



# THE CONNECTION

*June 23-July 7, 2019*

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Our Worship Team has named "Come Together" as our theme for the Sundays in August. We will hold one service at 11:00 in the sanctuary with Sunday School at 9:45. These services will focus on what binds us together. Our services will center around Holy Communion, baptism (including a Baptismal Renewal Service), serving in hope, and fellowship and love. We will sing many of our favorite hymns at each service and relax a little at the end of the summer. As a part of our summer series, we are inviting you to write and submit your Affirmations of Faith to use during these services. In addition to the Sunday morning Worship Series, we are planning a church-wide picnic from 3:00-6:00 at Sesquicentennial State Park on August 25.

Please plan to attend these services as we...

***Come Together in Christ!***



# MUSIC MANIA 2019

AGES 4  
TO RISING  
6TH GRADE



**MUSIC MANIA DAY CAMP**  
**JULY 15-19, 2019**

THERE IS A SUGGESTED  
\$20 DONATION TO COVER  
T-SHIRTS & SUPPLIES.  
NO REGISTRATION FEE!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Updates*

**THE DAWSEY CLASS:** The Dawsey Class: This Sunday, June 23, The Rev. Tom Summers will lead a discussion of Chapter 17, “Beyond Mere Theology, Two Practices” from *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For and Believe* by Richard Rohr. On June 30, the class will begin *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

**THE OPEN DOOR CLASS** is completing its study *If: Trading Your If Only Regrets for God's What If Possibilities* on June 23, and will be hosting the 5th Sunday Sweets on June 30. The next study beginning on June 30 is *Old Testament Stories from the Back Side* by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

**THE GRACE CLASS** will continue with *Painting the Stars* and Susan Matthews will lead Chapter 5: “Evolutionary Christianity”; June 30 – Lynn Shirley will lead, Chapter 6: “Imagining a Future,”; and on July 7, Nancy Whittle will lead Chapter 7.

## *Donations for Ecuador Mission Trip Health Kits*

The Ecuador Mission Team is collecting items for health kits to be distributed to each person/family who comes through the clinic and each child we meet in VBS.

Please drop off items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and washcloths to make into kits to hand out.

Questions? Contact Mackin or Tom Wall at [wallbrodie@aol.com](mailto:wallbrodie@aol.com)

# Numbers with Neal

Hello again! I realize that it has been a while since my last installment of “Numbers with Neal”, in which I presented the Church’s financial results for 2018, and the 2019 Church budget. Since my last installment, and with the Church, a lot of events have transpired, and so I would like to bring everyone up to date on how the Church’s finances played out for the January to April 2019 time period. The related financial results are summarized in the below-noted chart:

<b>Washington Street UMC Financial Summary</b> (January to April 2019 Year To Date)			
<b>CHURCH</b> (excluding FACE activities):			
<b>Contributions:</b>			Variance
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Fav (Unfav)</u>
Pledges	\$163,815.68	\$175,209.36	(\$11,393.68)
Non-Pledges	\$68,583.10	\$115,359.32	(46,776.22)
Other Revenues	\$11,230.25	\$19,166.64	(7,936.39)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$243,629.03</b>	<b>\$309,735.32</b>	<b>(\$66,106.29)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			Variance
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>(Fav) Unfav</u>
Operating Expenses	\$263,525.66	\$309,735.28	(\$46,209.62)
Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)			
	<u>(\$19,896.63)</u>		<u>(\$19,896.67)</u>
<b>FACE Activities:</b>			
FACE — Total 2019 Budget Allocation			
Faith Formation	\$14,000		
Community Life	12,000		
Engaging God's World	<u>4,000</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>		
			Variance
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>(Fav) Unfav</u>
Faith Formation	(\$719.51)	\$4,666.67	(\$5,386.18)
Community Life	\$4,718.31	\$4,000.00	\$718.31
Engaging God's World	\$1,293.12	\$1,333.33	(\$40.21)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,291.92</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>(\$4,708.08)</b>

From the above-noted chart, the Financial Summary is broken down into two areas: Church activities, excluding those pertaining to the FACE ministries; and, FACE ministry activities alone. The following is a short summary of each area:

### Church Activities:

For January to April 2019, total contributions and other revenues were \$243,629 versus the budget amount, for the same period, of \$309,735, resulting in an unfavorable contributions and other revenues budget variance of \$66,106. However, Total Expenses for this period were \$263,525 versus a related budget amount of \$309,735, resulting

in a favorable budget spending variance of \$46,209. Overall, the net amount of total contributions and other revenues and expenses resulted in a Church Net Deficit amount of \$19,896.

