

# THE CONNECTION

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## 2021 Stewardship Campaign

What a challenging year we have had! Yet here we are in 2021 continuing to be a “church with heart in the heart of the city”. You have supported your congregation so that her ministries are strong. You have proven to be resourceful and adaptable and have shown that those who share in the dreams and visions of God will be blessed. Surely, we have been blessed.

When we say “yes” to following Jesus Christ and enter the church through the vows of baptism, we are saying that we are committed to Christ, to the community of Christ and to the mission of God. Our personal stewardship plan is how we live out that commitment. As each one of us considers the call of Christ upon our lives, we are invited to consider how God has gifted us and how God might invite us to share those gifts with others. Please reflect on the selected passages and consider how you will live out your commitment to Christ at Washington Street this year. Your pastors are always ready to assist you in discovering your passion for service, so do not hesitate to call on them for assistance. Please complete a pledge form and return it to church in one of the following ways:

***In Person during these times:***

- Outdoor Sunday Worship Services: January 24,



February 7, February 21

- Drive 'N Drops: (Drive in, Drop off Commitment Form, receive gift) Wednesdays, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, on January 27, February 3 & February 17 Saturdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm on January 30 & February 13

***Online through Engage***

***Mail*** to 1401 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201; Attention: Robbie Douglas

Every individual or family group who makes a Pledge can receive a

small but “sweet” gift of appreciation and be entered into a drawing for special gifts donated by our talented members.

Stewardship is a vital part of our daily lives as followers of Christ. Our stewardship campaign is titled “Committed” and will run from January 24 through February 21. Our stewardship goal is to have at least 25% of professing member households complete and return a pledge form. We hope that you will participate in our campaign.

*Thank you for your love for Christ and for making Washington Street a church with heart,*

Heidi Conte, Stewardship Chair; Patricia J. Parrish, Senior Minister

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### I AM COMMITTED:

- I am committed to living in the Way of Jesus (Philippians 2:1-11)
- I am committed to sharing in the community of Jesus as expressed in the faith community at Washington Street United Methodist Church. (Colossians 3:12-17)
- I am committed to making a difference in the world by sharing in the ministries of Washington Street United Methodist Church with my living witness through my prayers, presence, gifts, and service. Please see the updated Ministry Menu online at [wsmethodist.org](http://wsmethodist.org) and contact one of the pastors or any Team Leader if you would like to volunteer to serve.
- I am committed to the financial support of the ministries of WSUMC. My goal for 2021 is \_\_\_\_\_

### I AM COMMITTED!

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

*As COVID 19 continues in our lives, we rejoice in our ability to gather and study together online and through conference calls. We hope that very soon we will be able to gather together in our normal classrooms at the church, until then...we'll see you online!*

• **The Dawsey Class:** The class is studying *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy-Jill Levine. On Jan. 24, Tom Wall will lead the discussion on Chapter 3 ("The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like Yeast"); On Jan. 31, Grant Jackson will lead the discussion of Chapter 4 ("The Pearl of Great Price"). 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:** This Sunday, Lynn Shirley will lead a discussion "Reflections on the Clash of Christianity and Politics in the Aftermath of the Election." On Jan. 31 the topic will be "Trained to Forget" — a video presentation and discussion on the intertwining of Christianity and democracy in early American history. 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** is enjoying our weekly virtual gathering where various members lead the lessons. We are focusing on exploring where 2021 is calling us to grow and serve. All are invited and welcome to join us as we support each other on our journeys. 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:** will continue its study of *Words of Life-Jesus and the Ten Commandments Today* by Adam Hamilton. 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 learning about the Armor of God (from Ephesians 6:10-19) All are welcome. For information, or to get a Zoom invitation, email Reverend Alston at [aflippert@umcsc.org](mailto:aflippert@umcsc.org).

• **WSUMC Youth Class** On Jan. 24th the topic is "God's love for us." A meditation on Psalm 139: 1-6. On Jan. 31, the topic will be "The call to be different." Romans 12: 1-2 & Matthew 5: 10-16. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at [mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org).

# Outdoor Worship on the Grounds

Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021

Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021

(with communion)

Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021

3:00 pm | Parking Lot



WASHINGTON  
STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**MASKS REQUIRED • BE PREPARED TO  
SOCIALY DISTANCE**

## Important Information Regarding 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. We ask that you please take the time to read this information. Pre-registration 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.

• 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.

