



# THE CONNECTION

August 27, 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

## Active Faith Small Group *“Living Water Project”*



PICTURED ABOVE: MEMBERS OF ACTIVE FAITH & REVEREND PARRISH



PICTURED ABOVE: WATER BOTTLES DISTRIBUTED TO PATRONS

Jesus was tired and thirsty when he encountered the woman at the well in Samaria. He told her that he would give her “living water” so that she would never thirst again, referring to eternal life that comes through him. The people who come to our Soup Cellar everyday are also tired and thirsty. Only Jesus can provide them “Living Water”, but everyday Washington Street provides them nourishment and water through our Soup Cellar. We provide nourishment to their body; Jesus provides nourishment to their souls.

The Active Faith Small Group, with wisdom and guidance from Rev. Parrish and the generosity of a gift from the United Methodist Women, distributed personal water bottles to our Soup Cellar Patrons. The bottles allow them to collect water from public fountains, sustaining them long after they leave the fountain. The bottles bear the name of Washington Street United Methodist as a reminder that they are welcomed, accepted and respected as individuals at our church, just as Jesus loved and accepted the woman at the well in Samaria.

*“The Washington Street Active Faith Small Group is comprised of members who want to personally reach out to others who are in need. God provides the vision and direction. We are his instruments.” - Deborah Rowe*

*Want to know more about Active Faith? Contact Rick & Deborah Rowe, or visit our website!*

# Announcements

**PHOTO RELEASE PERMISSION:** Photographs and video recordings taken at events held at the church and at events associated with the church are often used for purposes such as publicity, illustration, advertising, church bulletins and newsletters, and church website content. If anyone does not want his or her photograph or likeness to be used in this manner, please send a written request to Communication Specialist, Lainey Wood, via mail or email so that the office may take steps to prevent such use. Failure to notify the office will be taken as permission to use a person's photograph or likeness as described.

**MISSED THE 2015-2016 RAGGIO REPORT?** In 2003 Mary Van Raggio, a longtime Washington Street member, left a large bequest to the church to create a periodic media production chronicling the highlights of the ministries of Washington Street UMC. Since then there have been nine different editions of the Raggio Report. ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30, DURING BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES WE PREMIERED THE NINTH RAGGIO REPORT WHICH DOCUMENTED THE MINISTRIES AT WASHINGTON STREET DURING 2015 AND 2016. We know that many of our members were not able to be in church that Sunday, so we will show the Raggio Report again three times on Sunday, September 30. If you missed the Raggio Report in April or would like to see it again, join us in the Wesley Room at any of the following times--9:50 a.m., 10:25 a.m., or 12:10 p.m. This Raggio Report lasts 17 minutes.

**SHARE YOUR WASHINGTON STREET PHOTOS AND VIDEOS:** The Raggio Report Committee depends on photos and videos taken by church members for the content of each new report. Perhaps you have pictures of children's events, specially decorated altars, mission activities, or our members engaging with each other. NOW YOU CAN SHARE YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS WITH THE COMMITTEE BY SENDING THEM BY EMAIL TO RAGGIOPICS@GMAIL.COM. Cellphone cameras take such good pictures and videos today that those pictures and videos can be used in the Raggio Report. To get the best and most "useable" pictures and videos, be sure to turn your cellphone sideways. When you send your pictures and videos to the Raggio Report Committee, send them in the largest format you can - the bigger the better. Of course, the committee still accepts pictures and videos taken with 35mm cameras and digital video cameras.


**EPWORTH'S ANNUAL WORK DAY OFFERING:** Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond just food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. On Sunday, September 10th our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home. For more information, please visit Epworth on the web at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

Announcements for the next issue of *The Connection* are due by 12:00 PM Noon on MONDAY, September 4th.

Please send all announcements to Lainey Wood, [LAINNEY@WSMETHODIST.ORG](mailto:LAINNEY@WSMETHODIST.ORG). We ask that announcements pertaining to events or occasions only run within two weeks prior to the date.



When Kaleb's father died,  
everything changed.  
Epworth was there for him.



