



# THE CONNECTION

February 4, 2018

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

Monday - Friday ■ 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## TACKLE HUNGER

with the



As we all sit around the TV to watch the Philadelphia Eagles against the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl this year, we are also mindful of those who don't have a bowl of soup to eat.

## DID YOU KNOW?

48 million Americans live in poverty?

1 in 7 Americans face hunger every day?

More than 630,000 people in the United States are homeless?

23% of those struggling went to college?

Or that 16 million children live in food insecure households?

[https://souperbowl.org/info/261/The\\_Need](https://souperbowl.org/info/261/The_Need)



Our youth are ready to be a force in our community's mission of ending hunger, but they need YOUR help!

Washington Street youth have set out to tackle this need with MILLIONS of other youth across the country by collecting donations this Sunday morning, February 4th. ALL donations will go straight towards our Soup Cellar. Any donation is appreciated!

If you're unable to worship with us this Sunday but you would still like to contribute, gifts can be made online through online giving or text giving. Simply select the "Washington Street UMC" fund and write "Souper Bowl" in the memo line. | [www.wsmethodist.org/giving/](http://www.wsmethodist.org/giving/) |

# WORSHIP WITH THE *Africa University Choir*



We are thrilled to be one of the few churches to host the Africa University Choir on their 12-day tour!

The Africa University Choir, composed of students from six African countries, will appear in worship with Dr. Jim Salley on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 PM in our Sanctuary.

Africa University, located at Old Mutare, Zimbabwe, enrolled its first class of 40 students in 1992. Currently, there are just under 1,200 full-time students from 25 African countries enrolled at the university. The university is a United Methodist-related institution and is intended to serve the entire continent of Africa.

The 16-member choir is under the direction of Mr. Tendekai Kuture. The choir will give a lively performance using several African musical traditions. Invite your friends to join us for an inspiring evening of music, which will send you away with a new spirit!

## WE NEED YOU

In order to host them, we need your assistance in providing overnight housing on Wednesday, February 21st.  
There are 8 males and 9 females.

If you are willing to host one or more students for that evening, please contact Lynn Shirley as soon as possible. Rev. Parrish or Lynn can answer any questions you might have.  
| [wmlynnc@gmail.com](mailto:wmlynnc@gmail.com) |

## Announcements

**MARY'S MAIDENS:** All girls in first through sixth grades are invited to join us for the next meeting of Mary's Maidens, Sunday February 11th. We will meet in the Disciple Conference Room from 4:00-5:30 PM. Friends are always welcome!

**PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Please remind your student to check their snailmail around February 14th, Valentine surprises from the 2's and 3's Sunday School Class will be mailed soon! If there is any change in your student's address, please notify Mary Lide, [neaudl@aol.com](mailto:neaudl@aol.com). Thanks!

**VALENTINES AND CHOCOLATES SALE:** You have the opportunity to purchase one of a kind, handmade Valentines and fairly traded, organic chocolates on Sunday, February 4th and Sunday, February 11th. The girls in Mary's Maidens worked hard to create special cards for you to give to your Valentine. The fairly traded chocolates are purchased from Equal Exchange through small farmer co-ops in South America. All profits from Mary's Maiden's sale will be used to support service projects at home and abroad.



**PARKING REMINDER:** This is just a friendly reminder that numbered spots 1-18 in our parking lot are available for all WS members and guests to use Monday - Friday during business hours. The rest of the numbered spots are purchased and occupied by surrounding businesses.

**SOUP CELLAR VOLUNTEERS:** Do you enjoy fellowship while helping those who are in need? Can you spread a sandwich or pour a glass of lemonade? Well, our Soup Cellar is for you. We serve our hungry in Columbia on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays of each month from 11:30 - 12:30. We ask volunteers to come around 10:00 am to spread the sandwiches so that we are ready to serve at 11:30. We enjoy welcoming our hungry who are appreciative of our efforts and the food. We also enjoy laughter that we share and the special bond that is formed with other volunteers. No special skills or training is required - just the spirit of embracing Jesus' call to feed the hungry. If interested in volunteering, please call the church office or call Martha Boynton at 796-0120.

