



# THE CONNECTION

*April 28, 2019*

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201



## Spring Fling

- Food • Balloon Artist
  - Face Painting • Fellowship
  - Drum Circle • Karaoke
  - Line Dancing
  - Special Entertainment  
& CDC Music & Movement
- @ 4:30 pm!

**Sunday, April 28 | 4:00-6:00 pm**

**FREE! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



WASHINGTON STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Gifts

### IN MEMORY OF KATHY HANDEL

to Alcorn Middle School Fund

by Nancy Higgins

to Missions

by Chip Williams

to the Foundation

by Anne Sinclair & Julian Ruffin

to WSUMC

by John & Betsy Halloran

to WSUMC

by Dotsy Helms & Marshall Colcord

to the Foundation

by Happy Henry

to WSUMC

by Harriet McMaster

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by Jane Trinkley

to WSUMC

by Stacey & Jim Brennan

### IN MEMORY OF GERALD FLOYD

to the Soup Cellar

by J.W. Lawther

### IN MEMORY OF

### MARY ALICE KINNETT

to the Minister's Discretionary Fund

by Toni White Circle

### IN MEMORY OF HOMER FESPERMAN

to WSUMC

by Mike & Gwen Harmon

### IN HONOR OF CHARLOTTE BROOME

to Music Ministries

by Kathryn Cannon



## Sunday School ... Growing in Christ together

A core part of our Baptismal Covenant is our promise to nurture one another in the Christian faith and life. Our Sunday School classes for children and adults offers our congregation the opportunity to fulfill that promise.

**THE ALDERSGATE CLASS:** This past Sunday, David Anderson led an interesting discussion about evolution versus biblical creation as part of the Adam Hamilton series *Confronting the Controversies*. Next Sunday, the topic will be the death penalty, and following a brief Hamilton lecture on DVD, Hal Hanlin will lead the discussion, which is expected to be spirited and lively. (A safe prediction, don't you think?) The following Sunday, the Hamilton issue will be a discussion of euthanasia.

**THE DAWSEY CLASS:** Is starting a new book, *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For and Believe* by Richard Rohr. On April 28, the Rev. Tom Summers will lead a discussion of the Introduction and Chapter 1, "Christ Is Not Jesus's Last Name." On May 5, the Rev. Joe Slade will present Chapter 2, "Accepting That You Are Fully Accepted," and Chapter 3, "Revealed in Us — as Us."

**THE GRACE CLASS:** April 28 the class will cover the last chapter of the book *Easter Earthquake*; May 5, Tom Wall and MSN students will share about their mission trip to Ecuador; May 12 the class will start *Painting the Stars, Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith* from the Living the Questions series. It will run 7-8 weeks.

**THE JOHN HARPER CLASS:** They will be using passages from Romans focusing on the spread of the Gospel.

**THE JOY CLASS:** They will be continuing their lesson series on the text, *Simon Peter: Flawed by Faithful Disciple*, by Adam Hamilton.

**THE OPEN DOOR CLASS:** The Open Door Class will begin a new study on May 5. *If: Trading Your If Only Regrets for God's What If Possibilities* by Mark Batterson will guide us through Romans chapter 8. Join us to free yourself from "if only..." and think "what if...?" as we study together.

**THE PAUL HARMON CLASS:** On April 28 we will resume our study of Genesis. On May 19, Reverend Don Britt will begin a series of lessons on the minor prophets. We will begin with Amos. Please join us.

# YOUTH CORNER



## Vacation Bible School

June 24-28

8:45-11:45 am

Registration Open Online

[wsmethodist.org](http://wsmethodist.org)

All children ages 3 – RISING 6th grade are invited to join us again this summer for Vacation Bible School: TO MARS AND BEYOND! Friends are always welcome. We'll explore where God's power can take us!

All registration is ONLINE this year for your convenience. No required registration fee!

A \$20 donation is appreciated to assist in covering the cost of supplies, snacks and t-shirts. If you run into any registration problems, let Rev. Taylor know ASAP at [taylor@wsmethodist.org](mailto:taylor@wsmethodist.org)



Thank you to everyone who made the celebration of the resurrection meaningful & beautiful...The flowers, the music, the children's celebration, and a special kudos to the Worship Committee for making our sanctuary so lovely, and to Ron Bowden for his stunning photography.

**Attention Youth  
& Parents!**

## TACO BAR & PLANNING

**MAY 5**

Join us for  
a taco bar lunch  
&  
2019-2020  
planning session  
immediately following  
church for youth  
and their parents.

This will be our last youth  
event of the school year!

