

# THE CONNECTION

Digital Edition | February 4, 2021

## The WSUMC 2021 Stewardship Campaign is in full swing! We are Committed!

*Over fifty member households have already pledged!*

*We are one-third of the way to meeting our 25% Participation Rate Goal!*

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 consider how you will live out your commitment to Christ and discover your passion for service at Washington Street this year.

For inspiration, click on [COMMITTED](#) to be routed to some great testimonial messages.

Please complete a pledge form and return it to the church by February 21st in one of the following ways:

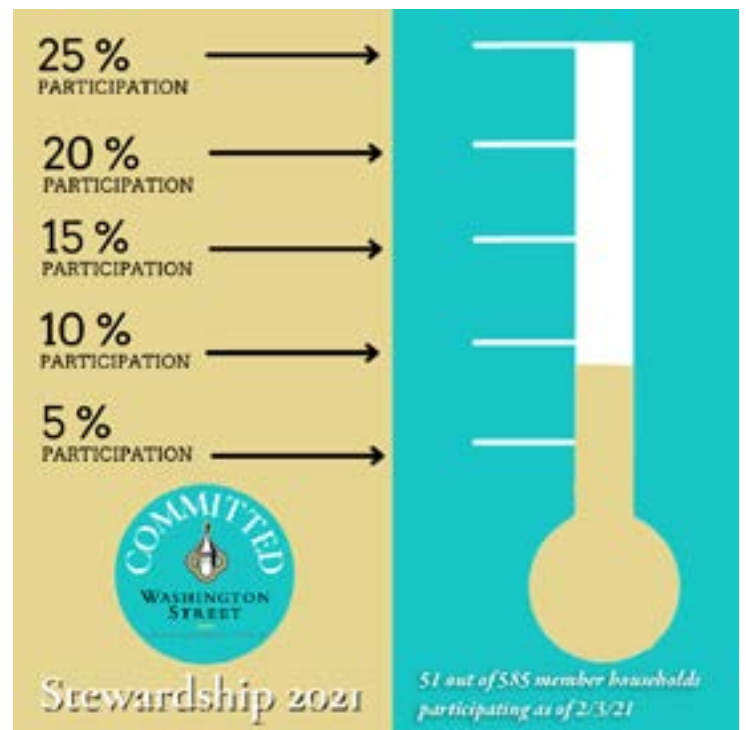
**In person** at one of the Outdoor Sunday Worship Services: **February 7, February 21**

**Online through Engage:**

1. Log in to your *Engage* account
2. Scroll down to My Giving Summary
3. Click on *Pledge Now* and follow the prompts

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

[DOWNLOAD THE PLEDGE FORM HERE!](#)



### 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* <i>(*now includes Facebook watches)</i>	K-5 Sunday School*	DIGITAL SERVICES FACEBOOK REACH <i>(Seen by)</i>
1/10	119 (115)	90	90	1/10: 65; 1/17: 81; 1/24: 82; 1/31: 56
1/17	116 (99)	105	125	<b>OUTDOOR ATTENDANCE</b> (since 1/01/21)
1/24	89	83	90	1/10: 41; 1-24: 40
1/31	105	72	n/a	<b>INCOME FROM 1/7 TO DATE</b>
				Church \$19,850    Soup Cellar \$1950    Foundation \$1060



## 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** is continuing our study of *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables if a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy-Jill Levine. This Sunday, February 7, Mary Slade will lead a discussion of Chapter 5 ("The Mustard Seed"). On February 14, Tom Wall will teach Chapter 6 ("The Pharisee and the Tax Collector"). 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:** For the next three Sundays we are drawing information from *America's Unholy Ghosts*, a film series ([click here to view](#)). The facilitators are as follows: Sherry Shipes: Jan 31 - Trained to Forget; Karen Carr: Feb. 7 - Harmonizing Scripture with White Supremacy; Cindy Cox: Feb. 14 - A Faithful Response. 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:** is continuing its study of *Words of Life, Jesus and the Ten Commandments* by Adam Hamilton. The next two weeks we will study the sixth and seventh commandments. 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** February 7th - Overcoming and Combating Discrimination - Proverbs 6:16-19; James 2:23-24; Galatians 3:27-29; February 14th - God's Love and Sacrifice - John 3:16. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at [mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org).

## Prayer List

Pete Bailey  
Martha Brooker  
Emily Caskey  
Mickey Epting  
Linda Fesperman  
Charles Garren  
Frances Grimes  
Bud Harrelson  
Karen Horne  
Geneva Hutchinson

Lisa Johnson  
Rev. Judy King  
Beverly McClanahan  
Angela Powers  
Rick Rowe  
Boyd Saunders  
Nan Self  
Sarah Threatt  
Our homebound