Looking at some key components of the Financial Summary, I would like to comment on the following:

### Pledges:

For pledge commitments, actual pledges, relative to budgeted pledges, revealed a modest unfavorable variance of \$11,393. This result would appear to reveal that members are, for the most part, honoring their annual pledge commitments for 2019.

### Non-Pledges:

The area of Non-Pledges can be thought of as member, or other contributions, to the Church over and above any pledge commitments. The Non-Pledges category is the level of non-pledge related contributions that are required to help the Church’s total contributions match its total expenses. The Non-Pledge unfavorable amount of \$46,776 is quite sizable but can be largely attributed to the time of year, and other seasonal factors. Historically, Church contributions tend to pick up as the calendar year progresses, and so if history repeats itself, the difference between the actual amount for Non-Pledges, relative to budget, would be expected to significantly decrease as we move forward through the year. For those of you who did not commit to a 2019 Pledge amount, any contributions that you make would be reported in the Non-Pledges area, and so frequent contributions throughout the calendar year will go a long way to reducing the related actual to budget variance.

### Expenses:

Finally, and has it done for some time now, the Church is managing its overall spending quite well relative to budget, as reflected in the favorable spending variance of \$46,209. This trend displays a continuing prudent and fiscally responsible conscience on behalf of the Church’s leadership and administrative staff, as well as the generous donation of members’ time, talent and resources in support of various church activities. Something that we can all be proud of, and if you know of members that make generous donations of time, talent and resources, I encourage you to thank them for their graciousness and faithfulness to our Church family.

### FACE Activities:

For January to April 2019, the four (4) categories of FACE resulted in total spending of \$5,291 relative to a total budget of \$10,000. Thus, FACE related spending was \$4,708 below or favorable to budget. Overall, the FACE leaders and their respective committees continue to display, in a similar fiscally responsible and conscious manner as described above, prudent spending habits relative to their respective budget allocation.

I hope that the above-noted summary gives you a sense of how the Church performed financially for the January to April time period. I look forward to sharing with you more financial information on a more frequent basis, throughout the months of summer. On behalf of the Finance Committee, we wish you, and your loved ones, a very happy, safe, and spiritually uplifting and blessed summer.

Sincerely,



Neal Foster, Finance Committee Chair



## WSUMC CDC Exceeds Fundraising Goal with St. Jude Trike-A-Thon!

Congratulations to the WSUMC Child Development Center (CDC) for exceeding their goal for St. Jude this year during their recent Trike-A-Thon. The CDC raised \$1,800 for this worthy cause. Fun was had by all and WLTX, along with WIS-TV cameras were on hand for the fun. Bravo to Felicia Yockel, her team and her wonderful kids!

### Volunteer and/or Donate! Next Sunday Dinner Planned for July 28

The Sunday Dinner mission team is now accepting registrations for volunteers, as well as goods for gift bags to be distributed during for the July 28 Sunday Dinner. The Sunday Dinner is scheduled for 4:00-6:00 pm in Threatt Hall. We are looking for greeters, grillers, kitchen help, and more. Watch for an email with a link to the registration form, or visit the website at [www.wsmethodist.org](http://www.wsmethodist.org) and follow the links to sign up.

We will be accepting donations of reading glasses (1.5-2.5 strengths), non-perishable food items (pop-top cans, or wrapped goods, bottled water, etc).



