



THE CONNECTION

August 13, 2017

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

Monday - Friday ■ 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Soup Cellar ■ Monday - Friday ■ 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Just a few words...

I realized the other day that I am in a new place at Washington Street. I can now begin a sentence with, "last year we did...". It's a good thing to now have some working knowledge of who does what, what gets done, and to know at least some people by face AND name!

I confess that learning names is still part of my work. Would it be offensive to ask folks to wear name tags periodically? Maybe it would help all of us! Of course, you can upload your picture and/or your family's picture on ENGAGE WASHINGTON. Lainey Wood, our Communications Director can assist you with that!

Wow, ENGAGE WASHINGTON, and the position of COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR are only some of the changes that have happened here in the last year. Our Staff alignment is different and we are thrilled to have Reverend Joe Wilson and Reverend Alston Lippert as a part of our clergy staff. We are looking for a DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES to complete our staff. Please check out our web site if you are interested in applying or refer friends and neighbors whose education and experience might meet our needs for leadership in this vital area of ministry. And don't forget, We are recruiting teachers and leaders for our YOUTH MINISTRY. Please contact Alston or me if God is calling you to share your gifts with our YOUTH.

At our last Charge Conference we restructured our program ministries into FACE: Faith Formation, Age Level and Family Ministries, Connections and Engaging New People. It feels as if our program ministries are gaining renewed traction. We are launching new small groups, looking forward to renewing our monthly Wednesday Fellowship Dinners so that we are bringing faith, food and fellowship together, and we are daring to dream of two new services through which we hope to engage our congregation and our community. One of those will be on Wednesday evenings in conjunction with Faith, Food and Fellowship (F3) and the other will be directed towards the downtown business community. Of course, you will hear more about that service as the plans of our New Worship Team are finalized.

Meanwhile, our Worship Committee and Worship Design Team continue to work with me to enhance and revitalize our traditional worship experiences at 9:00 and 11:00 on Sunday morning. My vision for worship is that every person who gathers to worship with Washington Street encounters the Living God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Renewing and revitalizing worship means using the full range of hymnody, creeds, and prayers that are available to us as well as creating visual images that capture our imaginations. We want to engage the whole person and all of their senses in the art of worship. The challenge is to maintain a balance between what feels so familiar and what feels fresh and new and is inviting and appealing to those who are seeking a church home where they can worship and serve God. I am convinced that we are an amazing church family where God's love and compassion is lived out within our congregation and is extended to our community and to our world. I am happy to share in this ministry with you!

- Patricia

Announcements

THE OPEN DOOR CLASS TRIES WATER WALKING: On Sunday August 20, the Open Door Class will begin a new study by John Ortberg - **IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT.** This book invites us to consider the incredible potential that awaits us just outside our comfort zone. Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet us in ways that will change us, deepening our character and our trust in God. Join us as we get out of our boats and into our storms to meet the One who can help us align ourselves to God's purpose for our lives. We welcome visitors and new members of all ages to join us as we delve into scripture and learn from each other.

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Announcements for the next issue of *The Connection* are due by 12:00 PM Noon on Tuesday, August 22nd. Please send all announcements to Lainey Wood, LAINEY@WSMETHODIST.ORG. We ask that announcements pertaining to events or occasions only run within two weeks prior to the date.



WHILE WE TRANSITION

As we make a staff transition in children and youth ministries, we will be looking for some individuals to assist us along the way. We hope you'll prayerfully consider being a part of the following:

TODDLER TIME COORDINATOR: This individual will coordinate volunteers to lead our Toddler Time ministry for 2-5 year olds during the 11:00 service of worship. Please speak with Susan Hefelfinger or Reverend Lippert

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If you are interested in sharing your time and talents to either or both of the ministries, please don't hesitate to reach out to Reverend Parrish. If you aren't sure where you'd like to step in but you know you would like to be a part of the effort, we will find a place for you!

Encouragement from our Confirmands

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Psalm 23

When I was younger, my father recited this Psalm to me that he had learned when he was a child. When I first heard it, there were certain verses that stuck out to me. “The Lord is my shepherd...I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” I instantly felt a surge of comfort come over me, just from hearing those words. In fact, probably a week later, I was by myself and I was really scared so I recited in my head, “The Lord is my shepherd....thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” I couldn’t really remember anything else, but just saying that helped me realize that even though I was alone, God was still with me, and he wouldn’t let anything happen to me. I find these verses of the Bible very comforting, and that is why I love Psalm 23.

-ANSLEY JANSEN

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF GOODE MAX GULLEDGE

to Minister’s Discretionary Fund

by Rev. Patricia Parrish

IN MEMORY OF RALPH R. ROZIER

to The Organ Fund

by John and Lynda Galloway

IN MEMORY OF ROY SUTHERLAND

to WSUMC

by Papadea Family

to WSUMC

by Warner and Mary Jones

IN HONOR OF ROBBIE AND LISA DOUGLAS

to WSUMC

by Judith D. Tarleton

Getting to Know...

