



THE CONNECTION

July 7-21, 2019

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VBS 2019 "To Mars & Beyond"...Out of this World!



"Come Together" will be the theme for Sundays in August. We will have one service at 11:00 am in the sanctuary, with Sunday School starting at 9:45 am. These services will focus on what binds us together and will center around Holy Communion; baptism (including a Baptismal Renewal Service); serving in hope; and fellowship and love. Many of our favorite hymns will be sung at each service, and we'll relax our dress code a little. We also invite you to write and submit your Affirmations of Faith to use during these services. Please plan to attend these services as we "come together in Christ!"



Mission Madness at WSUMC! DONATE TODAY!

Sunday Dinner Team

Reading glasses, pop-top meals, packaged/portable foods, bottled water, etc.

Ecuador Mission

Soap, shampoo, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste

Active Faith

Canned meats, quick grits, canned veggies, fruits, etc. for Cooperative Ministries

Gifts

IN HONOR OF REV. DON BRITT
to Epworth's Children's Home
Paul Harmon Sunday School Class

IN MEMORY OF HOMER FESPERMAN
(HIS 83RD BIRTHDAY)
to Minister's Discretionary Fund
Linda & Lin Lord

WS Members for over 70 Years!

The following have been Washington Street members for over 70 years! The date they joined follows the name.

Alfred Burnside

3-24-1940

C.O. Turner, Jr.

7-27-1941

Marion Burnside

7-27-1941

Martha Helen King

7-27-1941

Peggy Weston

7-27-1941

Betty Moore

4-14-1946

REL Freeman, III

12-8-1946

Happy Henry

3-21-1948

Miriam Brown

5-2-1948

Leon Davis

10-12-1948



THE DAWSEY CLASS: Sunday, July 7 Rick Hepfer will lead a discussion of Chapter 1, "Religion 101," in *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor. On July 14 Grant Jackson will teach Chapter 2, "Vishnu's Almonds."

THE GRACE CLASS: On Sunday, July 7 the Grace Class will continue the series *Painting the Stars: Evolving Faith, Science and Religion*.

THE JOY CLASS AND THE GRACE CLASS will be coming together during July and August for *Confronting the Controversies* by Adam Hamilton. Please, feel free to join us for one or more of these weeks! Our goal is to learn how to become better listeners and to learn tools to find common ground on tough issues while showing the love of Christ to all. *Confronting the Controversies* is a 7-session group study of "tough issues" based on Adam Hamilton's sermons on these topics. The first of these will be "The Separation of Church and State" on July 14.

THE ALDERSGATE CLASS will meet in the classroom and the lesson will come from the Adam Hamilton book, *Making Sense of the Bible*. Either Elaine or I or both will present a chapter titled "The Old Testament in 15 Minutes".

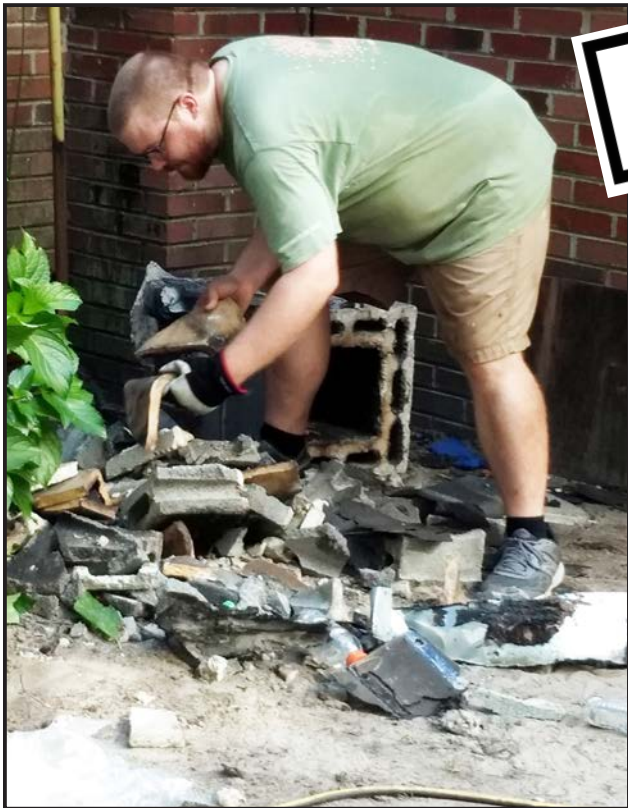


CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC!

