



State Street United Methodist Church

E-Newsletter

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What's Happening at State Street ...

Greetings!

There is alot going on here at SSUMC. This newsletter is designed to keep you up-to-date with our activities and schedules.

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

You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating the love and devotion that Sharon, Greg and family; and Steve, Anne and family; have given in service to SSUMC. On Sunday, May 2 following 11:00 worship, you are invited to a reception in their honor in the Fellowship Hall. Please email the churchoffice@state-street.org if you and your family plan to attend so that we may prepare by Friday morning.

Also, on Sunday, May 2nd, you are invited to hear...Hannah Dishman, mezzo soprano and member of the Chancel Choir, will present a Voice Recital in our sanctuary on Sunday, May 2 at 3:00 p.m. She will be accompanied by Diane Thomas. Hannah will be participating in July in a summer musical experience in Rome, Italy called Operafestival di Roma. She has also been accepted as a student this fall at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City.

Wednesday Evening Study 6:30 to 7:30-Selling Swimsuits in the Arctic by Adam Hamilton will give us seven simple keys to growing churches. Meets in the Fidelis class and is facilitated by R.L. Light. Books \$10.00.

WANTED-Bail has been set at \$2,400.00! Rev. Mike Jackson has been charged with aiding and abetting the MDA. (Muscular Dystrophy Association). You can help Rev. Jackson get out of jail by giving a tax deductible donation to the MDA. Help keep our Senior Pastor out of the big house by making your donation today. You can make donations on line at <https://www.joinmda.org/bristol10/seniorpastor>.



District Hands On Mission Project

We are asking that everyone please help with the 2010 Hands-On Mission Project for Liberia and Zimbabwe. The Abingdon District churches are being asked to prepare school supply kits for Liberia with a goal of 300 kits. This is a wonderful way to bring folks together for mission and fellowship. Organize a group or class for this project today.

Each kit will contain:

3 spiral notebooks (70 count) ;
1 pr. Flip flops (M-L);
1 med./lg Poncho;
1 - 10 pack of pencils;
1 10 pk. of pens (blue or black);
1 protractor; 1 small dictionary (new or used);
1 small calculator;
1 compass;
1 small Bible (new or used);
1 12" ruler;
and \$5 for packing/shipping.

Place all items in 2-gal. Zip-loc bag or secure plastic bag. Please tape \$5 to THE OUTSIDE of each kit or write a check for the total BUT DO NOT PUT MONEY IN THE BAG!!! Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, Holston Conference. Please leave completed kits in the church office. Deadline is May 28th.

UMW News

Tuesday, May 4th the UMW Executive Board will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Fidelis room. At 6:00 p.m. the UMW General Meeting will be held.

May Friendship Day-Living the Vision-Will be held on Friday, May 7 here at SSUMC. There will be a Covered Dish Luncheon and program by Church Women United. Please bring a friend and enjoy the worship program, good food and fellowship. This is hosted by the SSUMC UMW.

UMW Young Women's Retreat will be May 15 and 16 @ Lake Junaluska. Childcare is available for children ages 2-9 who are pre-registered. Children must be registered by the April 28th deadline to receive childcare.

The UMW Spiritual Enrichment Experience is on its way, so please mark your calendar today and complete the registration forms which are included in the recently mailed brochure. Prepare now and make plans to participate in this year's exciting event at Lake Junaluska-May 14 and 15, or 15 and 16.

Club 52 2010



If you have been in the church lately, you may be asking yourself what are these signs for Club 52 about? Club 52 is a new opportunity for our congregation to further support the spiritual development of our youth! To be a member of the elite group you pledge to sponsor \$1 per week of financial support to the youth for a period of one year. Membership is limited to the first 100 applicants. You do not have to pay all \$52 at one time or when you sign up, just before May of next year. All donations will count towards your Contribution Statements and be tax deductible. We will be starting the application process on May 2nd immediately following both worship services. You can sign up for membership by filling out an application and dropping it off after service to the youth. We will send a confirmation later to remind you of

your commitment. This may be one of the easiest opportunities for supporting our youth you will ever get! All of the money raised by Club 52 members will go directly to the youth ministry here at SSUMC. The money will be used for a variety of things, including programming expenses, ministry and mission opportunities and the occasional youth trip!

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 with you as much as possible.

On Pentecost Sunday afternoon, May 23 at 4:00 p.m., all the churches of the Abingdon District will gather at Pleasant View UMC for a Pentecost Day Service of Celebration and Praise. We will sing, hear testimonies and reports from churches, have baptisms (if there are those who want to be baptized at this service), and have the opportunity for everyone present to remember their Baptism. The Reverend Jack Edwards will be the preacher for this service.

Looking for something different for a Mother's Day gift? I have the solution. Imagination Library is hosting our Second Annual Mother's Day Tea this Sunday, May 2, 2 p.m. at the Southeast Culinary School. Celebrate the upcoming Mother's Day weekend with Afternoon Tea, Silent Auction and a brief presentation by the Victorian Mi Lady's. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO IMAGINATION LIBRARY. Tickets are available through the Public Library, Culinary College or Jo Hutton! It is a nice afternoon, beautifully decorated, wonderful food...bring your mother, mother in law, grandmother or just bring a group of friends.

In 1996, Dolly Parton began the Imagination Library responding to the literacy challenges that she grew up with in her home county of Sevier County, TN. In 1999, the Dollywood Foundation expanded the opportunities for local affiliates across the U.S. and Canada to replicate the program. The Imagination Library for Washington County/Bristol, Virginia a local affiliate, provides quality hardback books to children from birth to their fifth birthday every month without cost to the child's family and without regard to the economic resources of the family. Local affiliates are responsible for raising the money to provide the books and for registering the children. The cost for delivering a book a month to one child for a year is \$30. For a child receiving all sixty books during the first five years of life, the cost is approximately \$150. Over 50,000 books have been mailed to children in Bristol, VA and Washington County since the program began two years ago.

Looking for camping information? Go to <http://holston.org/ministries/camp-retreats/programs/summer-camp/> or <http://www.holstonconference.com/camping/campsessions2010.html> and see all that is offered by the Camps located in the Holston District. Everything you need to know, forms required and on-line registration.

We appreciate your support of the ministries provided by State Street UMC.

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