



THE CONNECTION

April 15, 2018

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

Monday - Friday ■ 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM ■ 803-256-2417

pause

to reflect. to renew. to connect.

We have recently launched a new contemplative worship service for the downtown community. PAUSE is an invitation to step back from the rush of daily life and gather with the hope that in the practice of mindful Christianity, we can connect with God and one another in fresh ways. Together we will pray, read, reflect, journal, listen and use the arts as we seek to be wholly engaged with God. These services are 35-45 minutes and include time for personal reflection and stillness as well as sharing. The services are designed to explore more fully specific topics pertinent to the practice of the Christian faith.

This new opportunity of worship and Christian fellowship is open to all ages, and has proven to be meaningful for people of different backgrounds, careers, and religious perspectives.

Join Us

We will offer two different service times on the fourth Tuesday of the month during both April and May. During your lunch break or after your busy day, come take a moment and PAUSE.

*Tuesday, April 24th & Tuesday, May 22nd
12:30 PM at The Venue on Main Street*

1620 Main Street

located between Michaels Cafe & The Good Life Cafe



*Tuesday, April 24th & Tuesday, May 22nd
6:00 PM at Washington Street UMC
Beginning in the Christ Chapel*

Easter at Washington Street

Our Sanctuary was filled with excitement and joy on Easter morning as we proclaimed the good news that Christ is indeed risen! Members, extended families, and visitors all joined together for meaningful worship services, Sunday School gatherings, and celebrations for our children and youth.



Thanks to the gifts and talents of our Clergy, our Music Ministry led by Angela Powers, and our Worship Team led by Sam Waldrep, our worship services were complete with touching music and elements that brought to life the beauty of the Resurrection.

Our children were able to come together and celebrate the importance of Easter through fun activities and crafts led by Rev. Taylor Pafford and our dedicated Sunday School teachers. Thank you to our entire Education Team for making this such a fun & enlightening experience for all ages.



PICTURED ABOVE (LEFT TO RIGHT): ROSEMARY AND ALMA LOUISE ARAVENA | MATTIE FLOYD AND ANALEE BURCH

New Friends Coffee

We invite all visitors and new friends to join us for a time of Christian love and fellowship so we can connect with you, and you can learn more about our church with heart in the heart of the city. Come and meet fellow new friends of Washington Street, along with some of our members, staff and clergy.

*Sunday, April 29th
10:00 AM - Wesley Room*

Sunday School Classes

What are they studying?

Several of our adult Sunday School classes just started new studies, and others are wrapping up previous ones.

Looking for a place to go this Sunday morning? New friends are always welcome!

THE ALDERSGATE CLASS: On Sunday, April 25th, Elaine Moses will begin to teach a series from the text, *Happiness is a Serious Problem*, by Dennis Prager.

THE GRACE CLASS: Rev. John Evans from the Dawsey Class will lead the Grace Class from April 8th until April 25th on a series of pertinent topics from Walter Wink's book, *The Powers That Be: Theology for a New Millennium*. Topics for those three weeks are: Understanding Domination System (power, how it is exercised and what it sanctions actively or passively), Jesus the Third Way (focusing on how Jesus responded to power and violence) and, The Gift of the Enemy (how do we find God in our enemy?).

THE JOHN HARPER CLASS: Using New Testament readings, their focus in April is Luke, John, and Revelations. Join them for a spirited discussion.

THE JOY CLASS: Following Easter, they will begin a study on Adam Hamilton's text, *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*.

THE OPEN DOOR CLASS: On April 15th, they will begin a new study of John Ortberg's text, *All the Places to Go - How Will You Know?* This six-week study will help everyone recognize divine opportunities in daily life, overcome the fear of missing out or making the wrong choice, and walk through open doors with confidence.

THE PAUL HARMON CLASS: On May 6, the Paul Harmon Class will begin a study of, *This We Believe: The Core of Wesleyan Faith and Practice*, by William H. Willimon.



