

# THE CONNECTION

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## New 2021 Leadership Announced

**W**ith a new year on the horizon, and we hope a much more normal one, WSUMC announces its leadership teams for 2021. We encourage all of our members to consider serving on one of our committees and teams. We can use your talents in many areas, so please search your heart and help us serve our wonderful congregation. For more information, contact Pastor Patricia at [pjparrish@umcsc.org](mailto:pjparrish@umcsc.org).

### *CHURCH COUNCIL 2021*

*Chairs of:*

**Church Council: Ricky Rowe**

**Lay Leader: Joe Epting**

Lay Members of Annual Conference, Dane Waund, Darby Waund, Pamela Jenkins, Phil Jenkins, Carol Fowler

Trustees: (TBD)

**Finance: Eddie Sullivan**

**Financial Secretary: Robbie Douglas**

**Staff/Pastor Parish Relations: Lee Haynes**

Vice-Chair of Nominations & Leadership Development: Joe Epting

Foundation Trustee: Kelly Epting

Recording Secretary: Shelley Stafford

Membership Secretary: Laurely Nance

Church Historian: Mike Broome

Treasurer: Neal Foster

Communications Chair: Eleanor Vaughan Langley

CDC Board Chair: Marshall Robinson

**Faith Formation Coordinator: Sam Waldrep**

**Community Life Coordinator: Mary Lide**

**Engaging God's World Coordinator: Nancy Whittle**

President of UM Men: TBD

President of UM Women: TBD

Youth Ministry Representative: TBD

Young Adult Representative: TBD

Members at Large: Janet Cotter, Jim Apple



**Senior Pastor: Patricia Parrish**

**Associate Minister of Nurture and Disciple**

**Development: Alston Lippert**

**Director of Children and Family Ministries: Terence Goodwin**

**Director of Youth Ministries: Mackin Wall**

**Business Manager: Robbie Douglas**

**Director of Music Ministries: TBD**

**Director of Communications: Jane Peterson**

*The officers and staff that are bolded meet as a Steering Committee to review progress on goals and the implementation of initiatives.*

### *THE F.A.C.E. OF WASHINGTON STREET*

**Faith Formation Coordinator: Sam Waldrep**

Worship Coordination Team: Charlotte Broome (CH), Patricia Parrish, Director of Music (TBD)

**Wedding Coordinators: Shelley Stafford, Elizabeth**

Aravena; Communion Coordinator: Cathy Hooker;  
**Altar Guild:** Kathy Wright, Paraments; **Funeral Coordinators:** Tommy Betenbaugh; **Acolyte Coordinator:** Susan Brown; Usher Chairs: 9:00 Jerry Watson, 11:00 Tommy Betenbaugh; **Children's Moments Coordinator:** Susan Caskey; **Visual Arts Coordinator:** Sam Waldrep; **Communion Usher Coordinator for 11:00:** Susan Luthren (Music – Listed for budget purposes)  
**Worship Design Team:** Jan Baker, Patricia Parrish, Director of Music, Sam Waldrep, Evelyn Middleton, Tim Franklin, Alston Lippert, Jenny Dalrymple, Karen Carr, Susan Caskey.  
**Education Team:** Licia Jackson (CH), **Church Librarian:** Carol Krebs;

**Lead Teachers of each Sunday School Class:** Mary Lide, Kristie Rowe, Lee Haynes, and Mary Ann Betenbaugh, All Adult Classes may elect one member to represent on this team.  
**Children's Church Coordinator:** Andrea McAtee  
**Children's Librarian:** TBD