## Active Faith

"DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN, BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN"

*Active Faith invites the congregation to help fill the Cooperative Ministries Emergency Pantry with the following items: spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned chicken, canned salmon, canned tuna, Vienna sausage, canned sardines, tuna salad, chicken salad, corned beef hash, chili and beans, ravioli, canned spaghetti, jelly, peanut butter, cheese or Ritz® crackers with peanut butter filling, salted peanuts, crackers, canned fruit, canned potatoes, canned diced tomatoes, cereal, quick cooking grits (2 lb size), quick cooking oatmeal, rice (1 or 2 lb bag), packaged instant potatoes, gravy mixes, bottled water, and soups with protein.*

*We will collect these items in the Missions Garden during the months of June and July. Please consider putting some of these items on your shopping list to donate to someone in need.*

# YOUTH & Children's CORNER



## ACOLYTE TRAINING

Acolytes bring the light of Christ's spirit into the worship service. Children who are rising 4th through 8th grades are eligible to serve as acolytes. Training for prospective acolytes will be held in the coming weeks through July. Please contact Susan Brown at 803-422-9394 or by email at [sbrown13@sc.rr.com](mailto:sbrown13@sc.rr.com) if your child would like to serve.

## A BIG THANK YOU!

On behalf of the United Methodist Men's Group, I would to extend a "big thank you" for everyone who supported the recent sale of Sweet Vidalia onions.

A total amount of \$422 was raised through the sales and will be used by the United Methodist Men in order to fund various ministries, which currently include the Soup Cellar and Transitions. Also, I would like to acknowledge the significant and valuable contributions of both Ann Jessup, and Jane Peterson for providing relevant and timely communication of the event in "The Connection".



Neal Foster

## WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR OLD SMART PHONE? DONATE IT!

Dale Harsey (Grace class) is collecting used smart phones for people in Nicaragua.

You may drop off your old smartphones in the WSUMC office through July 23.

Please contact Dale (text or voice) at 803-307-8341 with questions.

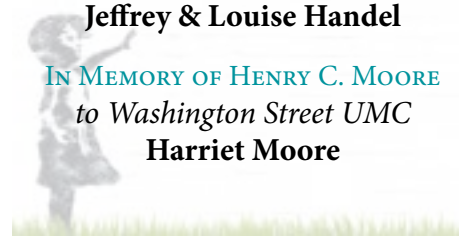


## Gifts

IN MEMORY OF KATHY HANDEL  
to Faith Coalition Against Gun  
Violence

Virginia Vaughan  
Jeffrey & Louise Handel

IN MEMORY OF HENRY C. MOORE  
to Washington Street UMC  
Harriet Moore



WSUMC  
Soup Cellar and  
Office will be  
closed July 4-5  
in observance of  
Independence  
Day.



## Our Leadership

The Reverend Patricia Parrish, Senior  
Pastor

The Reverend Alston Lippert,  
Associate Minister for Nurture and  
Discipleship Development

The Reverend Taylor Pafford, Associate  
Minister for Children and Family  
Ministries

Angela Powers, Director of Music

Louis Shirer, Organist

Dr. Richard Frierson, Pianist

Robbie Douglas, Church Business  
Administrator

Abbie McKenzie, Church Secretary/  
Administrative Assistant

Jerry Sumpter, Property/Maintenance  
Supervisor

Felicia Yockel, Director of Child  
Development Center

Jane Peterson, Communications  
Specialist

## Getting to Know

### Jan Baker

By Fran Zupan

When Jan Baker graduated from Winthrop College in 1991, she had no idea what she wanted to do with her degree in English, but she knew she didn't want to teach.

Today she teaches legal writing full time at the University of South Carolina School of Law, and teaching is one of the most fulfilling parts of her life.

"I love to teach," she said. "My students inspire me, probably more than I inspire them. When I read or hear about what they achieve, it gives me great satisfaction to know I played some small part in a person's life."

Jan was born at Shaw AFB, and when she was an infant, her parents felt called to become ministers – known as corps officers – in the Salvation Army. After her parents graduated from Catherine Booth Bible College in Atlanta, the family was stationed in Dothan, Alabama, for about four years.

They moved back to Sumter, where her father became a firefighter and worked part-time for the Salvation Army. Her mother was a bookkeeper for the Salvation Army before taking a job at the Sumter County Recreation Commission.

When she was growing up, Jan and two younger siblings played in the Salvation Army's Carolinas Youth Band. They played at street-corner meetings, which also featured a short sermon.

Jan also worked as a lifeguard at a Salvation Army camp in North Carolina for many years.

"I spent all summer at Camp Walter Johnson, and I couldn't wait to get there," she said.