### **Our Leadership**

*The Reverend Patricia Parrish  
The Reverend Alston Lippert  
The Reverend Taylor Pafford  
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*

# Active Faith

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

Since its inception, Active Faith Small Group has focused our attention on addressing the tangible needs of our community as we strive to live in the Wesley tradition. John Wesley also practiced and encouraged his followers to address social justice issues. With that in mind, and in opposition to the 2019 General Conference, we voted to become a Reconciling Ministry Community. We have adopted the following Welcome Statement: "Active Faith welcomes all people, including people of all sexual orientation and gender identity, to participate in our missions and efforts in serving God through serving our community." Active Faith is committed to being inclusive of all God's people and to practice Wesley's first rule —do no harm.

## United Methodist Women

### May Circle Meetings

**Mary's Maidens:** Mary's Maidens will meet the first **Sunday, May 5** to avoid a conflict with Mother's Day. We will meet at 4:00-5:30 in the church kitchen.

**Circle 3:** will meet **Tuesday, May 14** at #3201 Wellmore of Lexington located at 200 Wellmore Dr, Lexington, SC 29072 with Nelle Peterson.

**Charles Pfeiffer Circle (Circle 5)** will meet on **Tuesday, May 7** at 6:30 at the home of Donna Bryan for our annual salad supper.



## Ministry Opportunities

The 9:00 am Usher Group is in need of an additional person to usher during the 9:00 am worship in Christ Chapel.

If interested, please contact Jerry Watson at (803) 782-1335.

Volunteers are needed for Children's Church. Please contact Andrea McAtee if you are interested in joining the volunteers that make Children's Church special each Sunday morning.

## Trustee Update

from Lynn Shirley

### Answers to questions you may not have asked ...

- **Yes** — we know that the dogwood tree in the parking lot failed to come to life this spring. If it hasn't been removed already, it will be soon. When that spot is ready for a new tree, one will be planted.

- **Yes** — it is true. We have talked about renovating the first-floor restrooms for some time now. We have one bid in hand and will hopefully have a new family and ADA-accessible restroom completed by the end of summer, with the main womens' and mens' upgraded soon afterwards. Marshall Colcord is coordinating these projects for the Trustees.

- **Yes** — you may have noticed that the sanctuary area under the balcony is not as dark as it once was thanks to some brighter LED lights. Mike Conte is the trustee coordinator for a lighting upgrade that will include the hallways between the Wesley Room and the sanctuary.

We are also exploring options for re-landscaping the Marion and Washington Street areas. Karen Carr and Janet Cotter are coordinating these efforts for the trustees.

Finally, the trustees are reviewing a comprehensive security audit that was completed in 2018. We will start to implement phases of that — hopefully toward the end of the year.



# Music Mania 2019

Calling all young musicians, ages 4—rising 6th grade!

**July 15-19 | 8:45-11:45 AM**

**Registration Now Open Online!**  
**[wsmethodist.org](http://wsmethodist.org)**

*For more information, contact Angela at [angela@wsmethodist.org](mailto:angela@wsmethodist.org)*

*This event is free but there is a suggested donation of \$20 for each family to cover the cost of t-shirts and supplies.*

## Getting to Know

### Jane Peterson

By Fran Zupan

Jane Peterson, our new communications specialist, earned a Bachelor's degree in theatre from the University of South Carolina, and she even married her husband Charlie on the stage at the original Trustus Theatre on Assembly Street.

But most of her jobs, over the years, have been in marketing and graphic design.

The Peterson family are members of Washington Street and attended regularly for four or five years during the tenure of the Rev. Dr. Mike Alexander, the senior minister. Jane and Charlie were members of the Aldersgate Class, and Jane designed the double-spiral Bicentennial Cookbook in collaboration with Mary Lide, who acted as editor and sent her the files to work with.

"I still use mine all the time," she said.

Jane's mother-in-law is longtime WSUMC member Nelle Peterson, and Nelle's friend Ralph Barrett "was almost like my boys' grandfather," Jane said.

Jane and Charlie live in Irmo, and as their older son Chipper started playing football for Irmo through middle and high school, they attended Union United Methodist Church.

Jane's most recent job was as director of marketing for the Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County in Camden, where she worked for eight years.

"There were almost 100 events a year, plus classes," she said. "I got burned out." Plus she had a 40-mile commute each way.

Jane said she has been acting on stage since she was 12 and thought she might teach acting when she majored in theatre at USC. Charlie also was a theatre major, and they got to know each other when they were in the same play. They were friends for several years before they started dating in 1984 and married in 1986.

Jane has been in a lot of local productions, and until about five years ago, she and Charlie did a couple of summer stock plays each year at the Abbeville Opera House.

In college and after, she held a number of jobs. She sold real estate, worked part time for *The Gamecock* newspaper setting type, did graphic design for the now-defunct

*Columbia Review* magazine and worked at the House of Fabrics on Main Street.

For almost 20 years, Jane worked for the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA), a non-profit organization that works with 2,500 to 3,000 colleges in the United States and Canada to book lectures, bands, comedians, dance companies and other programs on their campuses. The association was formed in 1967 after a meeting in Columbia. Its first national office was at USC; today it is headquartered in Harbison, Jane said.

