

THE CONNECTION

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WSUMC Responds After Vandalism

In the early morning of April 14, WSUMC's Black Lives Matter banner was vandalized. It had been placed on the fence facing Bull Street to celebrate Black History Month in February.

With the recent racial unrest, the RJAT (Racial Justice Action Team) decided to leave the banner up to show its support of the movement sweeping our country as injustices continue to make headlines. The banner was cut, partially taking out some of the word "black" in the statement "All Lives Can't Matter Until Black Lives Matter." The incident was caught on cameras that

face the parking lot, although the image was blurry.

Pastor Parrish, along with Nancy Whittle, facilitator for the WSUMC Racial Justice Action Team spoke out about the incident in recent videos which can be viewed online on the WSUMC Facebook page and on the WSUMC website at wsmethodist.org/response-to-recent-vandalism-of-blm-banner/

Chair of Church Council, Ricky Rowe responded in a written statement to members of Church Council about the incident. "This is the first time that WSUMC has seen any of our social justice banners

vandalized. Thankfully, video from our church cameras has given us some additional information on who was involved and will be used to address the situation. While the actions taken by the individual on the morning of the 14th are extremely disappointing, it will not deter Washington Street UMC from being a vocal leader in the community on issues of social justice."

A replacement banner has arrived and has been rehung on the Bull St. fence.



Prayer List

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

Alisa Liggett
Karen Lowrimore
Beverly McClanahan
Angela Powers
Rick Rowe
Boyd Saunders
Stephanie Saunders
Nan Self
Sarah Threatt
Our homebound

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER
to WSUMC

Given by Nancy Whittle

IN MEMORY OF BARRY JOYE
to WSUMC

Given by Nancy Whittle

IN HONOR OF THE SEARSON FAMILY
to Children & Family Ministries

Given by Anne "Nancy" Holmes & Caroline

IN HONOR OF SOLVAY AJEDIUM FILMS TEAMS
JOHN THORNING, ED SCANNELL MELISSA DELLEDONNE,
JIM HICKS, SARAH OSWALD

to the Soup Cellar

Given by Dane Waund

IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER
to WSUMC

Given by Andrea McAtee & Neal Woods

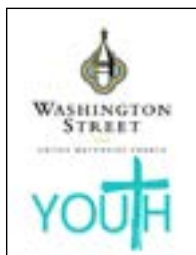
IN MEMORY OF MARGARET DANIELS
to the Soup Cellar

Given by David Byrum

IN MEMORY OF ALICE BROWN
to the Soup Cellar

Given by David Byrum

IN MEMORY OF HELEN LEWIS CARTER
to the Soup Cellar



Youth News

- May 3rd at 6:00 pm: Middle School Small Group paint night
- May 6th at 6:00 pm: High School Small Group movie night
- May 14th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Game night (all ages)

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:** May 2—Carl Evans is presenter for Chapter 9, "A Human Problem," and Chapter 10 "Faith, Beliefs, and Revolutionary Love" from Brian McLaren's book *Faith After Doubt*. May 9—Tom Summers is presenter for Chapter 11, "Communities of Harmony" and Chapter 12 "Theologies of Harmony". The class meets through 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:** The Grace Class is exploring a film series from *The Work Of The People* titled *Hospitality and The Stranger: Welcoming The Divine* through the end of May. This series of videos is about those we might consider other, stranger, foreigner, and alien. The curriculum, written by Phuc Luu, challenges that salvation might not lie in the familiar, but that which comes to us as different, as the other and the stranger. 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** continues to enjoy their 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:** The class is continuing its study of *How Happiness Happens* by Max Lucado. All are welcome to join. All are welcome to join. For Zoom dial-in information, please contact Ann Jessup at jessup.ann@gmail.com.

• **YASS, John Harper, and Paul Harmon Class:** May 2 and 9 we will be discussing the early church and will be reading parts of the book of Acts. All are welcome. For information, or to get a Zoom invitation, email Reverend Alston at aflipert@umcsc.org.