College students often find themselves too young for adult Sunday school classes, but have outgrown the Youth Ministry. Young adults 1-2 years out of college graduation are in a place where they're too old for college ministries, yet some ironically find themselves not "old enough" for the typical young adult ministry. So where do they go?

Washington Street's Young Adult Sunday School Class works to combine all of the uncertainties together, and create a community where age isn't the guideline, but it's the desire to engage in conversation and relationships with others. College students, recent college graduates, mid twenties - early thirties are ALL welcome and encouraged to join us for this new journey of growth and discipleship. Plus: coffee and snacks are always provided! This group continues to meet at 10 AM in the Holroyd Prayer Room.



FIREFLIES GAME NIGHT!

Youth and their families are invited to join for the Columbia Fireflies game against the Augusta Greenjackets on Friday, June 8th at 7:05PM. Friday night fireworks included. Cost is \$9 per ticket and ALL are welcome! Bring your family and friends! Deadline to register is Sunday, June 3rd. Register through our website.



REGISTER NOW FOR SALKEHATCHIE!

We are very excited to send another group of youth and adults to Salkehatchie Penn Center this summer (June 16th - 23rd)! If you are interested in learning more, or are ready to register, head over to salkehatchie.org. *You must be at least 14 years of age by the first day of this camp, June 16th, to register.* Questions? Ask Susan Caskey - 803-463-6138

You can find registration links for Youth activities on our website. Have any questions? Ask Rev. Taylor!

taylor@wsmethodist.org



The Purple Heart Bus

If you see a purple – as in Purple Heart – bus traveling the roads of the Midlands, look right behind the back wheel on the driver's side. You will see a picture of Paul McClanahan, a member of Washington Street.

The bus features pictures of 20 Purple Heart recipients and proclaims, “The Midlands A Purple Heart Community.” The Purple Heart is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the president to personnel wounded or killed while serving with the U.S. military.

Today, the Purple Heart is a heart-shaped medallion containing a gold-colored profile of George Washington. In 1782, when he was commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, Washington established the original Purple Heart, designated as the Badge of Military Merit.

Paul was wounded on December 21, 1967, 16 days after he arrived in Vietnam. He was waiting for a bus to go to his job as a civil engineer.

“Somebody threw a grenade out of a vehicle,” Paul said. His foot was badly injured, and doctors placed more than 200 stainless steel stitches on his legs where he had been wounded by shrapnel.

The 26-year-old Air Force first lieutenant spent time in hospitals in Vietnam and Japan, where a couple of bones in his foot were fused to repair nerve damage that caused foot drop.

After that, Paul returned to Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base, where he designed numerous buildings needed as the war rapidly escalated.

In 2015, Paul became active in the Military Order of the Purple Heart – or MOPH – a congressionally chartered organization that has units across the nation. Paul and about 20 other Purple Heart recipients attend monthly meetings at the American Legion on Pickens Street.

MOPH members visit Purple Heart recipients at the VA Hospital and recently attended a funeral at Fort Jackson for a homeless Purple Heart recipient. They also provide a safe environment for Purple Heart recipients to talk about their war experiences.

The group’s Americanization subcommittee is “kind of the public relations department for the MOPH,” Paul said. It has accomplished many projects over the years. Among them: requesting that the state Department of Transportation designate I-20 as an honorary Purple Heart highway, establishing scholarships for the children and grandchildren of Purple Heart recipients and giving leadership awards to ROTC and junior ROTC students.

The Purple Heart COMET bus was one of the Americanization program’s projects. The MOPH commander told members where and when photos would be taken for the bus, and Paul showed up for that picture session. The City of Columbia, Richland County and Lexington County paid for the vinyl wrap that was put on the bus.

The bus travels throughout the Midlands, Paul said. He and Beverly recently saw it on Bush River Road, near I-20.

The McClanahans joined Washington Street in 1978. Their children, Carol and Patrick, grew up in the church.

