

# THE CONNECTION

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## New Pastor Announced!

Hello Washington Street,

As the SPPRC Chair, I am coming to you now to bring you exciting news. As you all know, our Rev. Parrish announced in January her upcoming retirement effective in June. Although we are all saddened by her departure, we have to be happy for her as she transitions to a time where she and Gary can renew and enjoy family and new adventures.

Pastor transitions and the itinerant model are a long-held part of the Methodist denomination. The Bishop and cabinet meet each March to fill ministerial vacancies and to set new appointments. I am happy to announce that Rev. Becky Shirley will be

our new pastor beginning in July.

Rev. Shirley is a native of the Columbia area and is currently serving at Philadelphia UMC in Fort Mill, SC. She is a graduate of Columbia College, University of South Carolina, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary here in Columbia. In the past,



she has served at Trenholm Road UMC, Platt Springs Road UMC, and other congregations across SC. Rev. Shirley is married to Richard Shirley and they have one daughter who is a high school teacher here in the midlands.

The SPPRC and the Church Council will be working on transition plans over the next months and we will keep the congregation informed of upcoming opportunities to both wish Rev. Parrish the best and to welcome Rev. Shirley to Washington Street.

Thank you!  
Lee Haynes

## OUTDOOR SERVICE ON THE GROUNDS

### Easter Service

APRIL 4, 2021

11:00 AM | PARKING LOT

Please bring a few flowers such as azaleas, dogwood, camellias, or viburnum for our Easter floral cross!

COMMUNION ELEMENTS AVAILABLE OR BRING YOUR OWN

MASKS REQUIRED | BE PREPARED TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE

# Gifts



IN MEMORY OF MARION TOWLES BURNSIDE  
to the Foundation

Given by Glynn & Ron Keisler

IN MEMORY OF SARA B. KERR  
to the Foundation

Given by Ed and Sara Fisher

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET DANIELS  
to WSUMC

Given by Virginia Vaughan

IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER  
to Missions

Given by Chip Williams

# Prayer List

Pete Bailey  
Martha Brooker  
Sally Christian  
Mickey Epting  
Charles Garren  
Bud Harrelson  
Karen Horne  
Geneva Hutchinson  
Lisa Johnson

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



## 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.

## 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:** On April 4, Rick Hepfer is the presenter for Chapters 2 and 3 from the book *Faith After Doubt* by Brian McLaren. On April 11, Janelle Rivers will lead the discussion for Chapters 4 and 5. 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:** will not meet on Easter Sunday. Many are planning to attend the in-person worship service on the grounds at WSUMC starting at 11:00 am. On Sunday, April 11th, the class will begin discussion centered on the first of a 7-session film series from *The Work Of The People* titled *Hospitality and The Stranger: Welcoming The Divine*. This series of videos is about those we might consider other, stranger, foreigner, and alien. The curriculum, written by Phuc Luu, challenges that recognition of the presence of an infinite God might not lie in the familiar, but that which comes to us as different, as the other and the stranger. The class currently 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.

