



# THE CONNECTION

July 2, 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

## Getting to Know

### REVEREND ALSTON LIPPERT

Associate Minister for Nurture  
and Discipleship Development

Born and raised in Union, SC, Reverend Lippert graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelors of Science in Economics as well as a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of South Carolina. She has taught at Elon, Villanova and USC among other schools as well! When she had children, she took a few years off and taught part-time until she began seminary. She has two daughters, Alston Lee, who will be a junior at Davidson College, and Catherine, who will be a sophomore at Furman University. Reverend Lippert is a life-long Methodist and was raised at Grace UMC in Union, and has called Northeast UMC her home since 2000. At Northeast UMC, she volunteered with both youth and children's ministries, chaired the small group committee and stewardship committee, led small group bible studies, and taught Sunday school. She would visit the sick and homebound as well as participate in Salkehatchie Summer Service and join the Walk to Emmaus. These experiences and others resulted in her spiritual growth and prepared her to accept her most recent call to go into ministry during the spring of 2016. She notes that at that point, she decided to not put God off any longer, and she began the Candidacy Process for ordination in the UMC! She just recently has completed her first year at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. She is passionate about many things; children, helping others, and Lady Gamecock basketball! She is thrilled to have received this appointment to Washington Street and cannot wait to start meeting and getting to know you.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING REVEREND LIPPERT!**

## Immigration/Refugee Information

### A NOTE FROM THE MINISTER AND MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Due to the present level of fear and confusion among many immigrants and refugees in our society today, the Mission Committee has created an Immigrant/Refugee Information Sheet.

We have reviewed The Book of Resolutions and The Social principles of The Book of Discipline. They state that  
“... The United Methodist Church understands that at the center of Christian faithfulness to Scripture is the call we have been given to love and welcome the sojourner. We call upon all United Methodist churches to welcome newly arriving migrants in their communities, to love them as we do ourselves, to treat them as one of our native-born, to see in them the presence of the incarnated Jesus, and to show hospitality to the migrant in our midst, believing that through their presence we are receiving the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

“To refuse to welcome migrants to this country—and to stand by in silence while families are separated, individual freedoms are ignored, and the migrant community in the United States is demonized by members of Congress and the media—is complicity to sin.”

The Missions Team has developed a planned response to immigrants, documented or undocumented, who may come to our church requesting assistance. The guidelines are available in the church office and are reproduced from South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center. Providing this information is a safe, legal way to respond to those who may seek our help.

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AMENDED AND READOPTED 2016

RESOLUTION #3281, 2008,2012 BOOK OF RESOLUTIONS

See Social Principles, 162H and 163F.

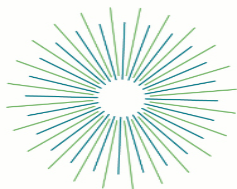
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# Thank You "The Cheerful Giver"

This spring the Soup Cellar was the recipient of a \$10,000 gift/grant from an anonymous donor. The donor was identified only as "The Cheerful Giver Fund of the Central Carolina Community Foundation". This most generous gift came just after WSUMC and the Soup Cellar Committee had decided to add an additional part time paid staff member to work daily in the Soup Cellar. The position was added in faith that donations would be sufficient during the year to fund the salary. And then this gift came and essentially provided the funding needed.

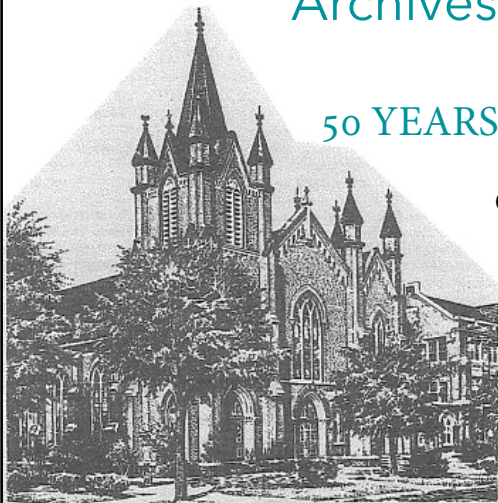
On the day the gift was received there was an already planned meeting of the leaders of the many volunteer groups who work in the Soup Cellar on a regular basis. The news of this gift was joyously acknowledged and was certainly a reaffirmation of the important work of the Soup Cellar. Thank you to "The Cheerful Giver" for helping sustain the Soup Cellar Ministry.