Sesquicentennial State Park | August 25, 2019
3:00-6:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!



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!





COMING SOON!

SUNDAY DINNER

Good eats and fellowship!

Sunday, July 28 | 4:00-6:00 pm
Washington Street UMC



VOLUNTEERS

- Reading glasses
- Greeters
- Kitchen Assistants
- Platers
- Servers
- Grillers
- Table Companions
- Gift Bag Distributors
- Kitchen Clean-up
 - Threatt Hall Clean-up

DONATIONS

- Reading glasses (1.5 to 2.5)
- 3-gal. Tubs of Ice Cream
 - Bottled Water
- Ice Cream Toppings
 - Individually wrapped cracker packs
- Pop-top meats, fruit, veggies

Getting to Know Jimmy Dawkins

By Fran Zupan



When Jimmy Dawkins sees a cemetery while driving, he often turns around to explore the cemetery and experience its history and beauty.

He “could spend hours in a cemetery,” Jimmy said.

While each cemetery has its own points of interest, two of Jimmy’s favorites are the Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston and the Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah.

“The Magnolia Cemetery has some beautiful old stones,” Jimmy said. It is also where the remains of the eight-member crew of the H.L. Hunley, the first combat submarine to sink a warship, were laid to rest in 2004. The Confederate sub sank on February 17, 1864, and lay under 27 feet of water in Charleston Harbor until it was raised in 2000.

The Bonaventure Cemetery was made famous by the non-fiction novel *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John

Berendt and the movie of the same name, directed by Clint Eastwood.

A photograph of the 50-inch, bronze Bird Girl statue, located in Bonaventure Cemetery, was used for the book’s dust jacket. The book became a best-seller, and tourists flocked to the cemetery. The family who owned the statue, afraid of what might happen to it, had it moved to a museum in Savannah.

Jimmy’s interest in cemeteries made him a natural fit to chair the Washington Street Memorial Garden Committee.

The Memorial Garden contains the columbarium, where the cremated ashes of the dead, in an urn or box, are sealed into niches.

The columbarium is about two-thirds full, but if everyone who has reserved a niche “were to die today,” it would be full, Jimmy said. The church plans to acquire a second columbarium when more space is needed.

Committee member Elizabeth Ouzts has been handling Jimmy’s responsibilities while he underwent treatment and surgery for cancer and then spent time in Prosperity, where his mother lives, while she underwent rehabilitation for Parkinson’s disease.

Since February, he has been gradually spending more time at his home in West Columbia and less time in Prosperity. He is getting back into those church activities he had put on the back burner.

Jimmy grew up in Prosperity, a small town northwest of Columbia, and graduated from Mid-Carolina High School in 1975. He earned a two-year degree in computer programming from

Midlands Technical College in 1977. He worked for the Department of Mental Health, and in 1979, he moved to Spartanburg where he was in charge of the computer room at USC-Spartanburg and earned a bachelor’s degree in business management.

While in Spartanburg, a co-worker made clown costumes for herself and Jimmy, and they went to Special Olympics events to entertain people waiting to compete.

“My goal was just to get a smile,” Jimmy said.

In 1988, Jimmy returned to West Columbia and went to work for the Department of Revenue as a programmer/analyst. He worked there until he retired in April 2018.

In 1989, Jimmy went with his mother to an AARP meeting where the presenter discussed Palmetto Health Hospice and mentioned that the program had a clown troupe. Jimmy became a hospice volunteer, providing support and companionship to terminally ill patients and their families. He also became a clown, visiting hospitals and nursing homes and attending festivals and parades.

Over the years, Jimmy’s clown style has changed. When he was in Spartanburg, he was a white face clown. When he started with hospice, he was an Auguste clown. While Jimmy remembers wearing a purple wig during this phase, many Auguste clowns have red hair, along with their outlandish clothing and makeup – think Bozo the Clown and Ronald McDonald.