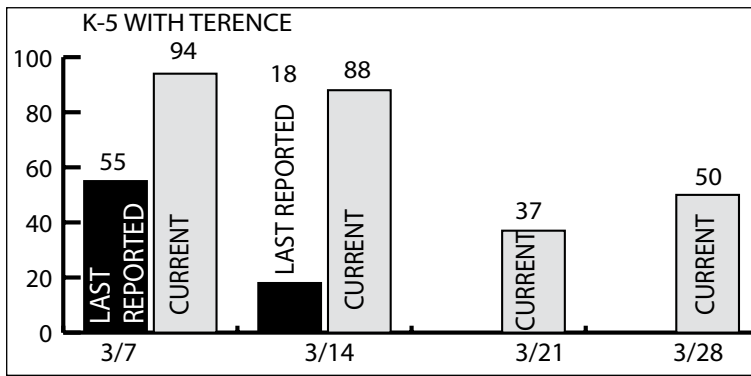
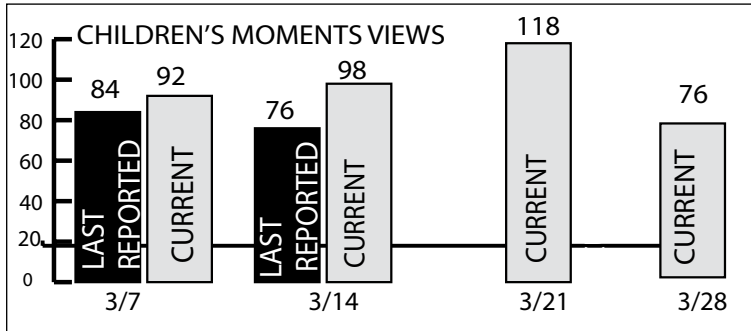
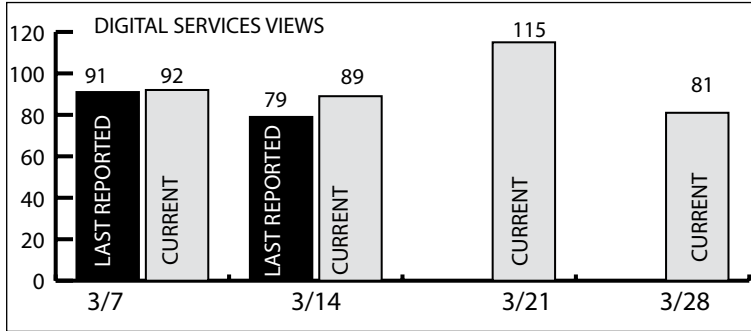
• **The Joy Class** is enjoying our weekly virtual gathering where various members lead the lessons. We are focusing on exploring where 2021 is calling us to grow and serve. All are invited and welcome to join us as we support each other on our journeys. If you would like to join us, please contact Lee 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** will not meet on Sunday, April 4. On Sunday, April 11 we will finish our study on the four statements that lead to wisdom. 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 not hold a class on Easter Sunday, but invite all to join us at the Outdoor Easter Service at 11:00 am. On April 11, we will talk about Judas Iscariot. 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:** April 4th - Easter. What looked like defeat was Jesus winning the greatest victory. John 20: 11-18. April 10th - Low Sunday and Peace. How can we deal with burnout and find inner and spiritual peace? Matthew 5:9. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at [mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org).

# ONLINE VIEWS ATTENDANCE/GIVING



**OUTDOOR ATTENDANCE FOR 3/21: 47**  
**GIVING TO DATE (FROM 3-14 TO 3/31):** Church: \$16,873; Foundation: \$100; Soup Cellar: \$9,240

## WSUMC Youth in Action

Last month in lieu of holding a Zoom Sunday School class, our youth took to the banks of the creek in Maxy Gregg Park downtown to clean up some of the garbage that had accumulated in the last few months. Hats off to Mackin Wall and her amazing youth!



**RESCHEDULED!**

*Hunger*

**Sunday "Brunch" on the Grounds**

*Helping serve the hungry one meal at a time*

**Sunday, April 25**  
**11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

catering provided by *Duncan THE COFFEE GARDEN*

**COVID VACCINES AVAILABLE ON SITE**

ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF PREPACKAGED SNACK ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Read more online @ [wsmethodist.org/brunch](http://wsmethodist.org/brunch)

## Easter Egg Hunt Huge Success!

*Thank you, Mary Lide for your hospitality! Mary hosted the 2021 Easter Egg Hunt at her home on Saturday, March 27.*



# April Birthdays

**April 1**  
John Beerman  
Heidi Conte  
Sanders Sullivan  
**April 2**  
Michael Brown  
Jaya Ruffin  
Hilary Stone  
**April 3**  
Kathi Knight  
Grace Lee  
Jim Walsh  
**April 4**  
Gwen Murphy  
Kathryn Powers  
**April 5**  
Drew Farmer  
Camden Marze  
Danny Westerkam  
**April 6**  
David Hefelfinger  
Nancy Higgins  
Frances Robertson  
**April 7**  
Cheryl Evans  
Buddy Gasque