CENTRAL CAROLINA  
**Community  
Foundation**

## Archives Notes

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH



On July 9, 1967, Washington Street's senior pastor, C. Legrande Moody delivered a Sunday sermon at the U.S. Marine Base at Parris Island, S.C.

An announcement appeared in the July 23 church bulletin that the union of the United Methodist Church with the United Evangelical Brethren Church "is now assured through the votes already counted from the annual conferences of both denominations. The new denomination will be known as "The United Methodist Church."

### 25 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

On July 19, 1992, Reverend Diana Wseterkam preached her first sermon at WSUMC.

## Gifts

### IN MEMORY OF MAXINE SULLIVAN

*to WSUMC*

by Virginia Vaughan

*to WSUMC*

by Edee Vaughan

### IN MEMORY OF ROY SUTHERLAND

*to The Foundation*

by Betty Cribbs

*to The Foundation*

by Edwin and Sara Fisher

*to The Foundation*

by Frances T. Robertson

*to The Foundation*

by The John Harper Class

*to The Good Samaritan Fund*

by Bob and Joan Beamer

*to The Good Samaritan Fund*

by Frances T. Robertson

*to WSUMC*

by Virginia Vaughan

### IN MEMORY OF DR. SKOTTOWE

B. FISHBORNE

*to WSUMC*

by Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Davis

*to WSUMC*

by George and Helen Fant

*to WSUMC*

by Jeff and Sherry Parrish

*to WSUMC*

by Ted and Sidney Thompson

### IN HONOR OF GERALD FLOYD AND GRACIE

*to WSUMC*

by Heidi E. Conte

### IN HONOR OF GENEVA HUTCHINSON

*to the Minister's Discretionary Fund*

### IN HONOR OF BRIAN MURRELL

*to The Choir Fund*

# Announcements

**HAND Y MANO:** The Columbia District Connectional Ministries is sponsoring a District-wide mission project which is a summer enrichment program for at-risk children in the Broad River Corridor. Hand y Mano, which means “Hand in Hand” will be housed at Virginia Wingard Memorial UMC and will run from July 31 – August 4 and August 7 – 11. Several members of the Active Faith Small Group are volunteering their time and services to this mission, and the children will be collecting during VBS, too! We are asking the congregation to help us through the donation of the following supplies. **WE WILL BE COLLECTING THESE ITEMS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE HALLWAY NEXT TO THE FLOWER ROOM UNTIL JULY 24. CASES OF 8 OZ BOTTLES OF WATER, CRAYONS, MARKERS, PLASTIC SCISSORS, GLUE STICKS AND COPYING PAPER.** Please help a child live a more abundant life through this mission. The majority of these children are refugees whose families have come to the US through the Luthren Family services of SC. Your participation in this project will aid in being the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

**ACTIVE FAITH SMALL GROUP:** The new Active Faith Small Group will meet again Sunday, July 9 in the Wesley Room at 6:30 pm. We have identified Mission opportunities and will continue our planning. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us for this new ministry!

**SUMMER CHOIR:** Our sanctuary choir is now on summer schedule. That means that we only practice on Sunday mornings at 9:30 and then sing for worship at 11:00. **WE NEED YOU!** This is vacation season and summer break for many of our members. Please help us to continue to lead worship in a meaningful way. You may just show up any Sunday morning or contact Angela at [angela@wsmethodist.org](mailto:angela@wsmethodist.org) or at 803-622-0308 to reserve your music, robe and seat.