Article by Fran Zupan



Save the Date

CELEBRATE WASHINGTON STREET

Sunday, May 20th - 12:00 PM

We invite you to join us on Sunday, May 20th for a CHURCH-WIDE Covered Dish Luncheon as we celebrate the beginning of Pentecost and the life of Washington Street UMC with our newly confirmed 6th grade class.

The Evangelism Team is coordinating this event to bring the entire church together as we witness our youth profess their faith in God and the United Methodist Church.

Mark the date on your calendars and plan to have your family join us! Stay tuned for further details regarding assistance with meal preparation.



PICTURED ABOVE (LEFT TO RIGHT): HAYDEN ROWE, LILY CATE BUCHANAN, AND SIERRA JANSEN

6 Years of Service

For six years, our United Methodist Men have been volunteering at Transitions Homeless Center to serve dinner every 4th Monday and 5th Thursday of the month. Transitions Homeless Center is the Midland's largest homeless center and provides services to men and women ages 18 and up. Very similar to our own Soup Cellar Ministry, Transitions operates off of a community volunteer schedule in terms of serving meals to residents. Recently, our UMM gave a gift of \$444 of their own resources to Transitions to purchase food service supplies; a need often overlooked. Our United Methodist Men find this to be just one way in which they can support our community, and give back through their time and gifts.



PICTURED ABOVE (LEFT TO RIGHT): RUFUS ROGERS AND RICK ROWE | LYNN SHIRLEY, JIM APPLE, AND ALAN JON ZUPAN

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch Group will meet in Threat hall at noon this Thursday, April 19th. A lunch will be provided from either Groucho's or Taziki's and if you plan to attend and have a deli lunch preference, please let Elaine or Al Moses know. In order for them to know how much food to order, please let them know **IF YOU WILL ATTEND OR IF YOU WILL NOT ATTEND no later than Tuesday, April 17th.** Elaine - egm9669@gmail.com | Al - albertlmoses@gmail.com

Ecuador Mission Trip Supplies

While our team is in Ecuador this July, they will be distributing health kits and would greatly appreciate the congregation's help in gathering supplies. They are collecting toothbrushes (adult and children), toothpaste (adult and children), bars of soap, shampoo, and other toiletry items including but not limited to floss, lotion, doedorant, etc. Anything you are able to contribute will certainly help to meet a need. There is a donation bin next to the Ecuador banner as you enter the Sanctuary through the hallway. Thank you for your support and prayers as our team begins the process of preparing for the trip!



Sweet Vidalia Onions for Sale



Just in time for summer barbeque season, our United Methodist Men are selling Sweet Vidalia Onions from Bland Farm. Your recipe options will be endless with this staple ingredient!

Vidaia Onion Bacon Cheese Pops | Sweet Potato Biscuits | Sweet Onion Bruschetta

For details on these recipes and more, check out www.blandfarms.com/recipes

The UMM are selling 10 lb. bags for \$10 each. You can place your order by contacting Neal Foster by email, acpa_ay@yahoo.com. The deadline to place orders is Thursday, April 26th, and the first day to pick up orders will be Sunday, May 6th here at Washington Street. Payment is due upon pick up.

Prayer Groups

"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

Our weekly prayer groups are open to anyone and everyone in search for a community to gather with in prayer. We would love to have you join us in prayer and Christian love.

REMINDER: During the months of April & May, the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group will meet together only on the second and fourth Wednesdays at their regular 10:45 AM time in the Holroyd Prayer Room. This temporary adjustment will hopefully allow these group members the opportunity to visit other church members in their homes who aren't able to attend the on-site prayer group meetings. At the end of May, the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group will reassess their plans for the summer. The Tuesday Morning Prayer Group will continue to meet every Tuesday at 8:00 AM in the Wesley Room.

Gifts

IN HONOR OF
DR. CHRIS LEE
to the WSUMC Cat Care Fund
by Darby Waund

IN HONOR OF
DR. LOIS DUKE WHITAKER
to the Good Samaritan Fund
by Andrew Whitaker

Register TODAY!