Epworth's Annual  
Work Day Offering  
Sunday, September 10, 2017



# Encouragement from our Confirmands

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.” Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

This is one of my favorite Bible verses because it helps me understand questions that come up in a typical day. For me, it helps me balance out time to play and time to study. The verse is a reminder that I should do both most everyday. If I wrote my own verses here's what they might sound like: A time to know and a time to ask questions. A time to be with friends and a time to be with yourself. A time to be our best selves and a time when we are trying and striving.

This verse helps me to be patient, I hope it might help you, too.

-AVA JACKSON

## Gifts

IN MEMORY OF PAT BRODIE

*to Missions*

by Chip Williams

IN MEMORY OF BETTY ELLIOTT BOWERS

*to The Foundation*

by Martha King

IN MEMORY OF ROY SUTHERLAND

*to The Foundation*

by Martha King

IN HONOR OF ALCORN MIDDLE SCHOOL

*to Alcorn Middle School*

by Lorick Office Products

# 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.

## SAM WALDREP

When Sam Waldrep joined Washington Street more than three decades ago, one of the things that attracted him was that the church housed a nutritional program for the elderly. “That said a lot to me about the mission of the church,” said Sam who has always worked for groups that focus on improving life for people who are aging.

Sam grew up with both of his grandmothers in the small town of Enoree, S.C. One grandmother lived with his family, and the other lived about a mile away.

“I watched their health decline, and their struggle to maintain independence really made an impression on me,” he said. At the time, there were no government-sponsored, home health care services, and Sam also watched his mother struggle, as the primary caregiver of both grandmothers.

Sam holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of South Carolina and a certificate in gerontology from the University of Michigan. Three or four times a year for four years, he traveled to Ann Arbor, Mich., for two weeks of all-day courses in the interdisciplinary program.

Sam spent the majority of his career working for South Carolina's Department of Health and Human Services, starting in the home-care area when it was in its infancy. “South Carolina was one of the first states to develop a comprehensive home-care program,” he said.

Today, more people – 17,000 – are served by home-care programs – health aides, Meals on Wheels, adult day care – than are served by nursing homes.

At Washington Street, Sam has filled a number of roles. He's been chairman of the Church Council, co-chair of Renewal 2020 and a wedding director. He is a member of the Active Faith Small Group and is the “visual” person on the Worship Design Team.

“I enjoy working with flowers and decorations,” he said. “I want to contribute to making this beautiful church look even better.” One project under development is a flower ministry, Sam said. It would involve downtown churches pooling flowers from their altar arrangements once a month to fill a number of bud vases which church members would deliver to the sick and shut-ins. One of Sam's hobbies is collecting political buttons and bumper stickers; his collection dates to 1896. His love of décor extends to his Rose Hill home; he usually decorates three Christmas trees. With three attics full of decorations, he has so many that he rotates them from year to year.

# Save the Date

## Music Kick-Off!

Wednesday, August 6th

Handbells Practice - 5:30 PM 3rd Floor Handbell Room  
Sanctuary Choir Practice - 6:30 PM Leavitt Choir Room

## September UMW Circle Meetings

**MARY'S MAIDENS** - Sunday, September 10 at 4:00-5:30 in the *Disciple Conference Room*

All girls in first - sixth grades are encouraged for this time of service to others. Friends are always welcome!

For any questions, please contact Mary Lide, 782-6035, or neaudl@aol.com.

**CIRCLE 2** - Thursday, September 7th, 5:30 - 6:30 - *The Wesley Room*

**CIRCLE 3** - Tuesday, September 12th, 10:30 - 11:30 AM - *The Wesley Room*

**CIRCLE 5** - Tuesday, September 12th, 7:00 pm at the *home of Mary Lide, 1400 Sherwood Rd.*

**CIRCLE 6** - Tuesday, September 5th, 10:00 - 11:00 AM - *The John Harper Classroom*

**CIRCLE 9** - Tuesday, September 12th, 5:30 - 6:30 PM - *The John Harper Classroom*

## Sunday School Series



This Sunday, August 27th, The Grace Class is continuing their deeper look into I and II Corinthians, with the discussion topic, "Justice Forgiveness and Hope in the Midst of Conflict: Preserving the Community." Next week, they'll look at the topic, "Personal Pilgrimages: What I learned about life." Consider joining them as they wrap up this series!