• **WSUMC Youth Class:** Sunday, May 2nd - 10:00 am. In-person! Friendships - Hebrews 10: 25-25, and Proverbs 27: 17. Sunday, May 9—In-person! 3:00 pm - Mother's Day - Isaiah 66:13 and 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7. A mom's love is a gift from God. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.



Sunday Brunch on the Grounds Successful

The Sunday Brunch on the Grounds was a great success, feeding over 70 individuals and vaccinating 10-15 people with the Mederma Covid-19 vaccine.

SCDHEC and CAN Community Health provided the shots and HIV and HepC testing kits, along with other items for our guests. A great brunch was served by Denean the Coffee Queen's Mobile Cafe and our guests were very grateful for the outreach. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who supported this mission!

Plans are underway for another Sunday Dinner on May 23 to provide another round of access for the Covid-19 vaccination. Details coming soon!



COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED. ELEMENTS AVAILABLE OR BRING OUR OWN!

May 2
4:00 pm

NOTE TIME CHANGE!

REGISTER ONLINE!
@Eventbrite

MAY

May 16
TBD

• MASKS REQUIRED
• SOCIAL DISTANCING ENCOURAGED

Outdoor Services



Epworth's Annual Mother's Day Offering

May 9!

Give online or at the May 9 in-person, indoor worship in the sanctuary!

Drive n' Drop for babies!

Benefiting Nazareth Baptist Church Food Pantry

which provides basic necessities for the working poor, the elderly, and those impacted financially by the pandemic.

Thursday, May 13, 2021 | 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday, May 15, 2021 | 9:00 am to Noon



Financial donations also gladly accepted.
Give online at wsmethodist.org/giving



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May 1
Alfred Burnside, Jr.
Graham Reich, Jr.

May 2
Lane Bowden
Christine Hait
Lovick Hornsby III
Ella Lesesne
Ryan McRoberts

May 3
Kathleen Lee
Chris Williams
Fran Zupan

May 4
Betsy Catchings
Ann Fishburne
May Ramsey
Christy Sease-Melendez **May 5**
Robbie Braciszewski
Donald Bunch II
Laura McNair
Johanna Plunkett
Laurel Sharp

May 6
Ken Hooker
May 7
Sarah Crawford
Lanneau Lide
Tony Pantsari
Ron Quinn
Joe Shampine

May 8
Matthew Riley
May 9
Terry Hatcher
Alexey Morton
Jon Reece

May 10
Marcel Melo
Patrick Owen

May 11
James Lindler

May 12
Jack Culclasure
John Kirkland

May 13
Annabelle Chappell

Sabrina FitzSimons
May 14
Natalie Lewis
Emily Mills
Mary Anne Young
May 15
James Farr, Jr.
Dana Westerkam

May 16
Lucas Clark
Marcos Quinn
May 17
Matt Owen

May 18
Stephanie Saunders
Louisa Tarullo

May 19
Trey Beck
Knox Buchanan
Robert Sutherland

May 20
Becky Bunch
Mason Gregory
Arletta Raley

May 21
Sam Burch
Leah Cordoni
Chris Watson

May 22
Ed Geddes
Scott Miramonti
Angela Venner
Jamie Williams

May 23
Malissa Burnette
Cathy Fisher
Tim Franklin
Josephine Robinson

Harper Ruth
May 24
Lorence Crossett III
Rebecca Lehman
Ken May
Elizabeth Moise
Nikki Ratcliffe
Susanne Reich
Allison Smythe
Don Thompson

May 25
Bobby Daley
Carol Duggan
Angela Everett
Evelyn Middleton
John Robinson
Mady Rutter

