

THE CONNECTION

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Members of WSUMC are Committed!

The 2021 Stewardship Campaign has generated encouraging, tremendous results. We are uplifted in knowing that although separated physically, members of WSUMC are united in supporting the congregation so that her ministries are strong. Our church community is resourceful, adaptable, kind, caring, and generous. Together, we share in the dreams and visions of God. Together we will remain Committed to the pledge of being living witnesses through prayers, presence, gifts and service.

More members, (4% More), of Washington Street said "yes" to following Jesus Christ by committing to Christ, to the community of Christ, and to the mission of God by submitting a personal stewardship plan this year.

More financial gifts, (26% More), were planned this year as members considered how God has gifted each of us and were invited by God to share those gifts with others.

Fifteen members donated over 50 amazing prizes to be awarded in a drawing for those who pledged

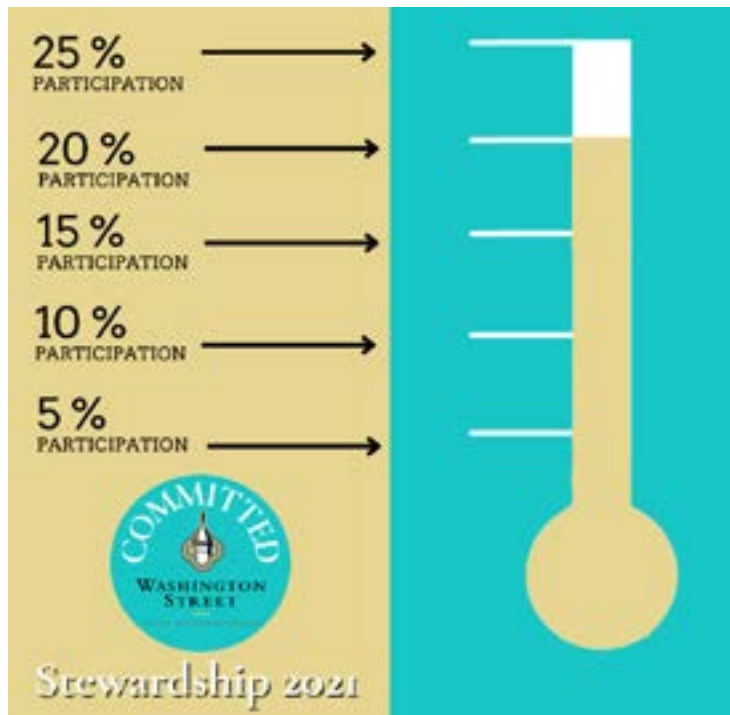
during the Campaign. Many thanks to the bakers, soup makers, artists, donors, and yoga instructors among us who provided extra incentive to encourage unity and participation.

Congratulations to the drawing winners! You will be notified privately to claim your prize!

Stewardship Planning is an on-going process. The 2021 Stewardship Committee is *Committed* to meeting periodically throughout the year to continue to measure stewardship progress and to remind us of the gift of giving generously in service to others. These helpful, friendly, fair, and hard-working individuals have embraced the opportunity to plan, execute, and monitor the work of bringing members together (in spirit) to channel their love for WSUMC and her people: Robbie Douglas, Joe Epting, Alisa Ligget, Jane Peterson, Janelle Rivers, Lee Smith, Eddie Sullivan, Sara Wilcox, and Heidi Conte. Please get in touch with any one of these folks if you have questions about stewardship planning or want to hear of the joy they experienced by plugging into the work of setting and meeting goals as a church group. They highly recommend finding a seat on a Committee!

Please see the [Ways We Serve](#) video online for information about all of our ministries at wsmethodist.org and contact one of the pastors or any Team Leader if you would like to explore volunteer opportunities to serve WSUMC.

Well done Washington Street! Let's Keep Going!



As of 2/24/21:
115 out of 585 Member
Households Participating
\$533,277 Pledged

PLEDGE NOW!

Outdoor Services
on the Ground

March 2021

March 7 & March 21


3:00 pm • Parking Lot

MASKS REQUIRED | BE PREPARED
TO SOCIAL DISTANCE

Lenten Study
Roll Down Justice
Sacred Songs & Social Justice

A study of the music of Mark Miller

Wednesdays thru March 31
Noon | Zoom
Email
aflippert@umcsc.org
to register



This Zoom discussion will be recorded.

New Director of Music Hired

Washington Street is pleased to announce the hiring of Nicholas Todd Shumate as the new Director of Music for Washington Street. Todd is also currently the Choral Director at Chapin High School where he conducts five choirs including:

- Chamber Singers (11th & 12th Grade Auditioned SATB Choir)
- HiLights (10th -12th Grade Auditioned SATB Show Choir)
- Concert Choir (10th -12th Grade Women's Choir)
- Singers (10th -12th Grade Men's Choir)
- Chorus (9th Grade SATB Choir)

Previously, Nicholas was the Adult Choir Director at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Columbia. Mr. Shumate finished a Masters of Music in Choral Conducting at Winthrop University, in Rock Hill in May of 2014. In 2011, Mr. Shumate received a Bachelors of Arts in Music Education, with a concentration in Choral/Vocal Music Education, from Limestone College in Gaffney, SC. His future plans are to continue to grow as a high school choral educator, continue working in sacred church music, and eventually obtain a D.M.A. in Choral Conducting in order to teach in higher education and on a more professional level.