**EMBRACING MESSINESS - OPEN DOOR CLASS:** Do you feel like you may not pray, read the Bible, share your faith, or love God enough? Do you feel like you may not be committed or spiritual enough? Our next study, *Messy Spirituality* by Mike Yaconelli, suggests our imperfection, unfinishedness and messiness are earmarks of Christianity and that genuine faith begins with admitting we never have our act completely together. We invite all who are interested to join us!

**CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS FOR THE SOUP CELLAR:** A Christmas box is located in the church office for donations of travel sizesoap, shampoo, and lotion. We are, also, collecting toothbrushes and travel size toothpaste for the Christmas gift bags. Monetary donations are accepted to buy items to fill thebags. Thank you for your help.

**JAM JARS:** Thank you to everyone who donated jam jars to United Methodist Women. We will start making delicious jams and jelly from the fresh fruits that are available now.

**KILLINGSWORTH BOATLOAD OF FUN:** Boatload of Fun. Looking for some really “cool” fun this summer? How about a kayak - or a canoe (if you prefer) - trip down the Saluda River right to the edge of Columbia! Killingsworth Home is sponsoring its 13th Annual Boatload of Fun on Saturday, July 22. Whether you are an experienced paddler or have never been on the water before, this is your chance to have a morning of fun on the river while supporting a Columbia United Methodist mission for women recovering from crisis situations. Departure time is promptly at 9:30 a.m. Professional guides accompany the paddlers, and an adult must accompany participants under the age of 18. All equipment is provided. Bring your family, friends, neighbors! (Just no pets or alcohol.) The cost is \$30.00 for each paddler and includes a big picnic lunch for all at the conclusion of the paddle. See the flyer in the hallway near the church office and contact Becky at Killingsworth 771-6359 or Carol Krebs at 782-1092 for further information. If you can't go, you might want to sponsor a resident of Killingsworth so she, too, can enjoy this unique outdoors experience.

Announcements for the next issue of *The Connection* are due by 12:00 PM Noon on **MONDAY, JULY 10th**. Please send all announcements to **Lainey Wood**, [LAINHEY@WSMETHODIST.ORG](mailto:LAINHEY@WSMETHODIST.ORG). We ask that announcements pertaining to events or occasions only run within two weeks prior to the date.



## July Daily Prayer Guide

"I thank You, Lord, You were too wise to heed  
My feeble prayers, and answer as I sought,  
Since these rich gifts Your bounty has bestowed  
Have brought me more than all I asked or  
thought;

Giver of good, so answer each request  
With Your own giving, better than my best."