**HEIFER LIVING GIFT MARKET:** Thank you to everyone who chose to honor a friend or family member with a gift to Heifer International. The Living Gift Market was very successful and raised \$4,235.00! The funds will be divided between two Heifer projects in the Americas. **PACHA - CAMELID PROGRAM:** This program includes families in Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia. The program will run 2014-2024 and will involve 96,000 families. Local municipalities and ministries of agriculture are co-funding this project. For an indigenous farmer or artisan in the Andean region, alpaca, llama, and vicuna production is vital to survival, but due to climate change, agriculture has new challenges. The PACHA program brings new sustainable farming models plus the critical component of reliable market access so that farmers and artisans have a market to sell their meats and other goods, moving these families from simply surviving to thriving. **GANASOL AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK PROGRAM:** The GANASOL program supports small-scale farming, indigenous and afro-descendant populations in order to increase the competitiveness of their agricultural production, ensure their food security and increase their interaction with local and broader markets. All of this is done under conditions that make it possible to generate reasonable profits for all involved in value chains, such as basic grains, poultry and guinea pigs, goats, swine, quinoa, amaranth, beans, native potatoes, fruits and agroecological produce. This program is located in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Mexico. The number of families to be helped is 696,000. The duration of the program is 2014-2024. Funding partners for the Ganasol program are the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, GEF, and Solidaridad Network.

## YOUTH CORNER

You can find registration links for Youth activities on our website. Have any questions? Ask Rev. Taylor!  
| [taylor@wsmethodist.org](mailto:taylor@wsmethodist.org) |

### A WRINKLE IN TIME: MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH: Youth are invited to join us for a viewing of A Wrinkle in Time on Saturday, March 10th-- in the evening. Time and Theater location TBA. The themes in this movie are the battle between light and darkness and good versus evil. Cost for this event is \$12 per youth, plus additional snack money if needed. Please note that the deadline to register for this event is March 1st so we can purchase enough tickets!

### REVOLUTION!

Our youth had the BEST time worshipping with OVER 2,000 other youth across the state this weekend at Revolution! It was a powerful and transformational weekend of worshipping and praising together, and hearing messages of how to share God's love in a relevant way. Huge thanks to the South Carolina Methodist Youth Program for making this impactful experience happen for some of our youngest members!



## Teacher's Clothes Closet

Have you recently thought about cleaning out your closet? Now's the perfect time!



The Grace Class and Active Faith Small Group have partnered with the Palmetto State Teachers Association and are hosting a professional clothing drive here at WS, where all donations will go to "The Teacher's Closet." This initiative was established in 2015 to, "help pre-service teachers who need professionally appropriate clothing, but might not have the means to be able to afford it," according to PSTA.

If you are ready to purge your closet and have any of the items below to donate, they can be dropped off in the Traxler Classroom on the 2nd floor of the Education Building. The Grace Class and Active Faith will collect donations through the end of February.

THANK YOU for your support!



**MEN'S CLOTHING:** Ties, sport coats/blazers, button-down collared shirts, short-sleeve collared golf shirts, dress pants, khaki pants, sweaters, shoes (loafers, nice "deck" shoes, dress shoes), socks (pref. new), and belts (brown or black).

**WOMEN'S CLOTHING:** Skirts, dresses, blouses, tops, dress pants, blazers/jackets, sweaters, scarves, belts, and shoes (no sandals or flip-flops).

## 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 place to go this Sunday morning? New friends are always welcome!*

**THE ALDERSGATE CLASS:** They're continuing a 6 week program of study based upon Joel Osteen's #1 Bestselling Book, *Your Best Life Now*; this Sunday, February 4th. David Anderson will continue to lead discussion through February 11th.

**THE DAWSEY CLASS:** They have just begun to study the text, *Grounded: Finding God in the world, a Spiritual Revolution*, by Diana Butler Bass. They will continue this study until the end of March.

**THE GRACE CLASS:** For a Lenten Study, they'll be going through the text, *Hanging By a Thread: The Questions of the Cross*. Reverend Diana Westerkam will lead the first few weeks, beginning on February 11th.

**THE JOHN HARPER CLASS:** Their focus for the winter quarter is "Faith in Action," with a hands-on reading approach of interpreting the bible with rotating teachers.

**THE JOY CLASS:** They are in the midst of studying the text, *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophe*, by Adam Hamilton.

**THE OPEN DOOR CLASS:** They will study, *Embracing the Uncertain*, by Magrey deVega during Lent. This book engages the readers to face life's uncertainties, not ignore them. The first six chapters focus on six post-Transfiguration, pre-Passion stories in the Gospels, pointing us forward to a cross that can show us how to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience.