**Spiritual Enrichment Team:** Ann Jessup, Chair, Susan Caskey, Jenna Barrett, Craig Fulmer, Jean Leitner.  
**Nominations and Leadership Development:** Patricia Parrish (Pastor), Joe Epting  
2021: Gwen Murphy, Eva Nance  
2022: Beth Matthews, Tommy Betenbaugh  
2023: Shelley Stafford, Heidi Conte, Stewardship Chair  
**Stewardship Team:** Heidi Conte, Chair; Eddie Sullivan, Janelle Rivers, Robbie Douglas, Patricia Parrish, Alston Lippert, Joe Epting, Sara Wilcox, Lee Smith, Alisa Liggett.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Financial Secretary: Robbie Douglas  
Alternate Lay Members to Conference: Cindy Waund  
Assistant Church Treasurers: Ed Fisher, Ned Self, Jim Webber  
Trustees: 2021: Lynn Shirley, Stewart Hall, Ellie Floyd  
2022: Neal Woods, Hal Hanlin, Sally Mings  
2023: Charles Garren, Pete Liggett, Ray Cobb  
\*By virtue of office: Janet Cotter, Mike Conte  
See Auxiliary Ministry Teams:

#### Committee on Staff/Parish Relations Committee:

2021: David Anderson, Rufus Rogers  
2022: Kimberly McAlister, Lee Haynes, Chair; Ann Jessup  
2023: Jessica Hall, Catherine Buchanan  
Lay leader: Joe Epting, Lay Member: Carol Fowler

**Finance:** Eddie Sullivan; Robbie Douglas (Financial Secretary); Neal Foster (Treasurer); Joe Epting (Lay Member); Ricky Rowe (Church Council Chair); Lee

Haynes (Chair of SPPRC); Kelly Epting (Chair of Foundation); Trustee Representative: Lynn Shirley; Jamie Gerald (Chair of Good Samaritan Committee); Pamela Jenkins (Lay Member); Phil Jenkins (Lay Member)

Members at Large: Mike Broome

**Communications Committee:** Eleanor V. Langley, Grant N. Jackson

#### Child Development Center Board:

2021: Helen Burch, Sarah Matthews  
2022: Amy Geddes, Chair, Marshall Robinson, Chair  
2023: Jenna Barrett

CDC Director; Church Business Administrator; Senior Pastor

#### Foundation Trustees:

2021: Jim Webber, Catherine Powers; 2023: Kelly Epting, Chair, Thorne Barrett; 2022: Lanneau Lide, Robert Peeler, Sr.; 2024 Chip Williams, Melinda Gibson

Trustees Chair: Lynn Shirley; Foundation Treasurer: Ed Fisher; Finance Committee Chair: Eddie Sullivan

#### AUXILLIARY MINISTRY TEAMS

*Relates to Council through Other Team Chairs*

**Raggio Report:** (Chair serves on Records & History Team): Ed McClain (Chair); Eleanor Vaughan Langley, Christine Hait.

**Christ Chapel Courtyard Committee:** (Chair serves on Trustees) Janet Cotter (Chair); Beverly McClanahan, Paul McClanahan, Chip Teague, Debbie Teague, Sarah Threatt, Jamie Gerald.

**Memorial Garden Committee:** Chair on Trustees Mike Conte (Chair); Jimmy Dawkins; Beverly McClanahan, Elizabeth Outzs, Deborah Rowe, Ellen Caruth, Kay Brinkley.

**Records and History Committee:** Mike Broome (Chair); Christine Hait, Ed McClain (Raggio Report Chair), Rozanna Pheiffer, John Radford, Shelley Stafford, David Williams.

#### COMMUNITY LIFE

*Mary Lide -- Chair*

**Children & Family Ministries Team:** Andrea McAtee, Shelley Stafford, Karen Lowrimore, Heidi Conte, Mary Lide, (others may be added.)

*This group would coordinate Family Nights, covered dish luncheons, intergenerational age-level activities, older adult activities) (Chair is a rep to Community Life)*

**Youth Council:** Dane Waund, Darby Waund, Sara Wilcox, Sam Schatz, Emmi and Addy Lee.

Funeral Visitation Coordination: Janet Cotter, Chair. Ann Fishburne, May Ramsey, Jean Kanes, Kathy

Rogers, Wendy Clark. (Chair is a rep to Community Life)

**Gracious Goodness:** Mary Lide (Chair); Kathy Rodgers, Deborah Rowe, Penny Horton, Martha Boynton, Wendy Clark. (Chair is a rep to Community Life)