May 26
Etienne Culler III
Roman Pompeii
Jane Wall

May 27
Jacob Ballard
May 28
Matthew Ballard
Matthew McElroy
Marcella Teague

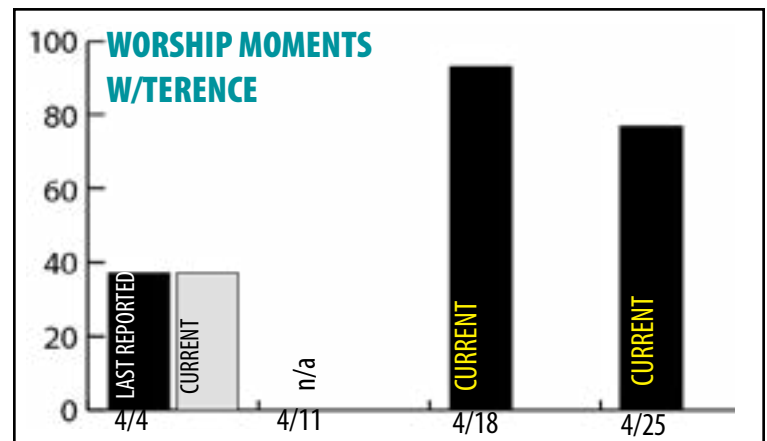
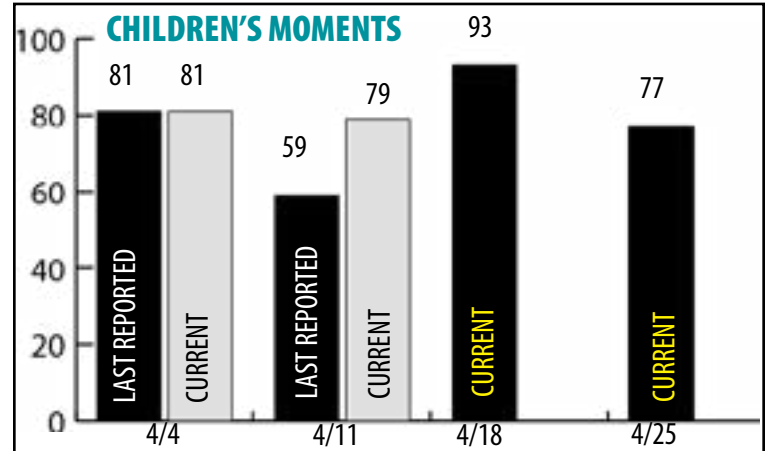
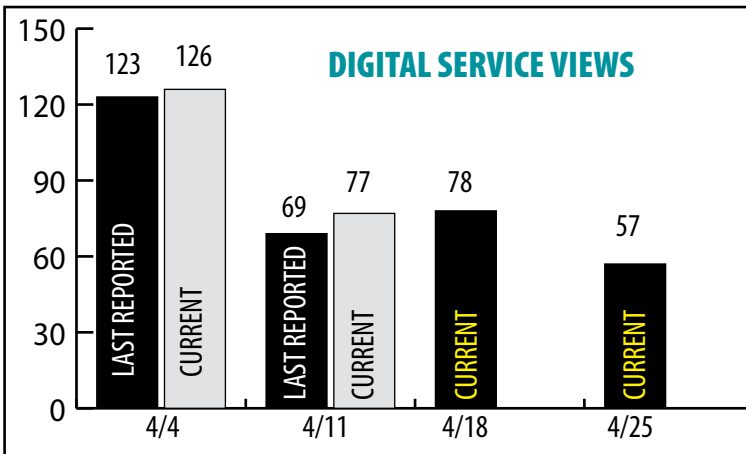
May 29
Kelley Cannon
John Evans

May 30
Martha Helen King
Lauren Nix
Elizabeth Waldrop

May 31
Betty Carnes
Leontra Greene
Hayden Rowe

ONLINE VIEWS/ATTENDANCE/GIVING

APRIL 18 OUTDOOR SERVICE VIEWS: 29
OUTDOOR ATTENDANCE FOR 4/18: 57



GIVING TO DATE

(FROM 4/14 to 4/28):

Church: \$20,600

Foundation: \$3,400

Soup Cellar: \$1,162

GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

SCAN TO GIVE!