### STARTING THIS SUNDAY...

If you are a high school graduate, 20-something, or in your early 30's, join our newest Sunday School class at Washington Street! We'll tackle the big questions together as we learn what it means to be a Christian in a changing world. Do you struggle to reconcile questions of inequality, an image driven culture, and consumerism with your faith? The class will begin meeting THIS Sunday, February 4th at 10:00 AM in the Holroyd Prayer Room.

*Coffee and snacks will be provided!*

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!

## Getting to Know *Rev. Tom Wall*

Tom Wall's college senior thesis, "Christian Perspectives on War" traces the momentous journey of his college years.

The son of an Air Force tech sergeant, Tom planned a military career. After a time at West Point, he transferred to USC where he studied pre-med. He participated in ROTC / Air Force Reserves, where he began training to launch Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missiles.

He changed his major to religious studies and underwent a "real crisis of conscience" over how to reconcile following Jesus' teachings to love your enemies with launching nuclear warheads.

What rang true were the writings of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who taught that war was a sign of a wider moral failure.

Today, Tom is campus minister for the Methodist Student Network at the University of South Carolina. He has his charge conferment at Washington Street, and his family are members of our church.

After Tom graduated from USC, he spent a gap year backpacking around Europe. Then he enrolled in the Duke Divinity School.

During his last year at Duke, Tom met the dean of New College at Edinburgh University in Scotland. He asked about possible work in the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian).

Within a month, he had secured a job as a youth minister at Palmerston Place where he met his future wife, Jane Brodie, who was in the youth group. He also continued his studies at New College.

The following year, Tom moved to Saint Cuthbert's Church, also located in the city center – at the base of the Edinburgh Castle. The church's website says it has claim to a "great, but imprecise, antiquity." Sources indicate that there was a church there around 854.

Tom stayed at Saint Cuthbert's about five years, working with the youth fellowship, house groups, inner city ministry and the Saint Cuthbert's Christian Education Center, which offered a range of classes for adults.

Tom and Jane got married at Saint Cuthbert's. Their wedding was the Sunday worship service, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall which featured ceilidh, Scottish folk dancing.

Before Tom returned to the United States, he hitchhiked from South Africa to Kenya, staying with Presbyterian missionaries along the way. While in Kenya for several months, he assisted in a parish that had 15 churches.

Then he and Jane traveled through India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Egypt. They worked on some of Mother Teresa's projects in Calcutta and saw many sites. "It was a fascinating time," Tom said.

When they came to South Carolina, Tom was assigned to churches in Hollywood and Ravenel. The church in the town of Ravenel was about as big as the Wesley Room at WSUMC and had no bathroom. The Hollywood church had burned down just before Tom and Jane arrived, so building another one allowed the church to grow in number and ministries.

While in Hollywood, Jane started a Brownie troop for underprivileged girls, and Tom started a Meals on Wheels program.

"It was the first time some white church members had ever been in a black person's house," he said. Tom also was elected to the district school board.

When Tom came to MSN in 1990, he increased the number of mission trips. He took student groups to a number of countries – Brazil, Ecuador and Malawi, among others – and to New Orleans 18 times after Hurricane Katrina. MSN also continued to serve at Rural Mission, in the area where Tom previously had been the minister.

"Mission trips and service are some of the most impactful things for students," Tom said. "They require students to make a real investment in others and to see the world and God, which are much larger than their own small experience."

As the Methodist chaplain, Tom wears many hats. He holds Sunday evening worship services and Bible studies for the students. He prays at football games and other university functions and is on call to university students and staff, who may have personal spiritual needs.

At Washington Street, Tom also is involved in many areas. He teaches Sunday School occasionally, distributes communion in the Soup Cellar and serves on a committee exploring new ways to worship.

Jane is employed as a social worker, coordinating volunteers for Agape Hospice. Tom and Jane have three adult children working on advanced degrees at USC. Brodie is working on a master's degree in business administration, Jaya is in her third year of medical school and Mackin is working on a master's degree in social work.

