



# State Street United Methodist Church

## E-Newsletter

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### Greetings!

There is alot going on here at SSUMC. This newsletter is designed to keep you up-to-date as things change on our schedule during the month.

Please note some special items we wish to share with you.

We have a newly arrived bundle of joy! Greg, Sharon and Shelley Wright have a new addition to the family. Baby Shane arrived early Tuesday, February 16th. He weighs 7 lbs. and is 19 1/2 inches long. Sharon will be on maternity leave for 12 weeks, ending on May 16. Just a reminder that during this time she will not be available for any pastoral duties; however, they would welcome your calls, visits, and cards. They are anxious for all of you to meet him.

Mark the Date: There will be two informational meetings to take questions and learn about the proposed renovation of the sanctuary as the Board of Trustees looks into this possibility. On Sundays, March 7th and 28th, directly after 11:00 worship, we will provide lunch and R. L. Light will provide information and drawings showing the proposed changes. Please call the church to reserve your spot for March 7th by Friday, March 5th. For the lunch on the 28th, you will need to call by Friday, March 26th.

Church of the Month for Hospice House - Our church is volunteering in March for our friends and neighbors at Hospice House. We will adopt them in order to help them meet the special needs of their patients and families. Numerous volunteers are needed in many areas. As March is coming quickly, please share your talents and gifts by signing up now. Look for the sign-up forms at the welcome center or in Sunday School classes. Let's do better than last year! Please call Patty Kilbreath to sign up for preparing meals, filling take home gift bags, music ministry and more. Patty can be reached at 423-646-5577.

Please call the church for more information on any of the activities you may be interested in.

### Classes Available Now

The Season of Lent-Wednesday Evening Lenten Study-"**24 Hours that Changed the World**" by Adam Hamilton. This includes a book and video. The cost is \$14.00. There is also a daily devotional book for the 40 days of Lent, which may be purchased for an additional \$8.00. Classes will meet February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fidelis Classroom.

Sunday Sermon Series- "**24 Hours that Changed the World**" Although the sermon series has the same title as the Lenten study book by Adam Hamilton, the sermon series will come at topics from a different perspective. These messages will also be presented by different persons during the Lenten Season.

Youth book study-"**Guys Are Waffles, Girls Are Spaghetti**" by Chad Eastham. The cost of the book is \$10 and the group will meet on Fridays at 4:00 p.m. or Sundays at 5:00 p.m. The study will start on Friday, March 5th. Please see Paige to sign up today!

Young adult study-"**Crazy Love**" - There will be a young adult study on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. at Java. The cost of the book is \$10. The study will start on Thursday, February 25th. Please see Paige if you are interested in participating in this study!

**Raising a Healthy Preschooler**-This practical and faith-based parenting class is part of our Faith Stepping Stones program. Classes are designed to nurture the faith of parents and their children from the cradle to graduation. Join us for three informative and fun sessions designed to help you understand the needs of your preschool child. Session 1: Physical Development of Your Preschooler; Session 2: Emotional Development of Your Preschooler; Session 3: Spiritual Development of Your Preschooler. Leader is Tracie Blevins. Times are Wed. March 10, 17 and 24 from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

### An Invitation to Living in the Lenten Season:

The liturgical season of Lent is traditionally a time of deep spiritual reflection. In fact, it offers all of us an opportunity to return to our spiritual roots and deepen our walk with Christ. Various churches encourage members to pray, fast, and sacrifice or give up something of value (like caffeine or chocolate) during the six weeks before Easter. These practices help us consider in a small way the ultimate suffering and sacrifice of Jesus.

In addition to the special classes being offered, we encourage you to pick-up a copy of the **40-Day Evangelism Devotional Guide**. These devotions are to begin on Tuesday, February 23. Our prayer is that this devotional guide will be utilized as we enter the 40 Days of Preparation for 50 Golden Days of Evangelism. This PDF file will be on our website or you can get a printed copy at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or it is available on the Holston Conference website at <http://www.holston.org/events/2010/feb/19/holston-evangelism-conference/>.

### Haiti Efforts Update

One month after Haiti's devastating earthquake, Holston Conference has collected \$590,352 in offerings and more than 17,000 health kits for relief efforts in the devastated country. If each health kit is valued at \$12 each, Holston's total contribution for UMCOR Haiti Relief is currently \$794,352. The conference finance office announced the latest offering total on Feb. 12. Also on Feb. 12, Holston made its third delivery of health kits to UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, La. From there, UMCOR will transport the supplies to Haiti.

### Hoops for Hope

Hoops of Hope is the biggest basketball shoot-a-thon in the world, much like a walk-a-thon, but more fun! Every dollar raised will go directly to helping the children affected by the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa. Every free throw will literally help keep children from becoming orphans. The United Nations estimates that every 14 seconds, somewhere in the world, another child is orphaned by HIV/AIDS. This means that each day over 6,000 children join the 15 million children worldwide who have already lost one or both parents to this disease.

Every year thousands of people join together in a basketball shoot-a-thon called Hoops of Hope. They believe anyone, no matter what their age or skills can make a difference; and so do we. That's why on March 27th, our Youth will be hosting a Hoops of Hope event at King College. We need adults to be there to help us organize the event as well as youth to participate. All of are youth are expected to participate as well as run the event the day of. Please see Paige if you are interested in helping in any way!