After college, Jan went with a friend to a law school admissions fair in Atlanta. That spurred her to enroll in the USC law school, where she met her partner Jenny Dalrymple. Jan jokes that she and Jenny refer to each other as "partner, emotional support person, or emergency contact" depending on the day.

After law school, Jan clerked for two years for a federal bankruptcy judge in Jacksonville, Florida. While in Jacksonville, she taught legal writing part-time to paralegals and to law students.

"In a nutshell, legal writing is a form of writing that enables lawyers to communicate complex legal analysis in clear, concise prose," Jan said. "Most lawyer jokes lead people to believe that lawyers are trained to make easy things sound hard. Just the opposite is true – a lawyer who writes well can simplify even the most daunting legal concepts in elegant and easy-to-understand expression."

After returning to South Carolina, Jan was a staff attorney for the South Carolina Supreme Court for a year, drafting research memos and orders and making recommendations to the court on how to proceed. She also began teaching legal writing part-time at the USC law school.

Before joining the law school full time, Jan worked for the King & Dalrymple, P.A. law firm for eight years, where she enjoyed practicing law with Jenny. While there, Jan and Jenny joined another bankruptcy colleague and co-authored the South Carolina Bankruptcy Practice Manual.

Jan created an undergraduate honors course focused on storytelling and argumentation ethics, which allows students from many disciplines to become "pretend lawyers," using a first-degree burglary case she created. Half the students represent the defendant, and half represent the prosecution.

The students get to argue an opening statement, a closing statement, and part of the trial, and "they love it," Jan said. She started the course to try to attract talented South Carolina undergraduate students to USC's law school. Even when her honors students choose other law schools, Jan enjoys hearing from them about their success at their chosen schools.

Jan and Jenny live in a house they had built in 2000, on 21 acres in Cedar Creek. Over dinner with a group of friends one evening, the conversation turned to church; most of



the people in attendance had grown up in a church but weren't currently attending one. Six of them decided to visit churches, and Washington Street in January 2017 was the first.

Jan and Jenny decided to come back on Easter and visited regularly after that. They joined in December 2017. The identity statement on the front of the bulletin kept them coming back, Jan said, adding, "We think the people of Washington Street live that." Jan and Jenny knew Washington Street was for them when they discovered the Grace Class and the church cats.

Jan enjoys Harlan Coben audiobooks, featuring detective Myron Bolitar, which she listens to on her lengthy commute.

A cousin, John Copeland, who is a Salvation Army camp director in New Jersey, has written a musical "The Skeleton Army," which is scheduled to open off-Broadway in August. Jan and Jenny plan to attend the premiere.

The title refers to the formation of the Salvation Army in the mid-1800s England. Among the people, the Salvation Army ministered to were those impacted by alcohol abuse. An opposition group called the Skeleton Army formed to oppose this aspect of the Salvation Army's work.

The play is about a leader of the Skeleton Army who eventually joined the Salvation Army.

## Missions In Action

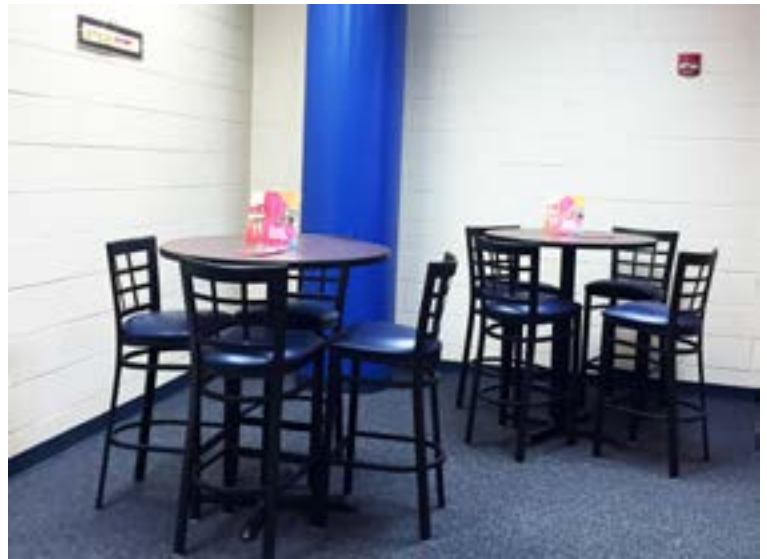
ALCORN MIDDLE SCHOOL

One of the missions at Washington Street is the Alcorn Middle School Mission. During the year, the Missions Committee gather donations from book bags to notebooks, to monetary donations to help the students at Alcorn Middle School.