*Article by Fran Zupan*

## Gifts IN MEMORY OF

SHIRLEY MANN

*to Gracious Goodness Ministry*  
by Ron & Lane Bowden

*to Music Ministries*  
by Circle 3

JOAN SAMMONS

*to Gracious Goodness Ministry*  
by Ron & Lane Bowden

ARLENE SHULER

*to Gracious Goodness Ministry*  
by Ron & Lane Bowden  
*to the Soup Cellar*

by Kevin & Carol Duggan  
by Maralee Carter & Ginny Foster  
by Nancy & Larry McWhorter

ANNIE LEE SIMS

*to WSUMC*  
by Sam and Helen Burch

## IN HONOR OF

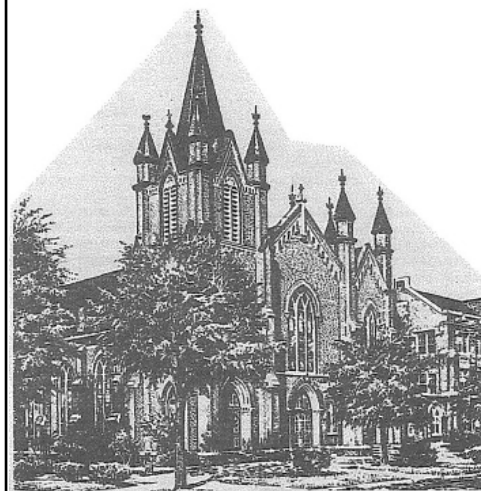
MR. & MRS. JOHN KNOX

*to the Soup Cellar*  
by Kevin & Carol Duggan

MILDRED FINCH

*to the Soup Cellar*  
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## ARCHIVE NOTES



### NEWS FROM THE 3RD FLOOR

The Records & History Committee is currently at work re-designing our church museum. Many of the exhibits will feature individuals (from John Harper to Diana Westerkam) who have contributed to Washington Street's rich 215-year history.

# PREPARING FOR

# Lent

## Midday Worship for Lent

Beginning on February 14th, *Ash Wednesday*, we will come together for our weekly worship services during the season of Lent at 12:30 PM in the Christ Chapel every Wednesday. We hope you'll join us in worship!

### DATES

- 2/14 - Ash Wednesday: Contemplative Service with Imposition of Ashes led by WSUMC Clergy
- 2/21 - Service of the Word - Sermon given by Rev. Alston Lippert
- 2/28 - Service of Prayer and Song
- 3/7 - Service of the Word - Sermon given by Bishop Kenneth L. Carder
- 3/14 - Service of Music
- 3/21 - Service of the Word - Sermon given by Rev. Gary Phillips
- 3/28 - Stations of the Cross

*Prior to each worship service, our UMW will be hosting a soup and sandwich lunch beginning at 12:00 PM in Threatt Hall. Lunch is \$5 each week, and all proceeds go to our Soup Cellar.*

## Small Group Studies

# REGISTER NOW!

If you would like the Church Office to pre-order a copy of either text for you, pay close attention to the deadline dates below.

**PAUSE FOR EASTER** is a 40 Day Journey with Howard Thurman. This book of excerpts of Thurman's writings linked to scripture with questions for contemplation are a perfect way to go deeper in your spiritual journey during Lent (\$13). Feel free to bring your lunch and join us.

- February 15th - March 29th | Thursdays from 12:30 - 1:15 PM
- Led by Rev. Parrish & Rev. Lippert at Tapps on Main St.
- To sign up and have a copy of the text pre-ordered for you, email Lainey (laine@wsmethodist.org) by Feb. 9th

**EASTER EARTHQUAKE** is a 6-week study for Lent that explores how Jesus' resurrection shakes up some of our most basic assumptions about our lives, our world, and God. This energizing study will inspire you to live as a more faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. The text is, *Easter Earthquake: How Resurrection Shakes our World*, written by James Harnish (\$14).

- Led by Ann Jessup & Susan Boone in the Holroyd Prayer Room
- February 20th - March 27th | Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- To sign up and have a copy of the text pre-ordered for you, email Lainey (laine@wsmethodist.org) by Feb. 12th

# Meet our Staff

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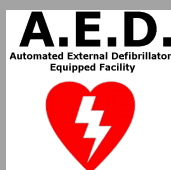
Michael Hutto

## SOCIAL WORK INTERN

Meredith Transou

To learn more, visit our website.