### Help keep kids safer in our community!

Please take a moment to participate in a survey from a UofSC College of Nursing student, Callen Fernandez, her UofSC nursing faculty, Dr. Kate K. Chappell, and Jenais Means, a licensed counselor and Ph.D. student, and WSUMC member. They are working to help increase knowledge on keeping children safe in worship settings by learning how caregivers think about risk and protect children in their lives from risks for abuse. We hope you will consider taking this survey. Thank you so much for helping nurses and counselors develop strategies to help families keep their children safe! This survey is for caregivers or past caregivers (parents, grandparents, other family or close family friends, etc.) of at least one child 4-18 years old. The survey is completely anonymous and will only take up to 15 minutes. Take the survey here: <https://is.gd/KeepingKidsSafe>

RECONCILING NEXT  
A.N.G.E.L. COMMITTEE  
*(Aging in God's Eternal Love)*  
VALENTINE'S DAY

Happy Hour  
Sunday, Feb. 14 | 5-6 pm  
Contact Jim Lane for Zoom link  
[jlane132@gmail.com](mailto:jlane132@gmail.com)

# Gifts



**IN MEMORY OF BARRY JOYE**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by Anne Sinclair & Julian Ruffin

**IN MEMORY OF ALICE C. BROWN**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Anne Sinclair & Julian Ruffin

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by Mary Burnside

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by Jane Fantt

**IN HONOR OF THE PRAYER CHAIN**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by Lauren Leskosky

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Palmetto Study Club

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Dr. & Mrs. William C. James, Jr.

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

Given by Rufus & Kathy Rogers

**IN MEMORY OF HELEN LEWIS CARTER**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by Rufus & Kathy Rogers

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Bartow Shaw, Jr.

**IN MEMORY OF DORIS HARLEY SALLEY  
& ANSEL ARTHUR SALLEY**  
*to the Soup Cellar*

Given by John & Lynda Salley Galloway

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by William & Teresa Mayes

**IN MEMORY OF ALICE COOK BROWN**  
*to the Soup Cellar*

Given by Ellen Green

**IN MEMORY OF ALICE COOK BROWN**  
*to the Soup Cellar*

Given by Steven & Rhonda Shook

**IN MEMORY OF DR. DON FOWLER**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by Dr. Carlanna Hendrick

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Tom & Mary Frances McTeer

**IN MEMORY OF ALICE C. BROWN**  
*to the Soup Cellar*

Given by Lee & Lynn King

**IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by Susan Whitaker

**IN MEMORY OF JAMES P. VAUGHAN**  
*to Music Ministries*

Given by Edith Vaughan

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

Given by Mike & Gwen Harmon

**IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by Virginia Vaughan

**IN MEMORY OF ALICE C. BROWN**  
*to WSUMC*

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**IN MEMORY OF BARRY JOYE**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by the Paul Harmon Sunday  
School Class

**IN MEMORY OF BARRY JOYE**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by the Toni White Circle

**IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by Jewel & English Percy

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

Given by Edith Vaughan

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Nancy & Chip Sharpe

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by Ann McCain

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Dr. & Mrs. E.W. Haselden, Jr.

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by Barney & Lynn Brewer

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Peggy Weston

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Myra Bristol

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by James Cantey

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Mr. & Mrs. W.D. Morris, Sr.

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Dr. Bud Hopkins

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Sallie Hook Boggs  
Beth Hook Bolton  
& Marion Burnside Hook, Jr.

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by Martha King

**IN MEMORY OF DR. DON FOWLER**  
*to WSUMC*

Given by James Harrison, Jr.

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by R. Steve Summers

**IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.**  
*to the Foundation*

Given by Anne Dixon

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

Given by Mrs. Janet Cotter

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*to the Foundation*

Given by Beth Wilson



## Lenten Lunchtime Study & Discussion

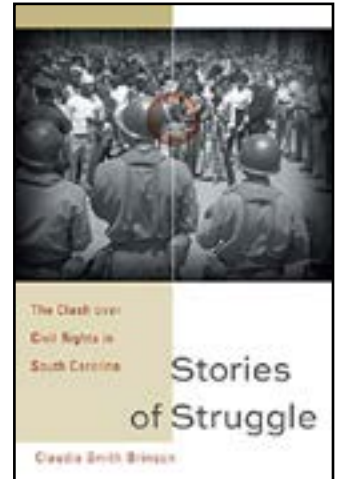
Given it is still not wise to meet in person because of COVID-19, Reverends Parrish and Lippert have decided to host a Zoom Lenten Bible Study and Discussion from 12:00 – 1:00 pm on Wednesdays in place of our Lenten luncheon services. We will be discussing *Roll Down, Justice* by Faye Wilson, an online resource that features 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?

The 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.” We hope you will join us. To sign up or for more information, please email Alston at [aflippert@umcsc.org](mailto: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](mailto:ncwhittle@aol.com).



Outdoor Worship on the Grounds  
Sunday, February 7, 2021\*  
Sunday, February 21, 2021

**FEBRUARY**

\*with Communion 3:00 pm | Parking Lot  
MASKS REQUIRED • BE PREPARED TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE

## Important Information Regarding Outdoor 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, as well as prepackaged communion elements.

- 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.

- **NEW! Park and listen! Stay in your car and listen on the radio on 88.9!**

(This broadcast only reaches 1000 ft).