### Miscellaneous

**UMW News** - We welcome our new Vice-President, Kathy Kelly.

On Fri - Mar 5 - Church Women United @ Windsor Avenue Presbyterian Church It is WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

On Sat- Mar 13 - Abingdon District Day Apart @ Addilynn UMC, Bristol, TN. Cost is \$6.00 Registration: 9:30, Program and brunch 10:00-12:00.

UMW Executive Board Mtg - Mar 2 @ 10:00am  
UMW General Meeting - Mar 2 @ 11:00 am - Program - Yolanda Miranda, Spanish Ministries Leader @ Pleasant View UMC. followed by lunch - 12:00 noon

Any questions concerning UMW activities can be directed to Mayvis Anthony at 423-736-2308.

**Coming to SSUMC March 5 & 6.** We have been chosen as the host site for Holston Conference's March Forth for Children conference. This event is for children's ministry workers across the conference. Bishop Swanson will speak at the Celebration Dinner on Friday night. Volunteers are needed for setup, unloading cars, snacks, providing directions, clean up and night. Volunteers are needed for loading cars. If you can help, please email Jaymie at [jderden@charternet.net](mailto:jderden@charternet.net). For more information, go to [www.holstonkids.com](http://www.holstonkids.com). Children's ministry volunteers are encouraged to participate in the conference.

In just a few short weeks, Children's Ministers, Volunteers, Pastors, Sunday School Teachers, and other mentors to children from all over the Conference will gather at State Street United Methodist Church in Bristol, VA for March Forth for Children: Spiritual Building Blocks.

This year we are focusing on spiritual foundations and the four building blocks that we have identified are the basis for this year's March Forth event, and for individual faith formation as well. Workshops are grouped into four categories: Come, Grow, Share, and Serve. Each of these building blocks is an essential component of faith formation.

**Come** - Learn effective means to reach out to those in your community

**Grow** - Share purposeful and intentional ways to foster spiritual growth and discipleship formation in your Children's Ministry

**Share** - Discover ways to share the Good News with others

**Serve** - Explore new ideas for service and missions

By participating in a variety of workshops in each "Building Block" you will take away from this conference valuable tools to help you in your ministry to children and families. In addition to the great workshops, you will not want to miss the Gathering times. There you will have the opportunity for worship that will bless the heart of God, as well as the inspiring words of Bishop James Swanson and Melanie Gordon from GBOD, who will encourage your heart as you return to your ministry.

Fun and fellowship are also a part of the March Forth experience. And don't forget the opportunity to share and network with other children's ministry workers and leaders! That just may be the BEST part of the experience. Renew, refresh and revive our commitment to children and families at March Forth for Children 2010. Registration information is available online at: <http://www.holston.org/ministries/children/programs/march-forth-children/>

Thank you for joining us in our many activities, ministry efforts and worship. We hope you will bring your family, friends and associates to visit as we prepare our hearts for the upcoming Easter season.

I'm sure that you are as frustrated as I am with this wacky weather we have been experiencing. It has certainly been an ordeal to navigate around the weather in regards to our planned activities. Please make safety your first consideration. If you are one of our many volunteers, please do not feel obligated to get out if we have a sudden snow burst.

For those of you who did not get the word on the time change of our Ash Wednesday service, we sincerely apologize. We hope to communicate better next time. Just like our local school systems and the Spring Garden Preschool, we try to adjust to the changing road conditions when needed. Please call the church should you need to check changing schedules.

Sincerely,

Renee LaMon  
State Street United Methodist Church

### Scheduled Programming

**Sunday, February 21**  
8:45-9:45 Worship Service in Chapel  
9:30-10:00 Children's Worship Arts  
10:00-10:50 GREAT Adventure  
10:00-10:50 Sunday School Classes  
11:00-12:00 Worship Service in Sanctuary  
**Tuesday, February 22**  
12:00-2:00 Children's Council  
5:30-7:30 Financial Peace University  
6:00-7:30 Youth  
**Monday, February 22**  
10:00-11:00 Staff Meeting  
6:00-9:00 Cub Scouts Banquet  
**Tuesday, February 23**  
7:00-8:00 Church Council  
7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts  
**Wednesday, February 24**  
10:00-12:00 Breaking Free Bible Study  
10:30-11:30 Morning Prayer Group  
4:30-5:30 F.I.S.H. Club Pickup  
5:30-6:30 Wonderful Wednesday Meal  
6:15-7:30 Having a Mary Spirit  
6:30-7:30 24 Hrs That Changed History  
6:30-7:30 F.I.S.H. Club Activities  
6:30-7:30 Chancel Handbell Choir  
7:30-8:30 Chancel Choir  
**Thursday, February 25**  
10:00-11:30 Bristol Music Exec Board  
6:00-9:00 Holston Home  
**Friday, February 26**  
7:00-10:00 AA Meeting  
11:00 pm West Va. Wesleyan College  
**Saturday, February 27**  
8:00-9:00 Emmaus  
9:00-10:00 Ladies Emmaus  
11:00-6:00 Youth Council to YELP