The Open Door Class just began their series based on the text, *IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT.* Join them this Sunday if you'd like to discuss the insights on Peter's experience of meeting Jesus on the water.



Opportunities to Serve

# BODY AND SOUL HEALTH FAIR



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

SERVICES PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE FOR ALL AGES  
BRINGING DOWNTOWN CONGREGATIONS TOGETHER IN AN EFFORT TO  
PROVIDE HEALTH INFORMATION TO OUR LOCAL HOMELESS AND  
WORKING POOR NEIGHBORS.

Volunteers to assist the Evangelism Committee on the DAY OF THE EVENT are still greatly needed and appreciated! Contact Reverend Wilson, [jawilsonii@umcsc.org](mailto:jawilsonii@umcsc.org), or Lee Haynes to volunteer, [lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com](mailto:lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com)



## PLARN PARTIES

Sunday, September 17 - 12:00 - 1:30 PM THREATT HALL

Wednesday, September 20 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM YOUTH ROOM

Bring a finger food to share and we will provide drinks and paper products! Also, bring scissors or a rotary cutter with a self healing mat if you have one. If you'd like for us to teach you how to make a mat, just bring a large crochet hook; size P or Q. If you are a plarn making champion, you are welcome to take them home to work on and bring them back!



SOUP  
CELLAR  
DONATIONS

Christmas is just about FOUR months away!  
Please help us fill the gift bags for the Soup Cellar clientele. Please donate travel size shampoos, soap, and lotion and leave in the box in Christmas box in the hallway. Toothbrushes and toothpaste are also needed.

*Monetary donations are gratefully accepted!*

# A Thank You to our Missions Committee and Congregation!

Our Missions Committee recently provided funding to the Mapuche Methodist Church in Chile, to enable their minister to have reliable transportation for his ministry. Below is a letter of thanks from the Church, and a photo of the blessing! Thank you ALL for you continued support of the Missions Committee, and for allowing Washington Street to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Reverend Patricia Parri[sh]  
Brothers and sisters from the Missions Committee  
Brothers and sisters from Washington Street UMC

Grace and peace to you all and your families:

As the Mapuche Methodist Church, part of the Methodist Church of Chile, in the name of each one of our brothers and sisters, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for the generous contribution of \$8,000 (US Dollars) that you sent towards replacing our truck. The happiness we have is tremendous because it represents half of the cost of the truck, making our almost unreachable dream come true, because we weren't able to do it without your help. We can only give thanks to God and to you for this expression of love and connection to us. We will keep praying for all of you and we reiterate our invitation so you can visit us and share our common faith in our only Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We would like to thank Pastor Patricia Parri[sh], the Missions Committee and also to our Chilean brother Patricio Aravena Carrasco<sup>1</sup> who has been our contact [in the US.]

Yours truly, in Jesus Christ, Lord of our Church,  
Rev. Luis Hidalgo Ruiz  
Pastor IMEMA

## FAITH, ACTIVITY AND NUTRITION TIPS



It's 3:00 pm and you are feeling sluggish and need a snack. Try these options for a healthy and delicious snack, instead of reaching for cookies or candy.

**CHEESE:** Low-fat cheese wedges or sticks can be a quick great snack and low fat option.

**WATERMELON AND CANTALOUPE:** These fruits are refreshing, taste great, and offer an alternative to packaged gummy fruit snacks.

**CITRUS:** Grapefruit, oranges, tangerines. These super fruits offer a snack to enjoy any time of day.

**SUGAR SNAP PEAS:** These peas are easy to store and provide a delicious crunch.

**EDAMAME:** These soybeans are a great source of protein, low in calories and versatile with salad, sandwiches or by themselves.