# Gifts



**IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER**  
to WSUMC

**Given by Kimberly & J. Calhoun Land**

**IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER**  
to the Foundation

**Given by Graham & Susanne Reich**

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to the Foundation

**Given by Ned Self**

**IN MEMORY OF BARRY JOYE**  
to WSUMC

**Given by the Paul Harmon Sunday School Class**

**IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER**  
to WSUMC

**Given by Rev. Joey Alley & Rev. Toni White**

**IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER**  
to WSUMC

**Given by Robert Freeman**

**IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER**  
to the Soup Cellar

**Given by Rick & Deborah Rowe**

**IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER**  
to Active Faith Ministries

**Given by Ed McClain**

**IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER**  
to WSUMC

**Given by Susan Luthren**

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to WSUMC

**Given by Mike & Charlotte Broome**

**IN MEMORY OF BARRY JOYE**  
to WSUMC

**Given by Janelle Rivers**

# Prayer List

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Martha Brooker    | Lisa Johnson       |
| Jimmy Dawkins     | Rev. Judy King     |
| Mickey Epting     | Beverly McClanahan |
| Nancy Epting      | Angela Powers      |
| Linda Fesperman   | Rick Rowe          |
| Charles Garren    | Nan Self           |
| Frances Grimes    | Sarah Threatt      |
| Bud Harrelson     | Our homebound      |
| Karen Horne       |                    |
| Geneva Hutchinson |                    |

# District Office Offering Virtual Leadership Training

The District Office will be offering several Virtual Leadership Training classes through Zoom on January 24, 2021. The Opening Session starts at 3:00 pm. The workshops begin at 3:30. There are 10 topics to choose from and range from reaching people in a pandemic, finance and stewardship, enhancing worship services, both live and online, as well as Children and Youth Ministry training, and more. Presenters include Rev. Alston Lippert, Rev. Kathy Jamieson, Lisa Fusco, and Rev. Gary Phillips among others. Visit [www.columbiadistrict.wordpress.com/2020/12/15/virtual-leadership-training](http://www.columbiadistrict.wordpress.com/2020/12/15/virtual-leadership-training) for a complete list of workshops and to register.

## WSUMC Online Views/FB Reach & Outdoor Service Attendance

as of 1/20/21

*\*Numbers in parenthesis reflect last reported number)*

Date	Digital Service	Children's Moments	K-5 Sunday School
12/27	105 (104)	37 (34)	12 (12)
1/3	111 (89)	22 (18)	11 (9)
1/10	115	20	16
1/17	99	12	4

### FACEBOOK REACH

Date	Facebook Live Xmas Eve Service: 67	
12/27	125	55
1/3	105	87
1/10	124	70
1/17	156	61

### Income from 1/7 to date

Church \$13,072      Soup Cellar \$310      Foundation \$200

## The WSUMC Child Development Center



**SPACE AVAILABLE  
2-3 YR.  
OLDS!**

**Call or email today  
803-254-8405  
felicia@wsmethodist.org**

# February Birthdays

## February 1

Bruce Adams  
Jan Baker  
Rachel Penny

## February 2

Phyllis Eledge  
Shannon Herin  
Erin Thompson

## February 3

Marshall Colcord  
Gene Fisher

## February 4

Caleb Harrison  
Alisa Liggett  
Jake Steinhilper

## February 5

Analee Burch  
Rose Dangerfield  
Ashley Reece

## February 6

Stewart Hall  
Patti Johnson  
Forest Kinnett  
Patrick Plunkett  
Dawn Pompeii

## February 7

Lori Murray  
Cindy Waund

## February 8

Bryson Davis  
Blair Hawk  
Melanie Johnson

## February 9

Frank Harrison  
Rafael Melo

## February 10

Don Britt  
Freeman Hamilton  
Riley Middleton  
Judge Rembert Samuel  
Schatz

## February 11

Forrest Jenkins, III  
Jean Kanes

## February 12

Luci Mackie  
Lathan Robinson  
Rebecca Swift

## February 13

Lois Lovelace Duke  
Tom Moses

## February 14

Joe Epting  
Ue Le

## February 15

Diane Farr  
Laura Warner

## February 16

Gloria Apple  
Aiden Crawford-Caciur  
Dawn Haynes  
Beth Robinson

## February 17

Alexandra Brooks  
Will DeWitt  
Bart Lehman  
Dan Rose  
Ned Self  
Mike Steinhilper

## February 18

Nicholas Brown  
Emily Franklin  
Daniel Hanlin  
Cotter Jenkins

## February 19

Andy Colucci  
Ana Sofia Hait  
Robert McKeown

## February 20

Janelle Beamer  
Abby Alexander  
Craven  
Whitney Workman  
Thorne Young  
February 21  
John Finch  
Suzanne Sutphin

## February 22

Joy Foley  
Amy Geddes  
Lee Haynes  
Travis Luthren  
Ashton Presley  
Sabrina Walker

## February 23

Joey Mixson

## February 24

Laura Culler  
Jennifer Jackson  
Greg Middleton

## February 25

John Halloran  
Mara Harrison  
Abigail Sease

## February 26

Maddy Foley  
Donna Freeman  
Amanda Teague

## February 27

William Brown, Jr.  
Mark Dodds  
Scott Middleton  
Aida Rogers  
Jeff Venner

## February 28

Geoff Bonham  
February 29  
Kevin Duggan

## Do You Read the Advocate?

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