She worked with performers and their agents, designed marketing materials and was involved in planning the NACA annual conventions. Jane attended that convention and two regional conferences each year. Her biggest client was MTV.

Charlie owns and operates Harvest Talent as a talent agent, booking actors in films, television and training films. They have owned Harvest since 1988.

Jane and Charlie have two sons, Chip – a nickname for Charles Haywood Peterson Jr., 30, and Chris, 24. Chip lives in Atlanta with his wife Rachael. Chris lives in Lexington and is a supervisor at the newest Starbucks located off I-26 in Irmo. Because Chris doesn't regularly drink coffee, Jane and her husband are the recipients of a free pound of coffee each week from Chris, a "perk" of employment with Starbucks.

Jane started working at Washington Street on April 8, "So far everybody I've met has been great," she said. "I'm still trying to feel my way through it. I will give myself a month, I think I'll have a pretty good handle on everything."

Jane likes to swim when she can, travel, spend time with family, and sometimes buys and resells small collectibles. She loves to read fiction and murder mysteries; the last book she read was *The Beantown Girls* by Jane Healey.





DID YOU KNOW?

**THERE ARE 149 NATIVE AMERICAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES.**

*Look for a special offering envelope on Sunday, May 5*



[www.umcgiving.org/NAMS](http://www.umcgiving.org/NAMS)

*In just two weeks — on May 5, United Methodist churches will celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday by honoring Native American traditions and receiving a special offering.*

*We invite your congregation to give generously to honor and empower Native Americans.*

*Connectional giving through offerings like Native American Ministries Sunday provides an opportunity to share the costs of worldwide ministry with other local churches. United Methodist Native Americans — with many unique languages and cultures — honor Jesus and live as Christians, led by a contingent of primarily Native American pastors.*

## What is this?

An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.



## Where is it located?

You can find the AED above the water cooler across from the elevator on the first floor.



# CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

## Sunday, April 28

4:00 PM Spring Fling TH

## Monday, April 29

1:30 PM NA Meeting SC  
 3:30 PM Staff Meeting JHC  
 5:30 PM Education Committee Meeting JHC

## Tuesday, April 30

8:00 AM Prayer Group WR  
 1:30 PM NA Meeting SC  
 5:30 PM Firm It Up YR  
 5:30 PM Records & History Committee Meeting Archives Rm.  
 6:30 PM Palmetto Mastersingers Christ Chapel  
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services DCR

## Wednesday, May 1

10:45 AM Prayer Group HPR  
 1:30 PM NA Meeting SC  
 3:30 PM Hispanic Families Tutoring Class 2nd Floor Classrooms  
 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice LCR

## Thursday, May 2

9:30 AM CDC Devotions Christ Chapel  
 1:30 PM NA Meeting SC  
 5:30 PM Circle 2 WR  
 5:30 PM Firm It Up YR  
 7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra LCR

## Friday, May 3

1:30 PM NA Meeting SC

## Saturday, May 4

10:00 AM Visitation — Kathy Handel WR  
 11:00AM Memorial Service — Kathy Handel Sanctuary  
 3:00 PM Organ Practice Sanctuary/Choir Room

## Sunday, May 5 (Native American Ministries Sunday)

9:00 AM Communion (9:00 AM only) Christ Chapel  
 3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #776 Room Girl Scout

## Monday, May 6

1:30 PM NA Meeting SC  
 5:30 PM Trustees Meeting JHC

## Tuesday, May 7

8:00 AM Prayer Group WR  
 10:00 AM Circle 6 JHC  
 12:00 PM CDC Teacher Appreciation Luncheon JHC  
 1:30 PM NA Meeting SC  
 5:30 PM Firm It Up YR  
 6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting JHC  
 6:30 PM Charles Pfeiffer Circle (Circle 5) Home of Donna Bryan  
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services DCR

## Wednesday, May 8

1:30 PM NA Meeting SC  
 3:30 PM Hispanic Families Tutoring Class 2nd Floor Classrooms  
 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice LCR

## Thursday, May 9

7:30 AM CDC Mother's Day Drop In CDC Wkrm.  
 9:30 AM CDC Devotions Christ Chapel  
 1:30 PM NA Meeting SC  
 5:30 PM Firm It Up YR  
 6:30 PM Communications Committee Meeting WR  
 7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra LCR

## Friday, May 10

1:30 PM NA Meeting SC  
 3:00 PM Saxophone Recital Chapel, WR, JHC, 2's & 3's Room, HR, DCR

## Saturday, May 11

3:00 PM Organ Practice Sanctuary/Choir Room

JHC - John Harper Classroom  
 DCR - Disciple Conference Room

TH - Threatt Hall  
 WR - Wesley Room

YR - Youth Room  
 HPR - Holroyd Prayer Room

LCR - Leavitt Choir Room  
 SC - Soup Cellar