Ellis Hall  
John Holladay  
Grace Lesesne  
Darby Waund  
**April 8**  
Vivian Akre  
Emily Caskey  
Robert Coleman  
Will McCook  
Sara Middleton  
Matt Stevenson  
**April 9**  
Jennifer Campbell  
Mindy Gibson  
John Owen  
Caroline Owens  
**April 10**  
Katie Bond  
Elaine McElyea  
Winn Rogers  
Emilia Venner  
**April 11**  
Allison Boggs  
Lisa Clark  
Ava Jackson

Suzanne Joye  
Amy Lahlou  
**April 12**  
Cora Williams  
**April 13**  
Bruce Beck  
**April 14**  
Melanie Dobson  
Maryjane Hicks  
Heather McCraw  
**April 15**  
Jackson Case  
Ed Fisher  
Paul Jones  
**April 16**  
Elizabeth Aravena  
Martha Boynton  
Bennett Carnes  
**April 17**  
Matthew Dodds  
Gayle Page  
Claire Worre  
**April 18**  
Jan Jenkins  
Law Powers

**April 19**  
Laura Hudgins  
Jennifer Rozier  
Ivey Westerkam  
**April 20**  
Cate Knoche  
Celia Price  
**April 21**  
Ellison Capers  
V Colon Greene  
Betsy Halloran  
Laura Hogan  
Hope Hornsby  
Nikki Morton  
**April 22**  
Maggie Melogy  
Marsha Plummer  
David Quinn  
**April 23**  
Alexa Burch  
David Horton  
Kirby Leitner, Jr.  
**April 24**  
Tom Geny  
Parker Stalvey

**April 25**  
Emily Apple  
Debbie Edens  
Will Garland  
Will Owens  
**April 26**  
Paul Brockington, Jr.  
Josh Gibbs  
Alan-Jon Zupan  
**April 27**  
Pam Boulware  
Evan Hefelfinger  
Jane Peterson  
Mason Pope  
**April 28**  
Michael Broome  
Ashley Brown  
Kevin Eckard  
**April 29**  
Scott Baldwin, Jr.  
Norah Jane Raley  
Blair South  
Joe Thompson  
**April 30**  
Jean DeWitt  
Suzanne Sanders

## *Easter Hydrangeas 2021*

### **In Memory of**

Bobby Baker  
Norma Galloway Barr  
Ralph Barrett  
Linda Bowers  
Sister Byrum  
Naomi Carrasco Montero  
Carol H. Clements  
Martha (Mott) Cooper  
Don Fowler  
Louise Player Galloway  
William Brooks Galloway, Jr.  
Caroline Campbell Harley  
Barbara Martin Horne  
L. D. & Ruth Lide  
Tom & Louise Mangum  
My Parents  
Luke A. Nance, Jr.  
Ralph R. Rozier, Sr.  
Ansel Arthur Salley  
Doris Harley Salley  
Dwight Smith  
Larry Stephens  
Roy R. Sutherland, Jr.  
Billie Beth Tezza  
James Polk Vaughan

### **In Honor of**

Ricky Rowe & Robyn Carter, their children  
My Children & Grandchildren  
Rev. Patricia Parrish  
Lynn Shirley  
Sam Waldrep

### **Given by**

Sam Waldrep  
John S. & Lynda Salley Galloway  
Nelle Peterson  
Betty Cribbs  
Sam Waldrep  
Lanneau & Mary Lide  
Sam Waldrep  
John S. & Lynda Salley Galloway  
Carol Fowler  
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John S. & Lynda Salley Galloway  
Rev. Alston Lippert  
Ellen Carruth  
John S. & Lynda Salley Galloway  
Lee & Joy Smith  
John S. & Lynda Salley Galloway

### **Given by**

Rick & Deborah Rowe  
Nelle Peterson  
Nelle Peterson  
Patricia Parrish  
Patricia Parrish