VERY OFTEN YOU HEAR THE NAMES OF OUR GROWING STAFF AND DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS, BUT THERE’S ALWAYS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW THEM BETTER! WITH FUTURE ISSUES OF THE CONNECTION, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP READING AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THOSE WHO GIVE SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY TO THE MISSION OF WASHINGTON STREET.

LAINEY WOOD

When Lainey Wood first heard about Washington Street’s Renewal 2020 plan, she thought it was exciting. As a communication studies junior at Columbia College, Lainey heard about it from Jim Lane, an education professor at the college and a member of Washington Street.

The church’s business administrator, Robbie Douglas, met Lainey on campus and later after the pieces fell into place, she began as the Communication Intern. She started working 25 hours a week in May 2016 and became our full-time communication specialist after graduation this year.

Lainey has worked on the Washington Street website, our social media and created Engage Washington to keep everyone connected.

This summer, Lainey launched The Connection, and it is allowing her to explore every aspect of the church.

Lainey grew up in Shandon United Methodist Church, where her grandfather was a minister. She still teaches the sixth-grade Sunday School class with her dad and works with the youth there. Her mother, Lesli, is Director of Christian Education at Shandon. “It wasn’t a surprise to anybody when I took a job in a Methodist church,” she said, laughing.

Lainey has an older sister, Kristen, who teaches fourth grade and a brother, Kevin, who is 18. Her father, Stan, heads the outdoor program at Heathwood Hall (think scuba diving and mountain climbing).

Outside of church, Lainey loves to spend time with family and friends. She said she has become an “exercise junkie,” taking a group fitness class almost every day.

Washington Street’s missions and ministry makes her want to share them, she said. “Working in a church that has shown me how to be the hands and feet of Christ makes me want to show others how to be the hands and feet of Christ,” she said.

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY FRAN ZUPAN

Summer Reflection

60 CHILDREN AND 12 SERVICE SQUAD STUDENTS

ATTENDED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PUT ON BY 16 ADULT VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF!



A NEW SMALL GROUP WAS FORMED AND HAS TAKEN OFF WITH SERVICE DAYS AND FUTURE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES!

Active Faith

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



THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE GENEROUSLY PROVIDED RESOURCES AND ASSISTANCE TO THE MAPUCHE METHODIST CHURCH OF CHILE TO HELP THEIR MINISTER REPLACE HIS TRUCK; THE ONLY WAY FOR HIM TO REACH HIS CHURCH AND IT'S MEMBERS.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE HOSTED IT'S SECOND PLARN PARTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION BEDROLL. THEY HAVE SET A GOAL TO MAKE 10 COMPLETE BEDROLLS TO GIVE TO THE HOMELESS OF DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA!



WE SENT FORTH A TEAM OF YOUTH AND ADULTS TO SALKEHATCHIE PENN CENTER FOR A WEEK TO FIX HOUSES AND CHANGE LIVES!



27 CHILDREN WERE ABLE TO DANCE, PLAY AND PERFORM DURING MUSIC MANIA CAMP WITH THE HELP OF 2 LEADERS AND 3 CAMP COUNSELORS!

All are Welcome

Active Faith

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

A small group that was founded upon the words of John Wesley and began in the home of members, has turned into a ministry of it's own. Rooted in faith and service, this group has lived the words of John Wesley and they welcome YOU to join them!



Hand Y Mano - Thank You!

There is something universal about a child's laughter. It contains no language barrier; just a child having fun. Members of Active Faith Small Group were treated to this laughter at Hand Y Mano, a summer enrichment camp for immigrant children. With this camp, immigrant children are given a chance to build better literacy skills and better ties to America.

Washington Street UMC Missions Committee provided much needed funding. Church members and our Vacation Bible School children provided supplies, and members of Active Faith provided volunteer services.



Kathy and Lauren Wright and Kay Ayers-Garren worked with the children in the classroom. Beverly McClanahan, Sam Waldrep, Martha Boynton, Jim Lane, and Rick and Deborah Rowe provided meal service to the children. Thanks to Washington Street UMC in answering God's call to help those who are in need and thank God for children's laughter.

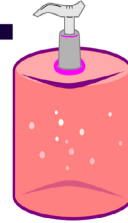
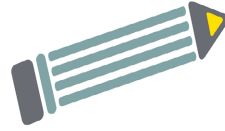
PICTURED ON THE LEFT: (ABOVE) RICK ROWE AND KAY AYERS-GARREN, (BELOW) SUPPLIES DONATED FOR THE MISSION.

PICTURED ON THE RIGHT: WYATT, HAYDEN AND ELLIS ROWE VOLUNTEERING AT HAND Y MANO.

Back to School We Go!



