



THE CONNECTION

Advent Edition / December 3, 2017

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

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

Join us for
Christmas
at Washington Street

Advent is a season of four weeks including four Sundays. Advent derives from the Latin *adventus*, which means “coming.” The season proclaims the comings of the Christ—whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate. Each year Advent calls the community of faith to prepare for these comings. (Book of Worship, 1986) The lessons of the season are centered on darkness and light, sin and grace, the promise of the Messiah and God’s answer to our deepest yearnings in the Incarnation.

This year our theme is “Unwrapping God’s Gift”. The amazing truth is that in every season of every year, God is offering us the amazing Gift of God’s presence revealed in Christ. Come, unwrap the Gift, and discover what God has prepared for you this Advent.

-Reverend Parrish

Advent

Small Group Studies

“CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY”

by Mike Slaughter

Led by Reverend Wilson & Beth Matthews
Beginning Tues., 11/28 - Ending Tues., 12/19
Tuesday Evenings | 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Holroyd Prayer Room
Copies of text available at \$10

Our Sunday School classes are in the midst of several neat studies and texts during the season of Advent. Read more below and consider joining them one Sunday!

ALDRSGATE CLASS: *Underdogs & Outsiders*, by Tom Fuerst

JOY, GRACE, & PAUL HARMON CLASSES: *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*, by Adam Hamilton

OPEN DOOR CLASS: *When God Comes Down*, by James A. Harnish

JOHN HARPER CLASS: Focusing on “Faith in Action” for the Holiday Season

“A THRILL OF HOPE: THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN WORD AND ART”

Led by Reverend Taylor Pafford
Beginning Wed., 11/29 - Ending Wed., 12/20
Wednesday Afternoons | 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Open Door Classroom (3rd Floor)
Bring your bible!

“THE UNCLUTTERED HEART: MAKING ROOM FOR GOD DURING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS”

by Beth Richardson

Led by Reverend Parrish & Reverend Lippert
Beginning Th., 11/30 - Ending Th., 12/21
Thursday Afternoons | 12:30 - 1:30 PM
Grapes & Gallery
Downtown Columbia, 1113 Taylor St.
Copies of text available at \$10

Save the Date

Children's Nativity

Sunday, December 17th | 11 AM Service

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS OF ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!
Contact Reverend Taylor Pafford to sign-up | taylor@wsmethodist.org

Rehearsal Schedule

9 AM | Sundays, December 3rd (Sanctuary) & 10th (Youth Room)
DRESS REHEARSAL, December 17th | 9 AM - Sanctuary

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

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF JOHN N. BEARD, SR.

