

THE CONNECTION

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The WSUMC 2021 Stewardship Campaign is coming to a close.

But, it's not over yet!

There is still time to submit a personal stewardship plan pledging commitment to Christ, the community of Christ and to the mission of God.

We are so grateful to WSUMC members and staff who took the time to share their [stories of Commitment](#) to the call of Christ upon their lives. Each let us know how God has gifted them in order that they and all of us are invited to share those gifts with others.

Leila Jackson illustrated her commitment to living in the Way of Jesus by understanding the connection of Jesus feeding the hungry to her knowledge of Jesus being 'fed' to her as a Youth member of Washington Street UMC, and how our collective commitment translates to the feeding of so many clients of the Soup Cellar at WSUMC.

Darby Waund reminds us how important Washington Street has been in her development, understanding, and ability to spread God's love in so many ways. She'll soon be an adult. Being raised from childhood among the community at WSUMC ensures that she will continue to live in the Way of Jesus and by example, teach others to do the same.

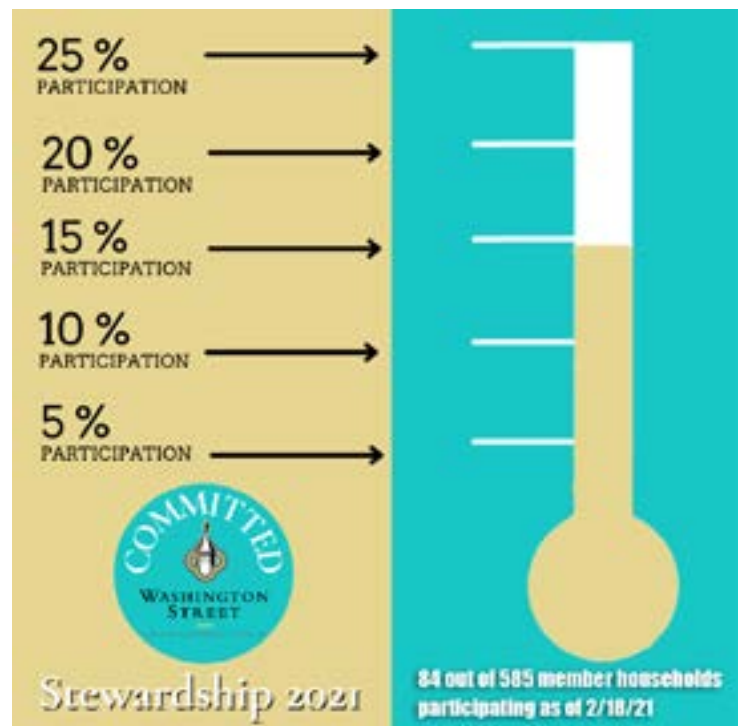
Beth Robinson inspires us to make a difference in the world by sharing in the ministries of Washington Street United Methodist Church with living witness through prayers, presence, gifts, and service. As a staff member at Epworth Children's Home, she is the ultimate ambassador to deliver the message of how impactful our Commitment can be.

The presentation by **Lee Smith, Tommy Betenbaugh, Alan-Jon Zupan, Robbie Douglas, Terrence Chisholm, and Jerry Sumpter** is not to be missed! There is no finer example of God's grace than their work and how they've been blessed by sharing in the community of Jesus as supported by the faith community at Washington Street United Methodist Church.

We are just 62 pledges away from meeting the WSUMC 2021 Stewardship Campaign Goal of a 25%-member household participation rate. The Campaign ends this Sunday, February 21st.

Pledge your Commitment to Christ at Washington Street and her many avenues to serve others. Every individual or family group who makes a Pledge will be entered into a drawing for special gifts donated by our talented members.