[www.wsmethodist.org](http://www.wsmethodist.org)



# Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 15th  
12:00 - 1:30 PM - Threatt Hall

The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on February 15th, in Threat Hall. Lunch will be served followed by a presentation by Helen L. Brooks RN, MSN, Ed. of Richland Memorial Hospital on how to recognize signs of a stroke. In addition to Lunch Bunchers, all who might be interested in the presentation are invited. In order to pay for the lunch food, a contribution of \$10 is solicited. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Al Moses, 803-260-7402 or [albertlmoses@gmail.com](mailto:albertlmoses@gmail.com), by Tuesday, February 13th.



Join us on Wednesday, February 21st for our next F3 Fellowship Supper! Dinner begins at 5:30 PM followed by worship with the Africa University Choir.

If you purchased tickets for the January F3 dinner that was cancelled due to weather, those ticket purchases will apply to this month.

Tickets will be on sale Sunday, Feb. 11th & Sunday, Feb. 18th.  
You can also email Lainey to reserve your tickets at [lainey@wsmethodist.org](mailto:lainey@wsmethodist.org).

# Salkehatchie

# 40!



40 years of service to others, forming relationships, and changing lives.

**THAT'S SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!**

Salkehatchie's 40th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 1-5 PM at Union UMC (Irmo, SC).

Washington Street has sent countless youth and adults on Salkehatchie Summer Service mission trips over the years, and we are very grateful for the opportunity to continue doing so. If you have ever been to Salkehatchie, we hope you'll join the many others for this special occasion!

For more information or to RSVP, contact Susan Caskey at 803-463-6138 | [turnitbluesue@hotmail.com](mailto:turnitbluesue@hotmail.com)

# Girl Scout Cookies



WSUMC Girl Scout Troop 776 is taking advance orders for Girl Scout Cookie sales, (\$4.00 per box). Please see one of the following Scouts to help them reach their Troop Sales Goal of 1000 boxes: Jude Langley, Em-mi-Elizabeth Lee, Addy Lee, Lydia Conte, or Ella Blalock. Cookies will be delivered mid-February. The Girls will also conduct direct sales at church following both services on Sunday, February 25th and Sunday, March 4th.

Thank You WSUMC for your continued support of these outstanding individuals!

## CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, February 4

9:00 AM Worship & Communion - Christ Chapel  
 9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR  
 9:30 AM Mary's Maidens Valentines & Chocolate Sale  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship & Communion - Sanctuary  
 3:00 PM Girl Scouts - GSR

### Monday, February 5

5:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting - JHC  
 5:45 PM Circle 9 - HPR

### Tuesday, February 6

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR  
 10:00 AM Circle 6 - JHC  
 12:00 PM Small Group (Lippert) - HPR  
 2:00 PM Staff Meeting - JHC  
 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR  
 5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC  
 6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee - WR  
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR  
 7:00 PM Circle 5 - Home of Beverly McClanahan

### Wednesday, February 7

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR  
 11:30 AM CDC Training - JHC  
 3:00 PM Hispanic Family Tutoring Class - DCR  
 5:30 PM Connections Team Meeting - JHC  
 5:30 PM Handbells Practice - 3rd Floor Choir Room  
 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

### Thursday, February 8

9:30 AM CDC Devotions  
 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR  
 5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting - WR  
 7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

### Friday, February 9 | Saturday, February 10

No Activities Scheduled

### Sunday, February 11

9:00 AM Worship - Christ Chapel  
 9:30 AM Mary's Maidens Valentines & Chocolate Sale  
 9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary  
 4:00 PM Mary's Maidens - DCR

### Monday, February 12

2:00 PM Reconciling Ministries of SC - WR  
 5:30 PM Board of Trustees - JHC

### Tuesday, February 13

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR  
 10:30 AM Circle 3 - WR  
 4:00 PM FCGV - WR  
 5:30 PM AVP - WR  
 5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC  
 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR  
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

### Wednesday, February 14

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR  
 11:30 AM CDC Training - JHC  
 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch & Worship - TH & CC  
 3:00 PM Hispanic Family Tutoring Class - DC  
 5:30 PM Handbells Practice - 3rd Floor Choir Room  
 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

### Thursday, February 15

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel  
 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch - TH  
 12:30 PM PAUSE for Easter - Tapp's Art Center  
 4:00 PM Killingsworth Board Meeting - JHC  
 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR  
 7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

### Friday, February 16 | Saturday, February 17

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