**Kitchen Hospitality Coordinator:** Mary Lide

**Good Samaritan Committee:** Jamie Gerald (Chair); John Holladay, Alicia Liggett, John Radford, Sally Mings, Wendy Clark, Eddie Sullivan (Finance Chair). (Chair is a rep to Community Life)

**Card Ministry Team:** Mary Ann Betenbaugh, Shelley Stafford.

## ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

**Nancy Whittle -- Chair**

**Connections (Evangelism):** *Connecting with our Company (visitors) and our Community:* Cindy Waund, (Chair), Suzanne Joye, Lee Haynes, Debbie Edens, Melanie Johnson, Mindy Gibson, Vicki Voegeli.

**Ambassadors:** Kay Brinkley, Pattie Berman

**Sunday Dinner Team:** Lee Haynes, Chair; Cindy Waund, Deborah Rowe, Jim Lane, Rachel Roof (Heyward Street), Jenais Moore, Patricia Parrish, Karen Lowrimore, Gwendolyn Cook (non-member)

**Missions & Advocacy:** Chip Williams, Chair; Anne Sinclair, Beth Robinson (Epworth Representative), Emily Caskey, Andrea McAtee, Patricia Aravena, Kay Ayers, Sue Dillon, Mackin Wall, Kathy Wright, David Nelson, and Elaine Ferraro (Cooperative Ministry Advisory Council).

**Soup Cellar Ministry Team:** Robbie Douglas, Chair; Penny Horton, Paul Brown, Rufus Rogers, Donna Bryan, Sara Threatt, Rick Rowe, Deborah Rowe, Alan Jon Zuppan, Martha Boynton, Lee Smith.

**Active Faith Small Group:** Chair, TBD

**Reconciling Next Team:** Jim Lane, (Chair); Nancy Whittle, Mackin Wall, Jennifer Jackson, Grant Jackson, Andrea McAtee, Tom Summers, Jane Peterson, Patricia Parrish, Alston Lippert.

**Racial Justice Action Team:** Nancy Whittle (Facilitator); Patricia Parrish, Alston Lippert, Courtney Foster, Neal Foster, Cindy Cox, Anne Sinclair, Melanie Dobson, Ann Jessup, Lee Smith, Sue Dillon.

*The Vision is that the Coordinators of the Ministry Areas will meet with the Committee Chairs at the beginning of each quarter to review the goals of the church. This will provide opportunities for committees to collaborate on places where their ministries intersect. Some Committees may cross over into other Ministry Areas. Collaboration is an excellent way to move forward and to involve and include more people in the ministries of the congregation.*

*The Committees send reports to the Ministry Area Coordinators and the Chair of Church Council before each Council meeting, but are not required to attend.*

**THE CHURCH COUNCIL IS AN OPEN MEETING SO THAT ANYONE CAN ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE.**

## 2021 Offering Booklets Available!

The 2021 Offering Envelope books are available for pick up at the upcoming Outdoor Services. If you are unable to pick yours up at one of the services, please contact Robbie Douglas at [rdouglas@wsmethodist.org](mailto:rdouglas@wsmethodist.org) to arrange a time that is best for you. \*Please note this year's envelopes will have no date or numbers on them.



MASKS REQUIRED  
SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICED

# Carol Sing

An Outdoor  
Christmas Carol Event

4:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 20

1401 Washington St. | Parking lot



WASHINGTON STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Christmas Eve on the Grounds

12:00 pm & 4:00 pm  
Church Parking Lot

MASKS REQUIRED. BE PREPARED TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE.

### Important Information Regarding Upcoming Outside Services

In response to the rising Covid-19 cases in our area and to ensure the safety of those planning to attend our outdoor services, our Church Reopening Team is providing you with the following reminders and additional precautionary measures. Earlier, there had been a plan for food truck to be on-site for the Carol Sing on Dec. 20, which has been canceled. We ask that you please take the time to read this information.