But after a couple of years, Jimmy became a hobo clown named Homer, after his paternal grandfather, he tells people, not Homer Simpson.

“It took a while to find out my real

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character as the hobo clown,” Jimmy said. “I felt more comfortable. I could be more quiet, stand over to the side and observe people.”

Jimmy learned to do his own clown makeup and attended several Christian clown conferences in Florida. He had started collecting clowns, even before he became one. Today he estimates that he has 400 to 500, all currently in boxes.

Being a hospice volunteer has been

the most influential experience of his life, Jimmy said.

“I’ve bonded with patients and really become a part of their family,” he said, noting that he had some patients for a year or two. “Hospice concentrates on the quality of life and not the quantity of life. Also, I’ve learned that death is not the worst thing that can happen to a person.”

As social chair of what is now Prisma Health Hospice, Jimmy organizes a

barbecue and bingo night every June in Washington Street’s Threatt Hall. Participants bring white elephant gifts as prizes, and Jimmy calls the bingo numbers.

Jimmy likes to travel. He has taken bus trips to Mount Rushmore and Colorado Springs, and he has timeshares in Charleston, Gatlinburg and St. Augustine, among other places. ❁

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 if your child would like to serve.



INVITATION
TO
DISCERNMENT

RMN FAQs are available in the
narthex, and the hallway near
Threatt Hall



WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Final Discernment Session

Facilitated by Dr. Melanie Dobson

4:00 pm | Threatt Hall

July 14

"What Does It Mean to Be a Member of the
Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN)?"

presented by Sidney Gatch

Childcare
Available

Questions or comments?
wsumcfeedback@gmail.com

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

Calendar of Weekly Activities

July 7 - July 21, 2019

Sunday, July 7

9:00 am Service with Communion Chapel

Monday, July 8

9:00 am CDC In-Service CDC & Threatt Hall
 1:30 pm NA Meeting Soup Cellar
 5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting John Harper Classroom

Tuesday, July 9

8:00 am Prayer Group Wesley Room
 1:30 pm NA Meeting Soup Cellar
 5:30 pm AVP Wesley Room
 5:30 pm Firm It Up Youth Room
 6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting John Harper Classroom
 6:30 pm DACS Conference Room

Wednesday, July 10

10:00 am Sara Wilcox-Filming Campus-wide
 10:45 am Prayer Group Holroyd Room
 1:30 pm NA Meeting Soup Cellar

Thursday, July 11

9:30 am CDC Devotions Chapel
 1:30 pm NA Meeting Soup Cellar

Friday, July 12

1:30 pm NA Meeting Soup Cellar

Saturday, July 13

3:00 pm Organ Practice Sanctuary/Choir Room

Sunday, July 14

4:00 pm 4th Discernment Session Threatt Hall
 "What Does It Mean to Be a Member of the RCM?"

Monday, July 15

Mission Trip to Ecuador through July 23

8:45 am Music Mania Day Camp Chapel, 2nd Floor, Choir Room
 1:30 pm NA Meeting Soup Cellar

Tuesday, July 16

8:00 am Prayer Group Wesley Room
 8:45 am Music Mania Day Camp Chapel, 2nd Floor, Choir Room
 1:30 pm NA Meeting Soup Cellar
 5:30 pm Firm It Up Youth Room
 6:00 pm POMC Grace Class
 6:30 pm DACS Conference Room

Wednesday, July 17

8:45 am Music Mania Day Camp Chapel, 2nd Floor, Choir Room
 10:45 am Prayer Team Meeting Wesley Room
 1:30 pm NA Meeting Soup Cellar

Thursday, July 18

8:45 am Music Mania Day Camp Chapel, 2nd Floor, Choir Room
 9:30 am CDC Devotions Chapel
 1:30 pm NA Meeting Soup Cellar
 4:00 pm Killingsworth Board Meeting John Harper Classroom

Friday, July 19

8:45 am Music Mania Day Camp Chapel, 2nd Floor, Choir Room
 1:30 pm NA Meeting Soup Cellar

Saturday, July 20

1:30 pm Records and History Committee Meeting Museum
 3:00 pm Organ Practice Sanctuary/Choir Room

Sunday, July 21

9:00 am Service Chapel
 11:00 am Service Sanctuary