

THE CONNECTION

Digital Edition | February 7, 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](#) 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:

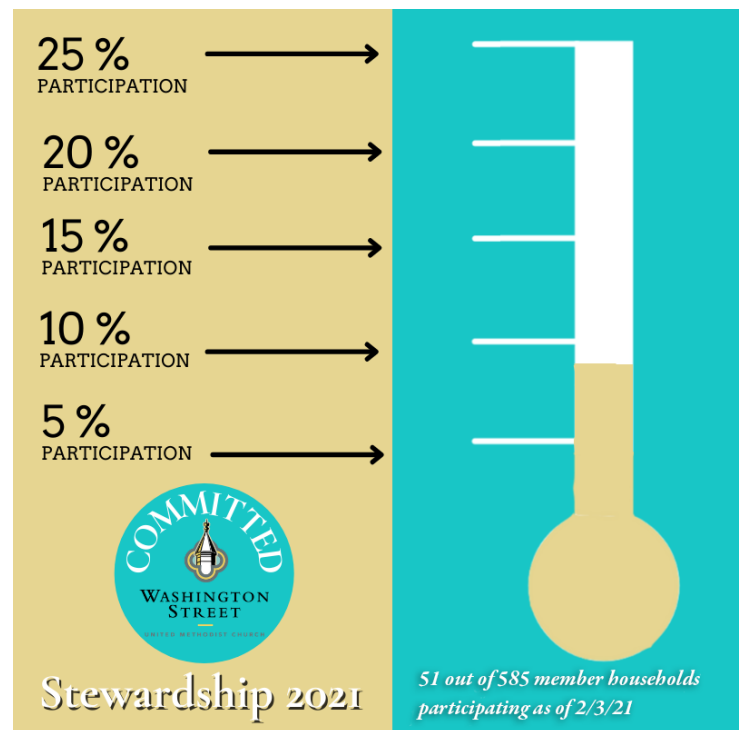
In person at one of the Outdoor Sunday Worship Services: February 7, February 21

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* (*now includes Facebook watches)	K-5 Sunday School*
1/10	119 (115)	90	90
1/17	116 (99)	105	125
1/24	89	83	90
1/31	105	72	n/a

DIGITAL SERVICES FACEBOOK REACH (Seen by)

1/10: 65; 1/17: 81; 1/24: 82; 1/31: 56

OUTDOOR ATTENDANCE (since 1/01/21)

1/10: 41; 1-24: 40

INCOME FROM 1/7 TO DATE

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 Shipps: 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 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. 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.

- **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** 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.

Prayer List

Pete Bailey
Martha Brooker
Emily Caskey
Martha Daniels
Mickey Epting
Linda Feserman
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

Gifts



IN MEMORY OF BARRY JOYE
to WSUMC

Given by Anne Sinclair & Julian Ruffin

IN MEMORY OF ALICE C. BROWN
to the Foundation

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IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.
to WSUMC

Given by Mary Burnside

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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

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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

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IN MEMORY OF BARRY JOYE
to WSUMC

Given by the Paul Harmon Sunday
School Class

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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

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IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE, JR.
to the Foundation

Given by Nancy & Chip Sharpe

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Given by Ann McCain

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

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Given by Myra Bristol

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Given by James Cantey

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

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Given by Dr. Bud Hopkins

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Given by Sallie Hook Boggs

Beth Hook Bolton

& Marion Burnside Hook, Jr.

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to WSUMC

Given by Martha King

IN MEMORY OF DR. DON FOWLER
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Given by R. Steve Summers

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Lenten Lunchtime Study & Discussion

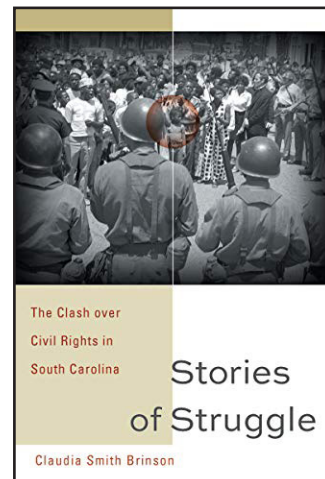
Given it is still not wise to meet in person because of COVID-19, Reverends Parrish and Lippert have decided to host a Zoom Lenten Bible Study and Discussion from 12:00 – 1:00 pm on Wednesdays in place of our Lenten luncheon services. We will be discussing *Roll Down, Justice* by Faye Wilson, an online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

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.



Outdoor Worship on the Grounds

Sunday, February 7, 2021*

Sunday, February 21, 2021



WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*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.

- 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).