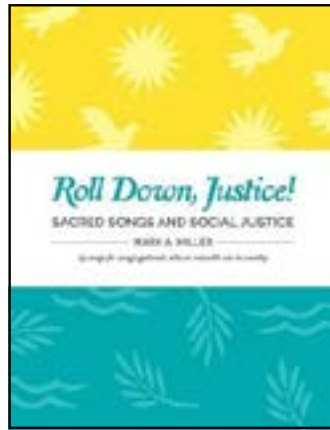
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Lenten Lunchtime Study & Discussion

We invite you to join Reverends Parrish and Lippert for a Zoom Lenten Bible Study and Discussion, from 12:00 – 1:00 pm on Wednesdays starting Feb. 24 and running through March 31st in place of our Lenten luncheon services. *Please note that these Zoom discussions are being recorded so that we may share these sessions with other Washington Street members.*



The discussion will revolve around an online resource entitled *Roll Down, Justice* by Faye Wilson, featuring music and reflections by Mark A. Miller. Our time together will help us all address the following questions:

- What are you prepared to give in order to have a closer walk with God?
- What can you give in order to embrace anew the work of justice?

Miller's songs, which are an integral part of this study will remind us of the work we have to do and will encourage us to sing to ourselves and to each other the call that we each have to "seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God."

The session topics include:

Session 1: Child of God

Session 2: How Long?

Session 3: I Dream of a Church

Session 4: I Choose Love

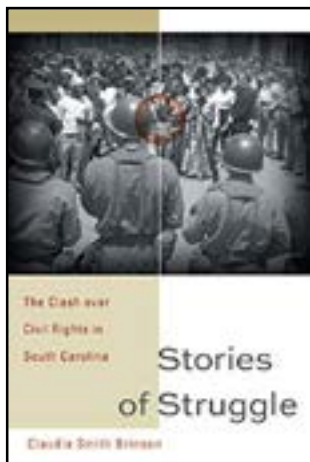
Session 5: God Has Work for Us to Do

Session 6: The Day is Coming

To sign up or for more information, please email Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org.

Special Zoom Discussion with Author Claudia Smith Brinson

We are pleased to announce that as part of Black History Month, the Racial Justice Action Team will host a Zoom discussion of *Stories of Struggle: The Clash over Civil Rights in South Carolina* with its author, Claudia Smith Brinson. The discussion will take place on Monday, February 22 from 6:00–7:30 pm. The book is available on Amazon and from the USC Press. We hope you will be able to join us. To sign up, please email Nancy Whittle at ncwhittle@aol.com.



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** is continuing our study of *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy Jill Levine. On Feb. 21, Tom Summers will lead the discussion on Chapter 7 ("The Laborers in the Vineyard"). On Feb., Jim Seigler will lead Chapter 8 ("The Widow and the Judge"). 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:** On Sunday February 21, Grace class will start a 6 week series from *The Work of the People*. The series is based upon the book *Resurrection Now* by Richard Rohr. Rohr leads the sessions:

2/21: "Running from Resurrection"

2/28: "Distorted Bible Filters"

3/7: "En Christo"

3/14: "Fast Food Christianity"

3/21: "Jesus Hermeneutic"

3/28: "Anti-Septic Christianity"

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 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 or Sylvia Stevens at sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com for an invitation.

• **Open Door Class:** is continuing its study of *Words of Life, Jesus and the Ten Commandments* by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome to join. For Zoom dial-in information, please reach out to Ann Jessup at 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.

• **WSUMC Youth Class:** On Feb. 21 the topic is "What is Lent? How can we strengthen our relationship with God during Lent, and what does it teach us? Matthew 4: 1-11. Feb. 28 will be Service Sunday from 12 - 2 pm. We will be doing yard work for an elderly person in the community who needs some extra help. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.

Mary's Maidens Prepares Lenten Gifts

Recently, Mary's Maidens gathered safely in the church parking lot to make decorated pots for our shut-ins. The Maidens are sending this message along with their gifts.

"As you journey through Lent, tend the soil and this new life." Be reminded of putting to death the old and being raised to new life in Christ.

Directions for growing rye grass:

Keep the pot in a warm or sunny spot.

Lightly water every 3-4 days to keep the soil moist-not wet.

Once the grass reaches 2 or 3 inches, you may trim the grass with scissors.

If desired, decorate with plastic eggs and/or other signs of new life.

The decorated pots will be delivered to shut-ins for Lent.