*Preregistration online is highly recommended.*

- We will **not** have a staffed registration table. A clipboard will be placed on the table for you to sign in. Please maintain appropriate distancing as you wait to record your presence. You can pick up a worship guide at this table.
- There will be a blue bin located near the door for Alcorn Middle School snack donations.
- We will not be selling signs or masks at these

services. You may pre-order either item online, and arrange pickup at the service by contacting Jane at [jane@wsmethodist.org](mailto:jane@wsmethodist.org).

- Practice social distancing as you come in contact with others. When you position your chair, please remember to place it at least 6 feet from others. You can move at any time if you feel uncomfortable.
- Please keep your mask on at all times while you are on the church premises, as well as when singing.
- We have a limited number of parking spaces for people to remain in their cars during the service. If you are at higher risk because of age or pre-existing conditions, the ushers will direct you where to park so that you can remain in your vehicle during our worship together.

We appreciate your attention to these measures and your understanding as we strive to make our worship service both safe and meaningful.

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

To schedule any meeting (even if using personal Zoom or other accounts), please contact Abbie ([abbie@wsmethodist.org](mailto:abbie@wsmethodist.org)) to put your meeting on the Church Calendar! All meetings are held on Zoom unless otherwise noted

**Friday, Dec. 18**

Restoration 803 Christmas Dinner  
Soup Cellar  
Contact Robbie Douglas  
[rdouglas@wsmethodist.org](mailto:rdouglas@wsmethodist.org)

**Sunday, Dec. 20**

Carol Sing  
Outdoor Caroling Event  
4:00 pm  
Parking Lot

**Wednesday, Dec. 23**

CDC Closed for Christmas

**Thursday, Dec. 24**

CDC Closed  
**Christmas Eve Service I**  
12:00 pm  
Parking lot (with communion)

**Christmas Eve Service II**

4:00 pm  
Parking lot (with communion)

**Friday, Dec. 25**

**Merry Christmas!**  
Church Office, CDC, Soup Cellar closed  
**Thursday, Dec. 31**  
Church Office, Soup Cellar and CDC closed

**Friday, Jan. 1**

Church Office, Soup Cellar and CDC closed

**Monday, January 4**

Deadline for *The Connection* newsletter



WELCOME!

Janelle (Nelle)  
Cotter Parker

Born Nov. 28, 2020

Congratulations to  
Parents--Cotter & Conner  
Parker; Grandmother,  
Jan Cotter Jenkins &  
Great-Grandmother,  
Janet Cotter

# Gifts



## IN HONOR OF LILLIAN McCLAIN

to the Soup Cellar

Given by Ed McClain

## IN MEMORY OF MOTT COOPER

to the Soup Cellar

Given by Keith Stewart

## IN HONOR OF KEL, LISH, ANSLEY & SIERRA JANSEN

to the Soup Cellar

Given by Ann White

## IN HONOR OF KEVIN & SANDRA COUGHLIN

to the Soup Cellar

Given by David & Robin Anderson

## IN HONOR OF STEVE & KIM ZIESSLER

to the Soup Cellar

Given by David & Robin Anderson

## IN HONOR OF NELLE PETERSON

to the Foundation

Sara & Ed Fisher

## IN MEMORY OF MS. ANNA ACKERMAN

AND FRANCES SMITH

to the Soup Cellar

Given by Lamar & Beth Brabham



# ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

• **The Dawsey Class:** On December 20 plan for Advent Sharing — Christmas memories and family traditions. December 27 — The class will review and discuss the four books studied in 2020. The class meets by FreeConferenceCall.com. Class members should call in before 9:30 a.m., but not before 9:15 a.m. The call-in number is (425) 436-6321. The access code is 326159#.

• **The Grace Class:** The class is discussing *Everlasting Father: Rediscovering the First Christmas Gift* by Steve Halliday. On Dec. 20 Christine Hait will lead Chapter 4, and on Dec. 27 the class will reflect on Christmas during the pandemic. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am via Zoom. All are welcome, and if interested in joining us contact Jim Lane at [jlane@columbiasc.edu](mailto:jlane@columbiasc.edu) for the link.

