returns!

Move 'n' Groove classes will resume on **Thursday, April 2nd**, and run through **May 7th**! The **first class will on April 2**, will take place in **Room 115**!



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.)



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 7:** Regular FISH
- **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

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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