Annie Johnson Flint

- July 1 – Pray that in the midst of your summer busy-ness, you will acknowledge God in all your ways. Deuteronomy 4:39-40
- 2 – When you feel weak, remember the Source of all your strength. Philippians 4:13
- 3 – Give thanks to God for our "Active Faith Small Group" as participants discern ways to put their faith in action through service to others. James 2:17
- 4 – While we celebrate our Independence as a country, take time in prayer today to praise God for our present and future glory in Christ. Romans 8:18-21
- 5 – Pray that we follow the words of Paul as we seek "unity in Christ" for our United Methodist Church. 1 Corinthians 1:10-17
- 6 – Praise God for our music ministry and the many talented musicians within our congregation who glorify God through song. Judges 5:3
- 7 – Remember to pray for God-honoring leaders in our nations, communities, and churches. Jeremiah 3:15
- 8 – Please call to mind our support staff in your prayers today (Robbie, Nikki, Felicia, Angela, Louis, Rick, Abbie, Lainey, Jerry, Mike, Eric, Nona & CDC Staff) as they labor for the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58
- 9 – Be in prayer for teachers, leaders, and children who have been preparing for and will be attending Vacation Bible School this week. Proverbs 22:6
- 10 – Pray for our clergy staff: Patricia, Joe, and Alston as we work together to see what God can do in the life of our church, community, and world. Ephesians 4:11-13
- 11 – Remember in prayer those affected by mental illness and their caregivers; may God's strength sustain them. Isaiah 40:29-31
- 12 – May we find joy in this day regardless of the fear & chaos that surround us, for the Lord is our Rock. Psalm 95:1-2
- 13 – As we confess our sins to God and one another, may we rejoice that Christ forgives and gives us new life. James 5:16
- 14 – Continue to pray for those on our prayer lists whose names are shared in the church bulletin and e-mail blasts. Romans 1:9
- 15 – Pray for the groups within our community who use our meeting spaces, that they would feel the Spirit's presence within our walls. Acts 4:32-35
- 16 – Ask the Spirit to show you how to love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you. As followers of Christ, we can overcome evil with good. Matthew 5:43-48
- 17 – Please continue to pray for our church's discernment about where God is calling us to lead & serve others. 1 Kings 3:10-15
- 18 – Pray for the children and youth in our church. Seek ways to encourage them on their faith journey. Matthew 18:10
- 19 – Just as Christ took time to pray, find a quiet place to withdraw from the world and pray so you may be strengthened through Christ. Luke 5:16
- 20 – Pray that you will seek to live in Christ's power and not your power. 2 Timothy 2:1
- 21 – Today please pray for the Downtown Ministries in our church and community that we would be united in Spirit as we seek to live out Christ's commission to make disciples of all people. Matthew 28:16-20
- 22 – Give thanks and pray for the safety of those who risk their lives daily in our city, state, country, and world. Psalm 91:1-6
- 23 – Be in prayer for those who are experiencing loss that they may feel the prayers of many, the concern of others and the love of Christ. 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5
- 24 – Pray for the Christian Education of all church members - regardless of age or stage in life – that as disciples of Christ we grow and pass on our faith to others. 2 Timothy 2:2
- 25 – Today be in prayer for ways our church can build community within our facility so we can share our connection in Christ with others. Hebrews 10:24-25
- 26 – Ask God to give you patience as you pray and wait for God to work out problems in your life. Psalm 37:7
- 27 – Pray that you will be the kind of friend the Bible encourages: one who loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17
- 28 – Give thanks for new members in our midst and seek ways to welcome them and help them find a place at WSUMC. Galatians 3:28
- 29 – Rejoice and give thanks for the many ways Lainey and our Communication Team are sharing our story and mission through technology. Acts 28:30-31
- 30 – Pray that we will be good stewards as we use our church resources wisely. Remember that all we have is from the Lord. Psalm 24:1
- 31 – As people of faith, pray that we will seek ways to advocate for those less fortunate. Deuteronomy 27:19

Spread the Word!

# PLARN PARTY!

Hosted by the missions committee  
Wednesday, July 12

6:00 - 8:00 PM in The youth room

Bring a friend, a finger food to share, plastic grocery bags and scissors!

RSVP to Karen Lowrimore - [sctatter@gmail.com](mailto:sctatter@gmail.com)



Sunday, July 30  
10:00 AM - Wesley Room

## Join us!

We invite you to join us for a time of Christian love and fellowship! Come and meet fellow new friends of WSUMC, along with some of our members, staff and clergy.

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We encourage you to join us for worship as well! Worship services are held at 9:00 AM in the Chapel, and 11:00 AM in the sanctuary.

# Body and Soul Health Fair

Saturday, September 9

*Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee in conjunction with Downtown Ministries*

*Bringing downtown congregations together in an effort provide health information to our local homeless and working poor neighbors.*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking for help to plan and support the event, as well access to health-related contacts in the community or assets that could assist this endeavor. Contact Lee Haynes ([lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com](mailto:lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com)) or Reverend Joe Wilson ([jawilsonii@umcsc.org](mailto:jawilsonii@umcsc.org))

# Summer Happenings



PICTURED ABOVE

Emily Caskey, Ben Epting, Maddy Foley, Katherine Epting, Campbell Sullivan, Marshall Robinson, Beth Robinson, Leslie Leitner, Nikki Ulmer and Hannah Jessup

## THEY'RE BACK!

Our hardworking team of youth and adults returned home from their week at Salkehatchie Penn Center this past Saturday, June 24th. They were involved in a variety of service projects including roofing, building wheel chair ramps, repairing showers and sinks, and so much more! Thank you for joining us in prayer for not only their safety, but also for the work they did. We are so proud of them for answering the call to be the hands and feet of Christ!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Recent graduates from the Columbia Police Department Academy helped serve in our Soup Cellar on Monday, June 19th. We are very grateful for their service to the City of Columbia, and also to our Soup Cellar Ministry!



## MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE

Our children had a blast at Music Mania Day Camp! They were able to sing, dance and perform for their friends and families in the play "100% Chance of Rain," led by Angela Powers and Jordan Harper.



# 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

## DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Nikki Ulmer

## 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

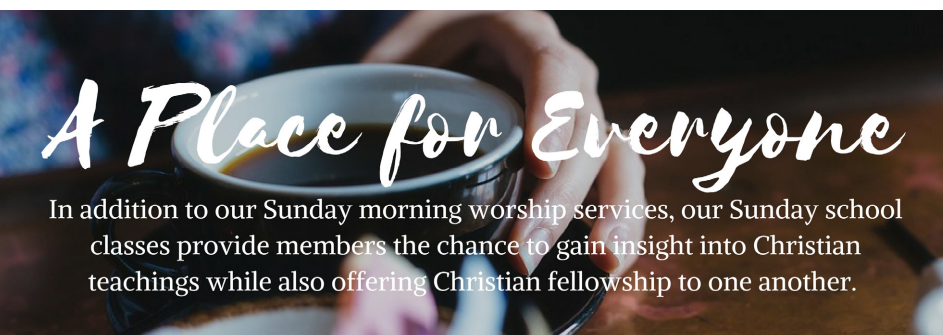
## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INTERN

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# Welcome Visitors!

*"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."*

-Renewal 2020 Identity Statement



- ACCESS PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES, EVENTS AND REGISTRATIONS, ONLINE GIVING, OUR CALENDAR AND MORE -



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# JULY 10-14

Are you looking to share your gifts and talents with the children of WSUMC? They're looking for you!

We are still searching for volunteers throughout the week, and especially storytellers! If you'd like to join us, please contact Kristie Rowe.  
[kwrowe@bellsouth.net](mailto:kwrowe@bellsouth.net)

## Calendar of Weekly Activities

(Summer Camp currently runs Monday - Friday from 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM)

*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, July 2

8:30 - 11:30 AM Coffee and Conversation - WR  
 9:00 AM Worship and Comunion - Christ Chapel  
 9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary

### Monday, July 3

The Church Office and Soup Cellar will be CLOSED. The CDC and Summer Camp will operate on a normal schedule.

### Tuesday, July 4

The Church Office, CDC and Soup Cellas will be CLOSED.

### Wednesday, July 5

5:30 - 6:30 PM Nominations and Leadership Development Committee Meeting - JHC

### Thursday, July 6

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel  
 3:00 PM Veterans' PTSD Meeting - DCR

### Friday, July 7

No Activities Scheduled

### Saturday, July 8

No Activities Scheduled

### Sunday, July 9

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, July 10

8:00 AM Vacation Bible School - Church Campus  
 5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting - JHC  
 6:30 PM Church Council - WR

### Tuesday, July 11

8:00 AM Vacation Bible School - Church Campus  
 8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR  
 2:00 PM Faith Coalition on Gun Violence - WR  
 5:30 PM Alternatives to Gun Violence - WR  
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

### Wednesday, July 12

8:00 AM Vacation Bible School - Church Campus  
 10:45 - 11:45 AM Prayer Group - Holroyd Room  
 6:00 PM Plarn Party - YR

### Thursday, July 13

8:00 AM Vacation Bible School - Church Campus  
 9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel  
 3:00 PM Veterans' PTSD Meeting - DCR

### Friday, July 14

8:00 AM Vacation Bible School - Church Campus

### Saturday, July 15

No Activities Scheduled

### 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 Room	GSR - Girl Scout Room