• **The Joy Class** will be studying Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas by Adam Hamilton. If you would like to join us, please contact Lee Haynes at [lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com](mailto:lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com) or Sylvia Stevens at [sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com](mailto:sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com) for an invitation.

• **Open Door Class** is studying *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* by Adam Hamilton. After studying about Mary and Joseph over the next two Sundays, we will discuss Mary's visit to Elizabeth and then the trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem. All are welcome to join. For Zoom dial-in information, please reach out to Ann Jessup at [jessup.ann@gmail.com](mailto:jessup.ann@gmail.com).

• **YASS, John Harper, and Paul Harmon Class** will be continuing its Zoom discussion of Walter Brueggeman's book, *Names of the Messiah*. All are welcome. On December 27 we will gather online for fellowship. For information, or to get a Zoom invitation, email Reverend Alston aflipper@umcsc.org.

**WSUMC Youth Class** meets on Zoom with Mackin Wall at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. On December 20th the topic is love. On Dec. 27 the class will be discussing the Christmas story in Matthew and Luke on the 27th, and comparing/contrasting the two. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at [mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org).



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Sunday mornings

on Youtube

with Mr. Terence

[youtube.com/](https://youtube.com/washingtonstreetumc)

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# Prayer List

Martha Brooker

Jimmy Dawkins

Mickey Epting

Nancy Epting

Linda Fesperman

Charles Garren

Frances Grimes

Bud Harrelson

Karen Horne

Geneva Hutchinson

Lisa Johnson

Barry Joye

Rev. Judy King

Beverly McClanahan

Braxton Murphy

Angela Powers

Rick Rowe

Nan Self

Sarah Threatt

Our homebound

# Last Chance for Giving to Heifer this Holiday Season

One of our church's holiday traditions is the Heifer Project which supports projects that benefit our friends in Ecuador. The last day to give to this worthy cause is Monday, Dec. 21. To donate, go online to [wsmethodist.org/giving](http://wsmethodist.org/giving) and make your donation there.



If you would like an acknowledgment card for a Heifer International donation, please see Ann Sinclair before or after the Dec. 20 service. Or you can email her at [asinclair1@bellsouth.net](mailto:asinclair1@bellsouth.net). Please choose the "Heifer Project" listed as an option for donations. As you know, donations are usually in honor of someone. Mary Lide and Anne Sinclair will work with donors to ensure that you receive the cards to give to your friends and family.

## IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Donald (Don) L. Fowler

December 15, 2020

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..."*

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

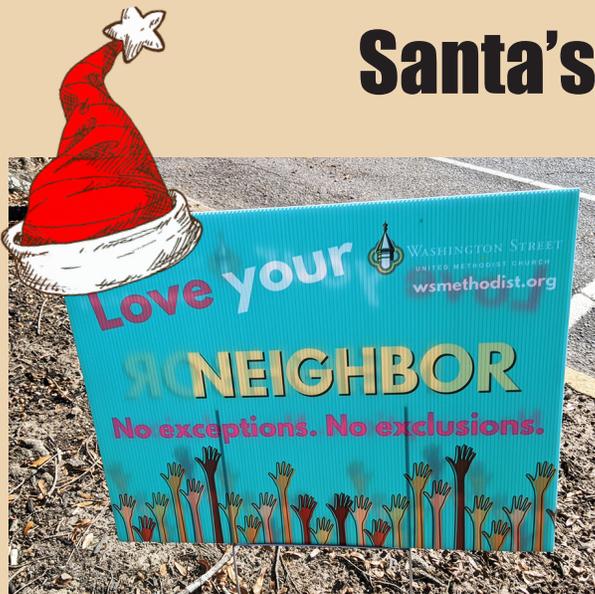
Rev. Parrish joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Carol Fowler and family in the passing of her husband, Dr. Donald (Don) L. Fowler, father of Donnie Fowler, Jr. and Cissy Fowler.

GIVE TODAY!

[WSMETHODIST.ORG/  
GIVING](http://WSMETHODIST.ORG/GIVING)

## SIGNS AND MASKS FOR SALE!

### Santa's Elf will deliver!



\$10 ea.