This year, Reading Cafe tables and chairs were donated to the school for the Alcorn Book Club. The Alcorn staff and teachers were so proud of this gift!

The committee worked with the Media Specialist by providing books and monthly lunches for the Book Club. They also provided volunteers to help during their monthly Book Club meetings.

Jerry Sumpter and Betsy Halloran represented Washington Street at the May 31, 2019 Appreciation Luncheon. Alcorn Middle School recognized WSUMC as one of their Community Partners. Jerry worked with the one of the Alcorn social workers (pictured) by distributing snacks for students. Betsy is one of the monthly Book Club volunteers.



Far left: The entryway to the Reader's Cafe at Alcorn Middle School; top: tables and chairs as donated by WSUMC for the Reader's Cafe; social worker, Betsy Halloran, and Jerry Sumpter; left: the award of appreciation presented to WSUMC from Alcorn Middle School.

# CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

## JUNE 23-JULY 7, 2019

### Sunday, June 23

9:00 am	Early Service	Christ Chapel
10:00 am	Informational Session on Reconciling Ministries Network	Christ Chapel
11:00 am	Regular Service	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Discernment Session II "The Book of Discipline of the UMC & Homosexuality"	Threatt Hall

1:30 pm	NA Meeting	Soup Cellar
5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Organ Practice	Sanctuary/Choir Room

### Saturday, June 29

5:30 pm	Wedding - Caitlyn Flake	Sanctuary
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### Sunday, June 30

9:00 am	Early Service	Chapel
9:30 am	5th Sunday Sweets	Wesley Room
11:00 am	Regular Service	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	3rd Discernment Session -- "How Does WSUMC Live Out Its Identity Statement?"	Threatt Hall

### Monday, June 24

8:45 am	Vacation Bible School	Christ Chapel, Threatt Hall, Choir Room, 2nd Floor Classrooms
1:30 pm	NA Meeting	Soup Cellar

### Monday, July 1

1:30 pm	NA Meeting	Soup Cellar
5:30 pm	Trustees Meeting	John Harper Classroom

### Tuesday, June 25

8:00 am	Prayer Group	Wesley Room
8:45 am	Vacation Bible School	Christ Chapel, Threatt Hall, Choir Room, 2nd Floor Classrooms
1:30 pm	NA Meeting	Soup Cellar
5:30 pm	Firm It Up	Youth Room
6:30 pm	Domestic Abuse Counseling Services	Conference Room

### Tuesday, July 2

8:00 am	Prayer Group	Wesley Room
1:30 pm	NA Meeting	Soup Cellar
4:00 pm	FCGV	Wesley Room
5:30 pm	Firm It Up	Youth Room
6:30 pm	DACS	Conference Room

### Wednesday, June 26

8:45 am	Vacation Bible School	Christ Chapel, Threatt Hall, Choir Room, 2nd Floor Classrooms
10:45 am	Prayer Group	Holroyd Room
1:30 pm	NA Meeting	Soup Cellar
4:00 pm	Drop In for Teresa Fisher	Wesley Room

### Wednesday, July 3

1:30 pm	NA Meeting	Soup Cellar
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### Thursday, June 27

8:45 am	Vacation Bible School	Christ Chapel, Threatt Hall, Choir Room, 2nd Floor Classrooms
9:30 am	CDC Devotions	Chapel
1:30 pm	NA Meeting	Soup Cellar

### Thursday, July 4

*Independence Day*  
**CDC/Soup Cellar/Church Office CLOSED**

### Friday, Jun 28

8:45 am	Vacation Bible School	Christ Chapel, Threatt Hall, Choir Room, 2nd Floor Classrooms
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### Friday, July 5

**Soup Cellar/Church Office CLOSED**

### Saturday, July 6

3:00 pm	Organ Practice	Sanctuary/Choir Room
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### Sunday, July 7

9:00 am	Early Service with Communion	Chapel
11:00 am	Regular Service	Sanctuary