



THE CONNECTION

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"The congregation of WSUMC praises and serves God from the heart of the city in ways which reach our neighbors near and far. We welcome all who seek the love and mercy of Christ regardless of race, creed, age, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic status. We honor traditions as rooted in our history, our expression of worship, and our respect for theological curiosity. We nonetheless see vital change and ongoing renewal as essential for spiritual growth."

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Invite a friend or neighbor

**TO WORSHIP WITH US
THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.**

DID YOU KNOW...

"82% of people who don't go to church are at least somewhat likely to attend if personally invited."

AND

"Most people come to church because of a personal invitation."
(Dr. Thom Rainer)



Christmas Eve

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

9:45 AM - Sunday School Hour

Children's Birthday Party for Jesus

Youth Christmas Breakfast

11:00 AM - Worship Service of Lessons & Carols

5:00 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WITH
CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION

CHILDCARE INFORMATION

Childcare will NOT be provided for the 5:00 PM service as we want to encourage families to worship together this Christmas Eve. There will be worship packets available for children including fun activities to do while seated in the pews. The 2's & 3's classroom will also be open with a rocker/changing table for those who need it.



YOUTH CORNER

CHRISTMAS EDITION

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Sunday, Dec. 24th | 9:45 AM

Youth Room - 3rd Floor

Let's enjoy a little food and fellowship the morning of Christmas Eve! Lamar Brabham will bring breakfast for youth to enjoy, but all youth are encouraged to bring a breakfast side item to add to the mix! In addition to breakfast, our youth are also invited to join in the 4s and 5s classroom for the annual Birthday Party for Jesus, where our children will celebrate Christmas with stories, games, crafts, and cake!

PARENTS OF YOUTH: Make sure you receive the "Upcoming Events" emails regarding our Youth Ministry programming. To be added to the list, just let Rev. Taylor know! | taylor@wsmethodist.org |

SAVE THE DATES:

YOUTH ROUND TABLE with Rev. Taylor on Sunday, Jan. 7th. at 9:45 AM in place of Sunday School in the Youth Room! Bring your ideas to the table for youth group activities and programs. No idea is too big or too crazy! A light breakfast will be provided and one lucky youth will win a \$20 Fandango Movie gift card!

REVOLUTION - Jan. 26th - 28th - a weekend of worship with youth across the state! Get excited for a weekend of fun and fellowship! This year, to make Revolution even more fun, we're blocking off some hotel rooms for our youth and brave parent chaperones.

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT C. BROWN

to the Soup Cellar

by Kelly & Ellen Green

and The Estate of Margaret B. Pridmore

IN MEMORY OF D.O. GODBOLD

to the Soup Cellar

Ann S. Mercer

IN MEMORY OF CORY JANSEN

to WSUMC

by J. Marshall Colcord & Dotsy M. Helms

IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA JESSUP

to Music Ministries

by John & Mary Lue Finch

to WSUMC

by J. Marshall Colcord & Dotsy M. Helms

IN MEMORY OF STAN McCONKEY

to WSUMC

by J. Marshall Colcord & Dotsy M. Helms

IN MEMORY OF MARY McEACHERN

to the Soup Cellar

by J. Marshall Colcord & Dotsy M. Helms

IN MEMORY OF ANGELA McLEOD

to WSUMC

by J. Marshall Colcord & Dotsy M. Helms

IN MEMORY OF VERNON

& EDNA SPEARS

to the Soup Cellar

by Jim & Anne Spears Walsh

IN MEMORY OF CIRCUIT RIDER

DAVID SULLINS

to WSUMC

by Hardwick Stuart, Jr.

IN HONOR OF CIRCLE 3

to Gracious Goodness

by Charlotte Owen

IN HONOR OF NORA FRYE

to WSUMC

by Susan C. Wright

IN HONOR OF HOLLY &

DONALD SCOFIELD

to the Soup Cellar

Announcements

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE: Take a moment to admire the smiling faces on the Children's Christmas Tree in the hallway to the Sanctuary. If your child's photo is missing, please see Mary Lide or Eleanore Vaughan to have a picture taken and their ornament added to the tree.

THANK YOU: Thank you to the special cooks and to our congregation for supporting our UMW Bake Sale. We raised \$2000, which has been donated to our Soup Cellar. Thank you all.
- Deborah Rowe, President, UMW

WARMTH FROM THE HEART BLANKET MINISTRY: As the weather has turned cold, we have more Soup Cellar patrons asking for blankets. The Winter Shelter does not open until 5 pm and releases the individuals at 7 am, when temperatures may be in the 20's, 30's or low 40's. If you have any old throws or twin blankets or may be inclined to purchase a new throw, please donate. There is a basket in the Mission Garden for receipt of these donations. Thank you to those who have already opened your heart to this ministry.

CHARLES PFEIFFER CIRCLE: The Charles Pfeiffer Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00pm at the home of Gwen Murphy. We will continue our study of The Book of Joy - Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams. Visitors are welcome to join us!

PHOTO RELEASE PERMISSION: As we near the beginning of 2018, we want to remind you of our Photo Release policy. 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.

The next issue of The Connection will run on Sunday, January 7th due to the holiday schedule.



Thank you to those who contributed to our Advent Devotions this year! All of the stories, scriptures, prayers and reflections served as reminders of how great our God is as we prepare our hearts and minds for this Christmas season. A special thank you to Dr. Michael Broome, Rev. Alston Lippert, Beth Matthews and Lainey Wood for coordinating the preparation and publication of the booklet. If you haven't had the opportunity to read the devotions, there are still hard copies located throughout the church. A digital copy is also available for download from our website and Facebook page. We encourage you to share these devotions with your friends and family, as you never know who might want to hear words of hope and encouragement!

SING-ALONG *Messiah*

Monday,
December 18th
7 PM | Sanctuary

Be a part of a joyous
Christmas community celebration!

No tickets issued / first-come first-serve parking & seating

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 17

9:00 AM Worship - Christ Chapel
9:00 AM Children's Nativity Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:45 AM Aldersgate/Traxler Brunch - TH
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship & Children's Nativity - Sanctuary
6:00 PM Sing-Along Messiah REHEARSAL - Sanctuary

Monday, December 18

7:00 PM Sing-Along Messiah - Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
5:00 PM Advent Study #1 (Wilson & Matthews) - HPR
5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC
6:00 PM Parents of Murdered Children - TH
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, December 20

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
12:00 PM Advent Study #2 (Pafford) - Open Door Classroom
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, December 21

9:00 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
12:30 PM Advent Study #3 (Parrish & Lippert) - Downtown
Grapes & Gallery 1113 Taylor St.
5:30 PM Killingsworth Board Meeting - JHC

Friday, December 22

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, December 23

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, December 24

9:45 AM Sunday School & Children's B-Day Party for Jesus
11:00 AM Worship with Lessons & Carols - Sanctuary
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service with Candlelight & Communion

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day
Church Office, CDC & Soup Cellar - CLOSED

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office, CDC & Soup Cellar - CLOSED

Wednesday, December 27

CDC - CLOSED
10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
3:00 PM Hispanic Family Tutoring Class - DCR

Thursday, December 28

CDC - CLOSED
No Activities Scheduled

Friday, December 29

Church Office, CDC & Soup Cellar - CLOSED

Saturday, December 30

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

HPR - Holroyd Prayer Room

GSR- Girl Scout Room