**PURCHASE ONLINE @ [WSMETHODIST.ORG/GIVING](http://WSMETHODIST.ORG/GIVING)**

**Contact Jane to arrange pickup or delivery**

**[jane@wsmethodist.org](mailto:jane@wsmethodist.org)**



\$5 ea.

# WSUMC Children Give Back

Mary's Maidens, along with several other children from K-5 have been keeping busy with projects to send to our homebound this holiday season



# WSUMC Youth Enjoy Outing

Under the leadership of WSUMC's Director of Youth Ministries, Mackin Wall, the WSUMC Youth enjoyed a socially distanced outing at Congaree National Park on December 6. They played games, ate and enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and fun.



# January Birthdays

## January 2

Leon Davis, Jr.  
Mickey Epting  
Connor Freeman

## January 4

Stewart Bond  
Bob Peeler

## January 5

Pam Jenkins  
Pierce McNair

## January 6

Harriett Davis

## January 7

Kennedy Rose  
Kenneth Taylor  
Emily Torres

## January 8

Betty Bowers

## January 10

Sarah Johnson  
Daniel Marsha

## January 11

Patti Andrews  
Rick Rowe

## January 12

Monica Davis  
Linda Moore  
Jim Ward  
Ann White

## January 13

Carl Evans  
Harry Lesesne  
Robbie Lindler  
Caroline Pender  
Larry Railey  
Caitlyn Venner  
Emily Watkins

## January 14

Trisha Britt  
Margo Krasowski  
David Nelson

## January 15

Charles Bryan  
Naomi Chiorazzi

## January 16

Penny Horton  
Wendy Tague

## January 17

John Burbage  
Jacob Schatz

## January 18

Gabe Baker

## January 19

Elyse Epting  
Ford Epting  
Hilary Riley  
Rebecca Shrum

## January 20

Hamilton Matthews  
Sara Matthews

## January 21

Jean Harmon

## January 22

Cecelia Stucker  
Jim Tuell  
Richard Wright

## January 23

By Collins  
Cathy Deyo  
Meghan Goldfinch  
Jamie Sanders

## January 24

Judy Ellington  
Pete Liggett

## January 25

Beth Cooper  
Christopher FitzSimons  
Bess Ratsimbaharison

## January 26

John Beck  
Carole McConkey  
Lynn Shirley  
Sylvia Stevens

## January 27

Marion Burnside III  
Thomas Lide  
Linda Reardon  
Jerry Sumpter  
Bill Westerkam  
Emily Workman

## January 28

Jonathan Jackson  
Kristin Nix  
Ron Pompeii

## January 29

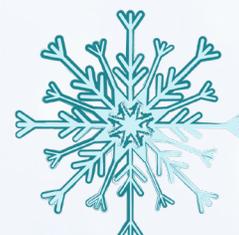
Sawyer Anderson  
Tom Jacobs  
Jennifer Rodgers

## January 30

Eugenia Beach  
Mattie Floyd

## January 31

Susan Brown  
Anna Katherine  
Middleton  
Lora Smith



## WSUMC Online Views & Outdoor Service Attendance

as of 12/15/20

### YOUTUBE SERVICE VIEWS (LAST RPT.)

Nov. 22: 166 (160)  
Nov. 29: 148 (121)  
Dec. 6: 116  
Dec. 13: 99

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS VIEWS (LAST RPT.)

Nov. 22 with Susan Caskey: 22 (22)  
Nov. 29 with Mary Lide: 37 (31)  
Dec. 6 with Dane Waund: 22  
Dec. 13 with Beth Matthews: 9

### OUTDOOR SERVICE ONLINE VIEWS

Oct. 18: 18 (17)  
Nov. 1: 49 (46)  
Nov. 15: 69 (69)  
Nov. 1: 48 (46)

### OUTDOOR ATTENDANCE

88  
98  
51  
67

### K-5 Sunday School with Mr. Terence Views

Dec. 6: 15; Dec. 13: 11

### Income from 12/1 to 12-15

Church \$ 18,723.12

Soup Cellar \$ 1,985.00

Foundation \$0