WASHINGTON STREET UMC
EASTER EGG HUNT!
 Saturday, March 27 • 4:00 pm
 THE LIDES
(rain date-Saturday, April 3)
 Email Mary Lide at neaudl@aol.com
 for more information



Gifts

IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER
 to WSUMC
 Given by Sally Mings

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS (DAVID) JONES
 to the Foundation
 Given by Ed & Sara Fisher

IN MEMORY OF MARION T. BURNSIDE, JR.
 to the Foundation
 Given by James Hudson

IN HONOR OF LYNN SHIRLEY & JANE PETERSON
 for their hard work producing the
 Soup Cellar Stewardship Video
 to the Soup Cellar
 Given by the Soup Cellar Pandemic Crew

Prayer List

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| Pete Bailey | Rev. Judy King |
| Martha Brooker | Beverly McClanahan |
| Emily Caskey | Angela Powers |
| Mickey Epting | Rick Rowe |
| Charles Garren | Boyd Saunders |
| Frances Grimes | Nan Self |
| Bud Harrelson | Sarah Threatt |
| Karen Horne | Our homebound |
| Geneva Hutchinson | |
| Lisa Johnson | |

March Birthdays

March 1

Gwen Harmon
Alex Morris
Lawton Powers
Kate Robinson
Linda Young

March 3

Ellen Deyo
Regan Hendrix
Johnson Pope

March 4

Roxie Floyd
Bill Pope

March 6

Roger Allen
Andi Davis
Elizabeth Krasowski
Jennifer Murphy
Cannon Murray
Ed Sharp

March 7

Angela Childs
Everett Epting
Jon Guzior
Robin Shook

March 8

Ron Binder
Kelly Epting
Jane Luckstone
Inez Tenenbaum
Barbara Walker

March 9

Lauren Clark
Sheri Edwards

March 10

Hope Cooper
Julian Ruffin

March 11

Cayla Everly
Betty Moore
Ella Stalvey

March 12

Judy Bistany
John Galloway
Layne Powers

March 13

Gryphon Chiorazzi
Alex Young

March 14

Martha Brooker
Tommy Gibbs
Brian O'Daniel
Josh Rozier
Toni White

March 15

Larry Crossett

March 16

Nell Huffman

March 17

Megan Anderson
Mary Elizabeth Brooks
M. J. Fox
Jessica Hall
Doug Wessinger

March 18

Amy Dodds
Robbie Douglas
Phil Hedrick
Sarah Hudgins
Judy King

March 19

Susan Cordoni
Steve Hait

March 20

Lyn Bailey
Carol Fowler
Harmon Geddes
Marley McCraw
Janelle Rivers
Mandy Westerkam

March 21

Mary Grace Burnside

March 22

Lake Barrett
Carol Baum

March 24

Mickey Bell
Jon Heischman

Carter Johnson
Barbara Windham

March 25

Geneva Hutchinson
Alan Wall II

March 26

Carlton Andrews
Charlie Jones

March 27

Wendy Franklin
Mary Leigh McEachern
Cheryl Roberts

March 28

Michelle Beck
Rick Hepfer
Ramona Poole
Genie Quinn
Kay Ross

March 29

Scott Baldwin, Sr.
Betty Hopkins

March 30

Leslie Eaves
Madison Fusco

March 31

Robert Clarkson
Christopher Cordoni
Andrew Epting
Jim Webber

Outdoor Worship on the Grounds

Sunday, February 21, 2021

MASKS REQUIRED • BE PREPARED TO
SOCIAL DISTANCE

3:00 pm | Parking Lot

NEW MARCH DATES JUST ANNOUNCED...MARCH 7 & MARCH 14 AT 3:00 PM

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

as of 2/3/21

(Numbers in parenthesis reflect last reported number)

Date Digital Service Children's Moments* K-5 Sunday School*

*(*now includes Facebook watches)*

1/24	98 (89)	95 (83)	90
1/31	129 (105)	144 (72)	n/a
2/7	104	75	86
2/14	137	9 (YouTube only)	121

DIGITAL SERVICES FACEBOOK REACH (Seen by)

1/24: 90 (82); 1/31: 70 (56); 2-7: 62; 2-14: 60

OUTDOOR ATTENDANCE (since 1-1-21)

1/10: 41; 1-24: 40; 2/7: 46

OUTDOOR SERVICES ONLINE VIEWS (since 1-1-21)

1-10: 65; 1-24: 28; 2-7: 16

INCOME FROM 1/7 TO DATE

Church \$27,981 Soup Cellar \$3,073 Foundation \$220