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. March 7 — Janelle Rivers will lead the discussion on Chapter 9, "The Rich Man and Lazarus". On March 14 — Linda Reardon will lead the discussion on the Conclusion, "The Power of Disturbing Stories." 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, the Grace class started a 6-week series from *The Work of the People*. The film series is titled *Resurrection Now* by Richard Rohr. Upcoming sessions:

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:** will complete its study of *Words of Life: Jesus and the 10 Commandments* on March 7. For the final four weeks of Lent, the class will study sentences that lead to wisdom. The first sentence to be discussed on March 14 is "I don't know." 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:** On March 7, the class will discuss Amanda Gorman's poem "The Hill We Climb". For the rest of March, we will discuss scripture passages that pertain to Lent. All are welcome. For information, or to get a Zoom invitation, email Reverend Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org.

• **WSUMC Youth Class:** March 7th - Spiritual Growth through Lent (Matthew 6: 16-18); March 14th — How does God speak to Job in the midst of his pain? (Job 38-39). To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.

Be a part of something special...Active Faith Ministries

Active Faith has been blessed to have members who have a heart for helping those in need in our local community. We raise all of our funding through Garage Sales, umbrella sale, pancake supper, etc. with the funds being used to help meet local needs that's brought to our attention.

We have provided insect repellent to our Soup Cellar patrons for the last two years and plan to do again this year. We have provided reusable water bottles, collected blankets, backpacks to these individuals and provided funds to the Soup Cellar. We have provided gloves, hats, and underwear to children at Alcorn Middle School and Cooperative Ministry.

We respond to emergency needs providing bus tickets to the residents of Allen Benedict Court after they were forced to leave their homes; coordinated food and paper drives for Cooperative Ministry, foster families, and Aldersgate Special Needs homes; arranged and distributed floral arrangements to those who were evacuated from Puerto Rico to Columbia and hospitalized after Hurricane Maria. We worked with Mary's Maidens to provide duffel bags and necessities for children going into emergency foster care.

These are just a few of the activities we have done in the three years we have been in existence. In addition to our local missions, we also respond to social justice



issues. We are always looking for those who want to put their Faith into action. If you love to help people or have a passion for local missions or social justice issues, please consider joining this small group. Just contact Charles Garren at cag610@gmail.com. We welcome all to become a part of this unique small group.



Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric

An online discussion
March 30, 2021
6:30-7:30 pm | Zoom
email Jim Lane to participate
jlane32@gmail.com
Watch the series online free
on Facebook and YouTube!



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



FIRST-YEAR TEACHERS CLOTHES CLOSET

Active Faith is collecting gently used clothing for its First-Year Teachers Clothes Closet. Both men's and women's clothing are needed. There is a special request for men's pants 30-32; coats 38-40; and shirts (small; 15 or 15 1/2). You may drop your donation off at the Traxler classroom on the 2nd floor of the church. The drive will continue through April 30.

Prayer List

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

WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OUTDOOR SERVICE ON THE GROUNDS

Easter Service

APRIL 4, 2021 | 11:00 AM
PARKING LOT

MASKS REQUIRED | BE PREPARED TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE

In Memoriam

The Rev. Happy W. Long

(Retired Charge Conference Member)

January 18, 2021

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord..."

Gifts



IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER
to WSUMC
Given by Paul & Beverly McClanahan

IN MEMORY OF ALICE BROWN
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Alison & James Howe

IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER
to WSUMC
Given by Ann & Andrew Cameron

IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER
to the Foundation
Given by Frances Robertson

IN MEMORY OF MARION BURNSIDE
to the Foundation
Given by Frances Robertson

IN MEMORY OF MARION T. BURNSIDE, JR.
to the Foundation
Given by Fabio Terelevich

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

as of 2/17/21

**Numbers in parenthesis reflect last reported number)*

Date	Digital Service	Children's Moments* <i>(*now includes Facebook watches)</i>	K-5 Sunday School*
2/7	109 (104)	80 (75)	92 (86)
2/14	146 (137)	96	134 (121)
		2/17 (Ash Wednesday) 30	
2/21	84	88	86
2/28	82	110	139

DIGITAL SERVICES FACEBOOK REACH (Seen by)

2-7: 67; 2-14: 70; 2-21: 55; 2/28: 19

OUTDOOR ATTENDANCE (since 1-1-21)

1/10: 41; 1-24: 40; 2/7: 46; 2/21: 44

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

1-10: 67 (65); 1-24: 33 (28); 2-7: (17) 16; 2/21: 19

INCOME TO DATE (3/3/21)

Church \$11,723 Soup Cellar \$245 Foundation \$1000