ALCORN MIDDLE SCHOOL PACK-A-BACK



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR
ALCORN MIDDLE SCHOOL'S "PACK-A-
BACK" PROGRAM, AND WE'LL START BY
COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES. LISTED
BELOW ARE THE ITEMS THEY ARE IN
NEED OF. DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED
IN THE COLLECTION BIN IN OUR MIS-
SION GARDEN, ACROSS FROM THE
CHRIST CHAPEL COURTYARD.

THANK YOU!

THEIR GREATEST NEEDS ARE PAGE PROTECTORS, FLASH
DRIVES, AND 2 INCH BINDERS.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We invite teachers and students of all ages to join us on
Sunday, August 20th, during the 11:00 AM service to receive a
special blessing before everyone heads back to school!

BRING YOUR BACKPACK IF YOU HAVE ONE

PROMOTION SUNDAY

August 27th

- There will not be a program in Threatt Hall as previously noted -

We are SO excited to begin this new year of Christian Education
with your children and youth!

We encourage parents to walk their children to their Sunday
school classrooms on this day to become familiar with the
location, and to also have the opportunity to meet their child's
Sunday school teachers. A volunteer will be available on each
floor to guide you or answer any questions you might have.

Meet our Staff

SENIOR MINISTER

Reverend Patricia Parrish
pjparish@umcsc.org

ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AND MISSIONS

Reverend Joe Wilson

ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR NURTURE AND DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

Reverend Alston Lippert

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Robbie Douglas

CDC DIRECTOR

Felicia Yockel

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Angela Powers

ORGANIST

Louis Shirer

PIANIST

Rick Frierson

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Abbie McKenzie

COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

Lainey Wood

PROPERTY/MAINTENANCE

SUPERVISOR

Jerry Sumpter

SOUP CELLAR MANAGER

Sandy Endicott

SOUP CELLAR ASSISTANT

Eric Williams

CUSTODIAN

Michael Hutto

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INTERN

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We want to hear from

YOU(th)!

If you're a confirmand or a youth, join us on Sunday, August 13th during Sunday school in the Youth Room to chat about all things youth, and share any ideas you have about our growing youth ministry!



DUCK DONUTS WILL BE THERE!
Do we have your attention now?

*Parents of youth and confirmands are welcome, and we encourage you to join us as well!
Have any questions or concerns? Contact Lainey Wood, lainey@wsmethodist.org*

Opportunities to Serve

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THE FORTE SCHOLARSHIP
presents

**CLASSICAL
GOES TO CHURCH**
Honoring Sacred Song & the Spiritual

**SUNDAY
AUGUST,
20TH
AT 3:00P**



Washington Street UMC
1401 Washington St.
Columbia, SC 29201

On August 20, 2017 at 3:00pm Mezzo-Soprano, LaToya Adams and Baritone, Kendrick Williams will be in recital at Washington Street United Methodist Church. The recital is sponsored by The FORTE Scholarship program and is absolutely FREE. The FORTE Scholarship program was established to benefit young singers in the state of South Carolina.

To learn more about the FORTE Scholarship, e-mail thefortescholarship@gmail.com.

Calendar of Weekly Activities

THE CALENDAR FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2017 IS AVAILABLE ON ENGAGE WASHINGTON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD AN EVENT TO OUR CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT LAINEY WOOD TO ENSURE THAT THE TIME AND LOCATION ARE AVAILABLE.

- Sunday, August 13**
 8:30 - 11:30 AM Coffee and Conversation - WR
 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 Back to School Bash - Saluda Shoals
- Monday, August 14**
 5:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting - JHC
- Tuesday, August 15**
 8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
 5:30 PM Worship Team Meeting - JHC
 6:00 PM Parents of Murdered Children - Grace Class
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR
- Wednesday, August 16**
 10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
 5:00 PM Girl Scout Activity - YR
- Thursday, August 17**
 9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
 3:00 PM Veterans’ PTSD Meeting - DCR
 5:30 PM Killingsworth Board Meetings - JHC
- Friday, August 18**
 No Activities Scheduled
- Summer Camp ends on Friday, August 18th.*

- Sunday, August 20**
 8:30 - 11:30 AM Coffee and Conversation – WR
 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 Recital - Sanctuary
- Monday, August 21**
 No Activities Scheduled
- Tuesday, August 22**
 8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
 2:00 PM Staff Meeting - JHC
 5:30 PM UMW Executive Committee Meeting - WR
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR
- Wednesday, August 23**
 10:45 -11:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
 5:30 PM CDC Board Meeting - JHC
 5:30 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting - WR
- Thursday, August 24**
 9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
 3:00 PM Veterans’ PTSD Meeting - DCR
 6:00 PM United Methodist Men - WR
 7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR
- Friday, August 25**
 No Activities Scheduled
- Saturday, August 26**
 No Activities Scheduled

LOCATION KEY

JHC - John Harper Classroom	TH - Threatt Hall	YR - Youth Room	LCR - Leavitt Choir Room
DCR - Disciple Conference Room	WR - Wesley Room	HR - Holroyd Prayer Room	GSR- Girl Scout Room