**COTTAGE CHEESE AND FRUIT:** Low fat cottage cheese provides protein and calcium, and is boosted with added fruit such as pineapple.



# Meet our Staff

## SENIOR MINISTER

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## SUPERVISOR

Jerry Sumpter

## SOUP CELLAR MANAGER

Sandy Endicott

## SOUP CELLAR ASSISTANT

Eric Williams

## CUSTODIAN

Michael Hutto

## SOCIAL WORK INTERN

Meredith Transou



## Welcome Meredith!

We are thrilled to welcome Meredith Transou to our staff for the Fall! Meredith is a student at USC working to obtain her Masters in Social Work. She began just a few weeks ago as an

intern, and is primarily working with the Soup Cellar. She will be helping to expand the services offered to Soup Cellar patrons and connect them to other resources in the community. Join us in welcoming her to Washington Street!



Want to enliven, invigorate, nurture, and grow your faith? Consider signing up for a small group this fall. They are the perfect way to have fellowship while developing and nurturing your faith.

(E-mail [Lainey Wood](mailto:Lainey Wood) to sign up for the [Brown Bag Study & Prayer and Study Group](#))

### [BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY \(6 WEEKS\)](#)

Facilitated by Beth Matthews

Wednesdays 12:15 – 1:00, [beginning September 6](#)

*This group will read and discuss Will Willimon's book, **Fear of the Other**. This book addresses how Christians should respond to people who are different than they. This book is based on 1 John 4:18, "Perfect love casts out fear."*

### [ACTIVE FAITH](#)

Facilitated by Rick and Deborah Rowe

\*Contact Rick or Deborah for more info.

Sundays - ongoing

### [PRAYER AND STUDY GROUP](#)

Facilitated by Susan Caskey

Beginning Thursday, September 21

6:00 - 7:00 PM - Wesley Room

### [TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP](#)

Facilitated by Mary Lide

8:00 – 8:30 AM - ongoing

### [WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP](#)

Facilitated by Beth Matthews

10:45 - 11:45 AM - ongoing

FOR MORE INFORMATION, E-MAIL [AFLIPPERT@UMSC.ORG](mailto:AFLIPPERT@UMSC.ORG)

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." -Hebrews 10: 24-25



# Join Us!

Our Wednesday Night Suppers will pick up starting next month for dinner, a time for small group gatherings (children and adults!) and an opportunity for worship.

*Mark your calendars for September 13th, October 11th and November 8th. 5:30 - 7:30 PM!*

Tickets will be sold this Sunday, August 27th, and September 3rd and 10th as well.  
Adults - \$10 and KIDS EAT FREE!

## 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 27 - PROMOTION SUNDAY

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 (3rd Grade Bibles) – Sanctuary

### Monday, August 28

6:30 PM Records & History Committee - WR

### Tuesday, August 29

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR  
5:30 PM Nominations & Leadership Dev. - JHC  
5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - Paul Harmon Room  
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

### Wednesday, August 30

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR

### Thursday, August 31

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel  
3:00 PM Veterans' PTSD Meeting - DCR  
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

### Friday, September 1- Saturday, September 2

No Activities Scheduled

### Sunday, September 3

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

### Monday, September 4 LABOR DAY

Church Office, CDC and Soup Cellar - CLOSED

### Tuesday, September 5

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR  
10:00 AM Circle 6 - JHC  
5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - Paul Harmon Room  
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR  
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

### Wednesday, September 6

10:45 - 11:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR  
5:30 PM Handbells Practice - 3rd Floor Choir Room  
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

### Thursday, September 7

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel  
3:00 PM Veterans' PTSD Meeting - DCR  
5:30 PM Circle 2 - WR  
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR  
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

### Friday, September 8

No Activities Scheduled

### Saturday, September 9

10:00 AM Body & Soul Health Fair - TH

### LOCATION KEY

JHC - John Harper Classroom

TH - Threath Hall

YR - Youth Room

LCR - Leavitt Choir Room

DCR - Disciple Conference Room

WR - Wesley Room

HR - Holroyd Prayer Room

GSR - Girl Scout Room