All children ages 3 - rising 6th grade are invited to join us for this year's Vacation Bible School: Rolling River Rampage as we experience the ride of a lifetime together with God!

June 25th - 29th, 8:45 - 11:45 AM

Register your children now at
www.wsmethodist.org/family/summer

Friends and neighbors are always welcome!

Registration deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt is June 11th.
YOUTH & ADULT VOLUNTEERS: We ask that you also register through the separate "adult & youth volunteers" link as well. This helps us obtain t-shirt sizes, contact information, and availability dates all at once.

All children ages 4 - rising 8th grade are invited to join us for Music Mania Day Camp! Led by Angela Powers & Jordan Harper, it will be a week full of singing, dancing, and the musical, "Down by the Creek," by Dottie Rambo.

It's a week you won't want to miss!

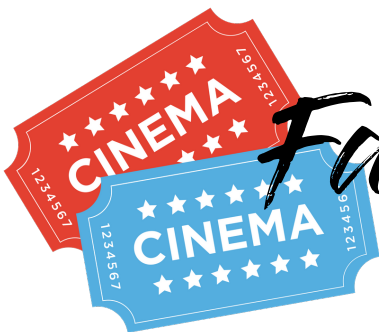
July 16th - 20th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Register your children now at
www.wsmethodist.org/family/summer

Friends and neighbors are always welcome!
Registration deadline is July 4th.



Save the Date



Family Movie Night



Friday, June 1st from 6:00 - 8:00 PM
on the CDC Playground

Come and enjoy the start of summer here with us at Washington Street for a church-wide Family Movie Night! Bring a blanket, chair, beanbag or something comfortable to relax in. Dinner and movie snacks will be served! Movie showing is TBD, but will be appropriate & appealing for children and adults of all ages.

Invite a neighbor and bring a friend to join us!



Join us for our next F3 Fellowship Supper this coming Wednesday night, April 18th, beginning at 5:30 PM in Threatt Hall! Invite a friend and bring the family to enjoy a meal and Christian fellowship together. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday, April 15th, or you can email Lainey to reserve yours at lainey@wsmethodist.org.

TRIVIA NIGHT!

Immediately following supper, we will break into teams and play TRIVIA! All ages are included and prizes will be given. There will also be other optional activities available for children.

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 15

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Yard Sale (for church attenders) - TH
 9:00 AM Worship - Christ Chapel
 9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
 3:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting - GSR
 5:00 PM Confirmation Class - 5th & 6th Grade Classroom

Monday, April 16

5:30 PM Age Level & Family Ministries Meeting - JHC

Tuesday, April 17

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
 5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC
 6:00 PM Parents of Murdered Children - Grace Class
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, April 18

3:00 PM Hispanic Family Tutoring Class - DCR
 5:30 PM Handbells Practice - 3rd Floor Choir Room
 5:30 PM F3 Fellowship Supper - TH
 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, April 19

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch - TH
 4:00 PM Killingsworth Board Meetings - JHC
 5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting - WR
 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
 7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, April 20

Confirmands @ Confirmation Retreat - Lake Junaluska

Saturday, April 21

Confirmands @ Confirmation Retreat - Lake Junaluska
 1:00 PM Records & History Meeting - Museum/Archives

Sunday, April 22

Confirmands @ Confirmation Retreat - Lake Junaluska
 9:00 AM Worship - Christ Chapel
 9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary

Monday, April 23

8:00 AM CDC Spring Fling - TH
 5:30 PM Evangelism Meeting - WR

Tuesday, April 24

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
 12:30 PM PAUSE Service - The Venue on Main St.
 5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC
 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
 6:00 PM PAUSE Service - Christ Chapel & WR
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, April 25

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
 3:00 PM Hispanic Family Tutoring Class - DCR
 5:30 PM Handbells Practice - 3rd Floor Choir Room
 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, April 26

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
 6:00 PM United Methodist Men - WR
 7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, April 27

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, April 28

No Activities Scheduled

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

GSR - Girl Scout Room