to the Soup Cellar

by John N. Beard, Jr., & Evan M. Beard

IN MEMORY OF JENNIE CURTIS

to WSUMC

by Tracy S. Everly

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA HORNE

to WSUMC

by Rufus & Kathy Rogers

IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA JESSUP

to WSUMC

by Susan & Paul Brown

by Mary Beth Rluge

to Music Ministries

by John & Carol Armstrong

by Elizabeth, Mack & Taylor Ouzts

IN MEMORY OF ESTHER LANIER

to WSUMC

by Tracy S. Everly

IN MEMORY OF LELLA PFEIFFER

to WSUMC

by Rufus & Kathy Rogers

IN MEMORY OF ANSEL ARTHUR SALLEY

to the Soup Cellar

by John & Lynda Galloway

IN MEMORY OF DORIS HARLEY SALLEY

to Music Ministries

by John & Lynda Galloway

IN HONOR OF E BETH BLITCH

to WSUMC

by Dorothy M. Helms/McNair Law Firm

IN HONOR OF FRANCE GRIMES

to the Soup Cellar

by Robert H. Buchanan

IN HONOR OF VICTORIA

to Children's Ministries

by Papa John & Mama Gigi



Sunday, December 3rd

9:00 AM - Traditional Worship with

Hanging of the Greens | CHAPEL

9:45 AM Sunday School Hour

11:00 AM - Traditional Worship with

Hanging of the Greens | SANCTUARY

Sunday, December 10th

9:00 AM - Traditional Worship

with the Palmetto Brass | SANCTUARY

9:45 AM Sunday School Hour

11:00 AM - Traditional Worship

with the Palmetto Brass | SANCTUARY

Sunday, December 17th

9:00 AM - Traditional Worship | CHAPEL

9:45 AM Sunday School Hour

11:00 AM - Traditional Worship

with the Children's Nativity | SANCTUARY

Sunday, December 24th

9:45 AM Sunday School Hour

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

with Lessons and Carols | SANCTUARY

5:00 PM - Candlelight and Communion

Christmas Eve Service | SANCTUARY

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Announcements

SOUP CELLAR CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS: We are in need of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant to fill the bags. Snack crackers, granola bars, and candy are also needed. Please leave your items in the Christmas box in the Missions Garden by Sunday, December 10. Thank you for helping Mary's Maidens with this project.

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.

The next Advent Edition of the Connection will run on Sunday, December 17th.

Christmas

WITH EPWORTH

*Please drop off all gifts
and tags by Sunday,
December 10th.*

December UMW Circle Meetings

MARY'S MAIDENS - Sunday, December 10th, 4:00-5:30 PM | DCR & TH

We will be assembling the toiletry bags for the Soup Cellar Christmas gift bags. If we finish in time, we will make a Christmas craft. On Sunday December 17 at 3:00pm, we will finish filling the gift bags with the other donated items. All girls in first through sixth grades are invited to join us for this fun time of service to others. Friends are always welcome! If you participated in Mary's Maidens in the past, we welcome you back to help us with this service project.

CIRCLE 2 - Thursday, December 7th, 5:30 - 6:30 | WR

CIRCLE 3 - Tuesday, December 12th, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM | GRECIAN GARDENS

CIRCLE 5 - Tuesday, December 5th, 7:00 - 8:00 PM | HOME OF PAM JENKINS

CIRCLE 6 - Tuesday, December 5th, 10:00 - 11:00 AM | JHC

CIRCLE 9 - Thursday, December 7th, 5:30 - 6:30 PM | CAFE STRUDEL

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 3

Hanging of the Greens - Both Worship Services
9:00 AM Worship and Communion - Christ Chapel
9:00 AM Children's Nativity Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:45 Ecuador Mission Trip Interest Mtg. - WR
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM Rev. Taylor Pafford Welcome Reception - WR
5:00 PM Advent Festival - TH

Monday, December 4

6:00 PM Safe Sanctuary Training - TBD

Tuesday, December 5

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
10:00 AM Circle 6 - JHC
5:00 PM Advent Study #1 (Wilson & Matthews) - HPR
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC
6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee Mtg. - WR
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR
7:00 PM Circle 5 - Home of Pam Jenkins

Wednesday, December 6

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 7

9:00 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
12:30 PM Advent Study #3 (Parrish & Lippert) - Downtown
Grapes & Gallery 1113 Taylor St.
5:30 PM Circle 2 - WR
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
5:30 PM Circle 9 - Cafe Strudel
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, December 8 | Saturday, December 9

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, December 10

9:00 AM Worship with Palmetto Brass - Sanctuary
9:00 AM Children's Nativity Rehearsal - YR
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship with Palmetto Brass - Sanctuary
4:00 PM Mary's Maidens - DCR & TH
4:00 PM Remebrance of Sandy Hook Memorial Service

Monday, December 11

9:00 AM Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry Comm. Mtg. - WR
12:00 PM CDC PAC Meeting- JHC

Tuesday, December 12

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
11:30 AM Circle 3 Christmas Luncheon - Grecian Gardens
2:00 PM Reconciling Ministries of SC - WR
6:00 PM CDC Staff Supper - TH
4:00 PM FCGV - WR
5:00 PM Advent Study #1 (Wilson & Matthews) - HPR
5:30 PM Board of Trstees Meeting - WR
5:30 PM AVP - Library
5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, December 13

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 14

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
12:30 PM Advent Study #3 (Parrish & Lippert) - Downtown
Grapes & Gallery (1113 Taylor St.)
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, December 15

7:30 AM CDC Christmas Drop-In - CDC Workroom

Saturday, December 16

8:00 AM Restorational Ministries - TH

LOCATION KEY

JHC - John Harper Classroom

TH - Threath Hall

YR - Youth Room

LCR - Leavitt Choir Room

DCR - Disciple Conference Room

WR - Wesley Room

HPR - Holroyd Prayer Room

GSR- Girl Scout Room